

## Leslie Frost Parent Advisory Council

Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6:00-7:00 PM LFPS Library

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### A. Welcome and Attendance:

**Parent voting members-** Jennifer Mabee-**present**                      Meredith Dando-**present**  
Jennifer Curtis-**present**    Erich Hunting-**present**  
Neil Westerby-**absent**     Allyssa Handley-**present**  
Cheryl Nobrega-**present**     Beckie Kellett-**regrets (proxy:Cheryl)**  
Jennii LaRcoque-**regrets (proxy: Jen M.)**

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

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

### B. Approval of Previous Minutes from November 2019

**Motion:**

**Second:**

### C. Council Housekeeping:

-Quorum present

-Make it and Take it subcommittee meeting directly after Parent Council meeting

### D. Principal's Report: Darla McQuarrie

- 1) Positive feedback regarding Christmas concerts this year
- 2) Recipe in a Jar fundraiser for school tech sold 850 jars which raised between \$3500-4000. A few extra jars are still available at school office
- 3) Holiday donations for breakfast Club were very successful (see newsletter for details)
- 4) Basketball intramurals are complete. Mini sticks (floor hockey) in the mini gym with Miss Carter for the primary grades is under way
- 5) Kindergarten registration is now open. Forms and package is available in office or online. Need to show Birth certificate, immunization record and proof of address. If out of area and intending to enter French Immersion then students can attend LFPS for JK and SK. However if they later decide NOT to do French Immersion they will need to return to their home school at the beginning of the following year.
- 6) Draft calendar for the 2020-2021 school year has been sent out with requests for feedback to the TLDSB. Note: late start due to late Labour day. Which also results in the last day of school being on a Tuesday.
- 7) Booked Rocks and Rings (in school curling program) for K-6 on February 6 and 11-13th
- 8) Jump rope for heart assembly is on hold due to Teachers work to rule action

- 9) Labour Disputes update: Work to Rule Phase 3 began Jan 13 and Phase 4 is set to start Jan 20. Action includes: no facilitating of assemblies, no before/after school extracurricular activities, no field trips, can only arrive 30 minutes before start of school and must leave 15 minutes after end of school, may not collect money, can submit marks but no comments for report cards. NOTE: report cards due out February 15. Change: no report cards coming home as per Board decision. NOTE: at LFPS the afterschool yard and bus supervision is managed by admin and EAs so supervision continues unchanged. NOTE: kindies field trip to the Maple Patch is impacted. Rotating strikes upcoming. 5 days notice must be given to parents. Catholic school board having a 1 day strike next week which may impact bussing to LFPS if picketing is on site. Check TLDSB website or ETFO website for Labour Dispute updates. NOTE: Ministry of Education will reimburse costs incurred for childcare during the rotating strikes. See Ontario.ca for details.
- 10) Cold weather guidelines: TLDSB does not have a set policy and procedure. LFPS guidelines are at temperatures of colder than -20 with windchill the children come inside or have indoor recess. Above -20 will attempt to have outdoor time whenever possible but may shorten time outside. Have sent notice in newsletter re: send outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather but there is also a hamper in the office with extra hats and mitts for kids who need them or may have forgotten
- 11) Yard Conditions: Yard is inspected daily. Sand used on icy areas or pylons to block off. Salt mixture is used on sidewalks and walkways. Close climbers if unsafe. Teaching Ice safety (walk not run)
- 12) Outdoor space funding update: Meeting Jan 16 with TLDSB project person re eligible equipment to put funds forward for matching (see minutes from November meeting). NOTE: due to work to rule action there will be limited ability to hold additional fundraisers therefore **MOTION made to change amount put forward from Parent Council from \$15,000 to \$10,000.**  
 Motion: Meredith  
 Seconded: Jennifer M.  
**All in Favour: Motion passed**

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> and AM of Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - made just over \$680 which means that over 2700 individual items were sold and wrapped
  - proceeds to support breakfast club

-19 parent volunteers involved as well as office staff, school admin, librarian, teachers and student volunteers  
-many ideas to consider for next years event (event summary to follow)

2) **Valentine's Day Spirit event**- Feb 14

On hold due to Labour Dispute. May consider similar idea but alter theme for the spring time

3) **Make it and Take it night**- Thursday April 30

-similar in set up to Culture night from previous years: offer different sessions/activities that parents and kids can sign up for. Arts and Crafts based theme this year.

-Cheryl reported on ideas and planning to date.

-Cheryl will draft a letter for requesting donations and send to Darla for review and approval to be put on letter head etc.

-Subcommittee to meet immediately following for more detailed discussion and planning

4) **Spring Fundraiser**- May

TBD

5) **Physical Activity**

**MOTION: to pay \$1026.04 for the Rocks and Rings program that has been arranged for February**

**Motion: Erich**

**Second: Jennifer C**

**All in Favour: Motion Passed**

Discussion regarding exploring options now for next school year. Could consider:

Jimmy Chapman program \$2160 +HST or

Crossfit opportunity.

PLAN: Erich will approach both Carbon heights crossfit and Lindsay Crossfit to explore interest and costs. Darla will provide schedule to Erich from previous events (40 minute sessions for 25 classes etc. Will discuss further at February meeting

6) **Marker Recycling**

There is now a collection bin in the front hall on the bottom shelf of the bookcase. Will collect dried up markers, highlights, pens and mechanical pencils of all brands for recycling. Meredith will monitor collection bin and take to Staples for recycling as needed. For teachers and parent use.

**F. Financial update: Brenda Mac Alpine**

See statement attached

NOTE: motion passed via email vote to reimburse individuals who purchased wrapping supplies throughout the day for the 25 cent sale

**G. Compass Childcare update – Brenda MacAlpine**

- Jan 31 PA day program has spaces available
- holding first spaghetti dinner for kids and parents involved with Compass. Tuesday Jan 21, 2020 from 5:30-7pm in LFPS gym

**H. District School Council Update – November 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm Jen M**

- swim protocols for school trips (lifejackets now mandatory)
- cell phone use in school: TLDSB it is at teachers discretion
- Health Curriculum has a 3 out option: 1)pick up child and leave, 2)have child removed from class during the lesson 3) have child stay in the class but not participate.
- focus on financial literacy: developing a plan for integrating into curriculum
- thought exchange feedback: sharing between school councils
- social networking safety event for parents with Paul Davis (internet safety public speaker) being held May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at IE Weldon
- Policy and procedure annual reports
- update on grants available: Parent Engagement Grant (parents reaching out) is being divided equally this year so \$219/school. Culture grant is still \$500
- accommodation reviews being completed next in Feb 2020 and report will be posted on TLDSB website
- Taste of the kawarthas may be impacted by labour dispute
- NOTE: Larry Hope resignation at end of school year
- next meeting is Thursday Jan 15 TLDSB offices 7pm

**I. New Business:**

**Feb 06, 2020 6:30pm-** Session being held on “what are psychoeducational assessments?” Benefits, risks, purposes etc. Location TBD

**J. Ideas for Newsletter**

- advertising Make it and Take it night : event and looking for parent volunteers

**K. Next Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday February 19, 2020 6pm LFPS library