

Leslie Frost Parent Advisory Council

Meeting – September 25 2019 – 6:00-7:00 PM LFPS Library

A. Welcome and Attendance:

Parent voting members- Jennifer Mabee, Meredith Dando, Beckie Kellett, Jennifer Curtis, Jennii LaRcoque, Erich Hunting (new), Neil Westerby (new) Allyssa Handley (new) Cheryl Nobrega (new)

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

Other (non-voting)- Darla McQuarrie (principal), Angela Griffiths(vice-principal), Amanda Chevrier (parent)

Regrets: n/a

B. Approval of Previous Minutes

1) June 2019 School Council Meeting

Additions/amendments: n/a

Motion Carried

2) Sept 16th Election Meeting

Additions/amendments: frequency of meetings TBD (not approved)

Note: New Council Members Erich Hunting (parent), Megan Raines (teacher) and Brenda MacAlpine (community) were unknown at the time

First: Meredith

Second: Jennifer M

Motion carried

C. Council Housekeeping:

- **New nominations/members:** Neil Westerby, Erich Hunting, Allyssa Hensley and Cheryl Nobrega were appointed to fill 4 of the 5 voting parent member vacancies. One vacancy remains.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda MacAlpine volunteered to fill the position of treasurer
- **Brief orientation:** copies of Constitution available on LFPS website and all members have or will receive an email with the links to the 'Government of Ontario School Councils: a guide for members', the code of ethics and the TLDSB School Councils procedure. Reviewed member composition, purpose and time commitment of council.
- **Establish dates and time of meetings for the year:** meetings to be held monthly initially in order to keep length to one hour, to build council cohesiveness and skills and to have monthly opportunity for Principal's updates. Meetings will continue on Wednesdays at 6-7pm. Next meetings: **October 16, November 13, TBD**
- **District parent council:** all parent council chairs (and other interested parent council members) meet four times/year. Board updates, local issues. Minutes available on

TLDSB website. Meetings: Nov 21st, Jan 16, March 26, May 7th at 7pm at TLDSB office

D. Principal's Report: Darla McQuarrie

1) Staffing update:

537 students.

Increase of 2 classrooms- portable 6 and room 15. Resource room moved to library. Worked on hiring all summer long. Were short 2 french teachers at start of school (1 to different board and 1 on unexpected medical leave). On 30th posting. Able to make straight grades (instead of split). Grade 2 FI permanent teacher hired and started last Thursday. For LTO- have one French qualified new graduate apply; waiting for certification to come through. Note: New this year- Principals of french immersion schools meeting to discuss French Immersion specific issues

Note: Ford government has put a freeze on all school accommodation reviews (school boundaries, amalgamation etc)

2) Supervision:

-JK-grade 2: adult for supervision directly in each class

k-4 inside school, 4/5 split and up out in portables

-grade 3-6: adults circulating

-staff wearing vests in each of 5 different yards for outside recesses.

3) Junior sports:

-TLDSB memo re: no intramural sports during school time

-cross country occurring now

-soccer, basketball, volleyball and other clubs can still occur in school (during lunch etc) if teacher volunteers available. Just not allowed to compete with other schools during school time.

4) Events:

-had meet the staff night and book fair (\$3000 raised for school to spend on scholastic products)

-Terry Fox run tomorrow: parents welcome to come and watch (no police check necessary) Planned for middle block but weather dependent

5) School Fundraisers:

-magazine company went out of business

-spirit wear coming soon

6) PRO Grant:

-Parent Reaching Out Grant. Not heard from ministry whether this will be happening or not.

-Parent Engagement grant (\$500) still available to apply for.

7) Outdoor space:

-rocks ordered

-parent volunteer to put together gaga ball pit(have 3 quotes)

-staff turn over, weather last Spring, Board requirements for process and maintenance issues have all had impact on project delays.

-maintenance reviews (fire risk, maintenance issues, vandalism risk etc)

Side Question from Compass: responsibility for maintenance of fires safety routes in winter? Answer: it is the schools responsibility.

8) Yearbooks:

- 2018-2019 year are now in and available
- Teacher willing to do again for this year

9) Yearly will be occurring

-grade 6s across the board have opportunity to go overnight to outdoor ed centre. No cost. Part of curriculum)

E. Goals & Objectives:

Engagement and spirit events ideas to consider: 25cent sale, dance-a-thon, Culture night, winter Carnivale

Fundraising events and opportunities ideas to consider: poinsettas, first aid kits, little cesars, crispy cream donuts, popcorn days. Consider events with opportunities for online ordering.

PLAN: send ideas by email to Meredith and Jennifer. Will compile a list for feasibility discussion and voting at October meeting.

Note: each idea will need a council member lead for planning and execution. Other members and non council members can assist on each event sub-committee

Note: Typically focusing on 3-4 main events for the year has been most manageable and successful

F. Financial update: Brenda

\$10,175.48 balance

-However some of that money was earmarked for events this year that have not taken place yet.

Plan: Brenda will confirm amounts and add to report for clarification

*Sept. 27 addition: according to April 17, 2019 minutes there was \$700 approved for duffle bag theatre for 2019-2020 School year and \$4000 approved for Science in the Classroom program for the 2019-2020 School year. Once these expenses are booked and paid for the remaining balance would actually be: \$5475.48

Note: Jimmy Chapman breakdancing program that had been approved at \$3000 for a 3 day program to cover the entire school is not available. (only available 2 days which would leave some classes without). Will need to vote at October meeting whether or not to proceed.

G. Compass Childcare update – Brenda MacAlpine

-numbers increasing

-spaces available in before and/or after, regular and/or occasional

-email: lf@compasselc.com

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

I. New Business:

- headchecks: put request in october newsletter for parent volunteers
- dates requested for Science in the classroom and Dufflebag theater

J. Ideas for Newsletter: email ideas to Darla by September 30th

K. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday October 16th 6-7pm in LFPS library