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# School Council Meeting

Monday, 04.06.2020, Virtual Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00pm

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## Attendees

Peter Berndt, Principal LPS  
Alaa Kabbani, Parent, Co-chair  
Aidin Taeb, Parent  
Tanja Fischmeister, Parent  
Emily Cartledge, Teacher Representative  
Kristian Doerken, Parent  
Kim Auch, Parent  
Jill Tausky, Parent  
Robyn Plunkett, Secretary  
Thomas Singer, Parent  
Alicia Giles, Parent  
Jeff Pritchard, Parent  
Iman El Sousy, Parent  
Deb Bergey, Parent  
Rebecca Fay, Vice-Principal LPS  
Tara McGlynn, Parent  
Karen Radcliff, Treasurer  
Ana Milojevic, Parent  
Tanja Fischmeister, Parent  
Joanne Parrow, Parent

## Regrets

Gail Edgeworth, Co-Chair

## Areas of Discussion

### Co-chair update

#### *Parent roundtable*

In a round table discussion, parents were invited to share about their situation in the current pandemic. Parents discussed the challenges of being at home full-time with kids, while juggling full-time work/school or in the context of layoffs. Kids are experiencing some of the following: a lack of physical socialisation with other kids and more screen time than usual.

We also had a reminder to practice kindness in person and online for all; people are under various stresses and conditions at this time.

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## Teacher update by Emily Cartledge

Teachers have been working on creative solutions for working with technological platforms, answering parent queries, and developing education for making kids feel successful in their learning. Guardians and students have separate ways to access the platform.

## Principal and Vice-Principal's update

### ***Distance Learning***

The school board has been working on the details of rolling out distance learning. Teachers contacted each family about 1.5 weeks ago to understand what technologies are available in our households. The school will be loaning out Chromebooks on Thursday afternoon to families who need increased access to online devices.

Teachers have been preparing their virtual platforms on Google or Seesaw that will be used to communicate with families and students. There is a tab on the LPS webpage that provides instructions on how to access and use Google Classrooms. This week is about familiarizing students and families with the platforms.

Lessons will start on April 14th. The province has indicated that Math and English are the subject foci for K to 3. Learning will be asynchronous (no face-to-face video time). Eng, Science, Math, and Social Studies will be foci for Grades 4 through 8. There is one hour of learning per day.

Students will not be given formal assessments, but feedback (formative assessments) can be provided by teachers. As of April 7th, teachers can physically return to school. They can enter their classroom for 15 minutes, while following the Board's prescribed infectious precautions.

Teachers have been in many virtual meetings over the past couple of weeks in preparation for distance learning. Thursday there is a virtual morning staff meeting.

The current date of return to school is May 4th.

### ***Stress at home and reintegration***

Some students have called the school to access help for coping at home without school resources and routines to support mental health and safety in the home.

The school is considering how to plan the re-entry of staff and students when they return to school. Laurelwood will be a safe place when it is time to return.



### *Staffing*

The teaching union has reached a tentative deal with the Province, ending job sanctions.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

LPS Parent Council: May 4, 2020, 6:30pm, School library