

Leslie Frost Parent Advisory Council

Agenda for the Meeting – March 27, 2019 – 6:00 PM

A. Welcome

Voting members present: (parents) Jennifer Mabee, Amanda Chevrier, Lisa Grozelle, Beckie Kellett, Meredith Dando, (admin) Julie White (community) Brenda MacAlpine

Regrets: (parents) Corrie Worden, Angela Field, Evan Lang (teacher) Angie Shows,

Absent: Vi Jayaragavan, Nicole O'Keefe

Others present: (parents) Jenn Curtis, Shauna Patterson, Erin Matthew, Jason Whitehead, Jena-Lyn Westerby, (admin) Darla McQuarrie, Angela Tompkins, (Presenter) Sonya Vallenga

NOTE: quorum is present

NOTE: Angie Shows sent a note authorizing Julie White as her proxy

B. Approval of Previous Minutes from February 2019

Discussion: no changes or amendments

Moved: Lisa

Seconded: Amanda

Motion Carried

C. New business

- **Presentation by Sonya Vallenga District Manager for Mental Health Services for TLDSB**

- team of 14 SSAC (student support and attendance counsellor) for all of TLDSB (68 schools)
- attendance counsellor role: track children absent from school for 10 consecutive days or more by building relationships, explore factors involved with child and parents etc
- student support role: support mental health in collaboration with community connections. referral reasons: symptoms of anxiety, depression
- at elementary level referrals must come from school administration (parental consent is required but parents cannot refer children directly)
- SSAC provide short term interventions focused on specific issues in the school.
- if longer term/more intensive interventions necessary then will partner with/refer to community agency
- each elementary school has one designated SSAC that can attend one day/week
- each secondary school has one designated SSAC 3-5 days/week
- Programs geared to age groups (Roots of Empathy program), some education programs, some guidance to teachers, some direct support to children

- **Council funds**

- MOTION: defer decisions on most spending to next month so more voting members can participate
- compile list of spending ideas and circulate to members in advance for review
- two time sensitive issues to be voted on tonight:

1. Robotics: Erin McCabe requested 2 additional kits for tournament in April
Discussion: 2 leagues in operation currently. Kits are reusable.

MOTION: \$799.90 +tax for robotics kits

Moved: Beckie

Seconded: Lisa

Motion Carried

2. Request \$2450.00 for French Cultural Experiences- top up for grant provided

All French Immersion and core French students will attend Performances

Moved: Jenn

Seconded:Beckie

Motion Carried

- **Climate survey**
- Ministry Climate survey mandated every 2 years. Next due in Fall 2019. Administered by independent consulting company by TLDSB. May be focused on Board priorities, academics, safety issues etc
- may be value in internal climate survey prior to Board mandated survey. Design tool to engage parent feedback re: priorities, perceptions in positive proactive manner
- Discussion re: communication chain (in agenda: teacher, school admin etc).
Note: Trustee assigned to each school and are to represent the interests of the families

- **Grants**
- deferred

- **Communication regarding extracurricular activities, volunteers**

-deferred

- **Lunch time supervision**

-Last meeting received information re: current school procedures (23 classes. 11 have adult supervision)

-gyms currently in use for intra-murals during lunch hours

-query: combine classes so all students have adult? (space an issue)

-query: panic button for faster response?

-query: parent volunteers to increase numbers?

-query: using co-op students/high school volunteer hours?

Recommend contact with Board members from as many different parents as possible.

MOTION: prepare letter for the Board from School Council regarding concerns. Meeting April 3rd 6pm in school library to further discuss/brainstorm in school safety solutions and draft letter. Will request notice be sent out by school messenger.

First aid training for teachers (see notes from last meeting):

-parent council funds not allowed to be used for first aid for teachers

-union prohibits administration from requiring teachers have or take first aid

D. Sub-committee updates

- **School council constitution** (Lisa and Meredith)

-draft circulated at meeting for discussion

-additional ammendments will be made

MOTION: to circulate completed draft of updated Constitution by email to all Council members with notice of intent to change. To be voted on at April Meeting

- **Parent council events and fundraisers**

1.Culture Night (Jenn Mabee on behalf of JC Mabee)

- Place introduction/information in newsletter ahead of time
- create information to post on night of event re: Pro grant

- events include: japanese brush painting, breakdancing, australian geode art, henna creations, african beaded bracelets, martial arts among others
- registration for sessions is first come first serve
- space for approx 150 people per time slot (2 time slots for the evening)
- letters will be sent on Monday to school for Principal to review and send out next week
- cost approx \$2000 (\$1000 from Grant and \$1000 from parent council funds)

2.Spring Fling (Lisa, Beckie and Amanda)

- Motion: to consider new format ie:
 - Zoo to you and family Movie night combo
 - family swim/skate day
- NOTE: bouncy castles etc very popular and suggest considering funding bouncy castles/activities for the school during the day as another event
- need to follow up re: movie type/ratings, copyright issues, venues/occupancy
- change name to Family Night

- **Outdoor project**

- deferred

E. Principal update (Darla)

- deferred

F. CPF Update

-deferred

G. Financial update

-deferred

H. Compass Childcare update (Brenda)

-deferred

I. District School Council Update (Beckie, Lisa)

-deferred

J. Ideas for Newsletter (for April 2019)

-deferred

K. Other Business:

1. Discussion re: closing/locking gates time in morning and safety of young children being left to walk to office entrance on their own. Gates close at 8:50 am.
2. Changes to legislation: **MOTION: to review proposed changes to education (ie: class sizes etc) and develop school council coordinated response**
Erin Matthew will forward information for review and proposed motion
Moved: Meredith
Seconded: Amanda
Motion Carried

Meeting ended: 8:15 PM

Next Meeting Dates: April 17th, May 15th, June 5th