

Leslie Frost Parent Advisory Council

Meeting – October 16th 2019 – 6:00-7:00 PM LFPS Library

A. Welcome and Attendance:

Parent voting members- Jennifer Mabee-**present** Meredith Dando-**present**
Beckie Kellett-**present** Jennifer Curtis-**present**
Jennii LaRcoque-**present** Erich Hunting-**absent**
Neil Westerby-**regrets** Allyssa Handley-**present**
Cheryl Nobrega-**present**

Other voting members- Megan Raines (teacher)-**absent**
Julie White (support staff)-**present**
Brenda MacAlpine (community member)-**present**

Other (non-voting)- Darla McQuarrie (principal)-**present**
Angela Griffiths(vice-principal)-**present**

B. Approval of Previous Minutes from September 2019

NOTE: Addendum to Financial Update from Sept 27/19 -see minutes

Motion: Jenni

Second: Brenda

C. Council Housekeeping:

-Megan's correct email: provided

-voting procedures reviewed

D. Principal's Report: Darla McQuarrie

- 1) Terry Fox fundraising exceeded goal
- 2) Soccer clubs are running
- 3) in process of hiring new music teacher
- 4) CUPE settled. ETFO voting tonight
- 5) I am Here campaign: TLDSB has many students absent, arriving late or leaving early from school. The I am Here Campaign to improve attendance
- 6) School fundraiser: Jar sales (soup mix, cookie mix, dog treat mix etc). To raise funds for junior technology. Trying to get it out so orders can be received for Christmas. The fundraiser also supports community: Certain number of jars sold=donation to food bank.
- 7) Halloween: JK/SK-costumes first block (no accessories). Primary/Junior-costumes all day (no accessories). Please do not send masks or weapon type props. In class activities to be determined by teachers. Messaging will be going out shortly.
- 8) Students going out for lunch: discussion held today. Safety concerns (student from another school hit by car). Short time frame-rushing/late to class. Will send messaging shortly that all students will not be allowed off site on their own. Parent/guardian will be required to sign students in and out.
- 9) French teacher is covering for Mme Marshall's absence

10) Outdoor space updates: group from last year have moved on. Need to look at limitations of the yard.

PLAN: Make joint parent-teacher committee. There have been numerous offers of assistance and materials from parents and since the teacher group has changed a joint working group will hopefully help this project gain momentum. Angela will pick a date and post.

E. Goals & Objectives:

- 1) Raise engagement and build school community
 - through Engagement and spirit events
 - list of ideas attached and reviewed
- 2) Support learning environment and experiences for the kids
 - through Fundraising events and opportunities
 - list of ideas attached and reviewed

The following Events were selected for the 2019-2020 year:

- 1) **25cent sale**- Monday December 16th and AM of Tuesday December 17th
Beckie and Meredith will coordinate along with Cheryl, Brenda, Alyssa, Jennii L, Jennifer C. and Jennifer M.
 - School gym set up with gently used items donated by parents and school community. All items are priced at 25 cents. All students have the opportunity to come through with their class and shop for gifts for family. Traditionally some of the older students have volunteered to help with a wrapping room.
 - Set up of the gym will be Friday December 13th
 - Storage of donated items prior to the event has traditionally been a challenge. Looking for alternative solutions this year.ADDENDUM: a storage location has generously been offered and we are in the process of working out the details re: pick up and drop off of donated items.

- 2) **Valentine's Day Spirit event**- Feb 14
Alyssa will coordinate along with other Council members help
 - some kind of low cost item that can be gifted to each other
 - discussion held re: inclusion and ensuring that all students receive an item

- 3) **Make it and Take it night**- Thursday April 30
Cheryl and Jennifer M to coordinate along with Jenni L, Jennifer C, Alyssa and Meredith
 - family engagement event
 - similar in set up to Culture night from previous years: offer different sessions/activities that parents and kids can sign up for.

Motion: use the \$500 Engagement Grant to fund this event

Motion: Meredith

Second Jennifer M

Motion Carried

4) **Spring Fundraiser**- May

- details to be determined at November meeting
- Select from: Snippets of Spice (Beckie), Popcorn (Brenda) and First Aid kits
- Funds raised to be directed to: TBD

The following Events were carried over to November meeting for further discussion:

1) January Spirit Event

- Winter Carnivale has been raised as a popular culturally relevant idea
- teachers have also been discussing a similar event
- Discuss further at November meeting.

NOTE: could consider a joint event and have Carnival with a Spaghetti dinner/lunch (Jennii L and Jennifer C)

2) March Spirit Event

- numerous ideas were discussed and the following 2 ideas had the most interest for a March event with a focus on movement.
- a) the Westerbys have generously offered their services for a Dance-a-thon event if the date and details can be worked out
- b) Jennii L: in discussion with Big Country Gym re: offering a school wide (maybe class by class) program
- To explore both opportunities and discuss further at November meeting

F. Financial update: Brenda Mac Alpine

Science in the Classroom: \$4000 -being booked

Jimmy Chapman not available: \$3000 earmarked for another physical activity for all grades

Jennii L will obtain information on alternatives from Big Country Gym and send details to council by email for email voting prior to Nov 21st meeting.

G. Compass Childcare update – Brenda MacAlpine

- room to increase enrollment
- PA day program coming up

H. District School Council Update – first meeting November 21st 7pm

- let Jennifer Mabee know if interested in attending

I. New Business:

1) Headchecks update:

- Additional parent members interested in helping out when available
- discussion re: have list of available, trained parents, coordinate dates by email not on social media, plan for regular days: avoid last Friday of the month
- Will try to set up schedule and provide to school.
- Parent Council will explore cost of making up treatment kits that can be provided to School admin to distribute to families in need

J. Ideas for Newsletter

- 1) 25cent sale: date, volunteer interest, save items
- 2) headlice info:

K. Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday Nov 13, 2019