

## Leslie Frost Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Sept 30, 2020 6:00-7:40pm via Google Meet

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### A. Welcome and attendance:

Parent Voting Members- Jennifer Mabee-present

Meredith Dando-present

Jennifer Curtis-present

Jennii LaRocque-present

Other Voting Members- Julie White (staff)-present

Brenda MacAlpine (community member)-present

Other non-voting Members- Darla McQuarrie (principal) present

Charlene Chapman (vice-principal)-present

### B. Approval of Previous Minutes from March 2020

**Motion:** Jennifer C

**Second:** Jennii L

**Motion Carried**

### C. Council Housekeeping:

-New VP introduced

-reviewed purpose of school advisory council (voice to/for the parent community re: questions and concerns, advise re: school community decisions, fundraising and decisions re: spending of funds etc)

-Membership for the 2020-2021 year reviewed:

Jennifer Mabee willing to act as Chair

Brenda MacAlpine willing to act as treasurer

Jennifer Curtis willing to act as Secretary

Meredith Dando and Jennii LaRocque will be voting parent members

-any and all parent/caregivers are invited to attend the meetings and participate but max of 10 voting parent members, 1 voting teacher, 1 voting CUPE school staff member and 1- 2 community members.

-need a teacher representative (voting member) and can have up to 6 more voting parent members so please ask interested parents to forward their names to Darla

-must have 4 meetings per year (may have more if issues and activities call for it)

-District School Council is composed of the chairs from all the individual school councils.

Meeting 4 times/year (see below)

### D. Principal's Report: Darla

- Staggered Entry/start to School year

-positive feedback received

-teachers able to complete assessments, spend time with each student, review new protocols

-no issues amongst students with mask wearing

- the 3 fire drills required for the fall are already complete
- not completed a lockdown drill physically in the classroom due to the more immediate risks of covid in close contact. Lock down procedures have been discussed in each class however.
- School Environment
  - floor stickers for direction, spacing
  - doors are labelled for in and out
  - mask inside at all times except for eating and drinking
  - mask off at recess and outside times (each student gets paper bag on desk to put mask in) and must keep physical distance
  - all yard gates are locked during the school day
  - 416 student in school in 21 classes total (all teaching positions filled). 2 nutrition/recess breaks throughout the day but times are staggered so only 7 classes outside at one time.
  - kindies go out together but are allowed use of full yard this year
  - gym music and drama/dance are all held outside
  - recess is outside rain or shine unless thunder storming or -25 degrees
  - all classes are in the school where possible which is where the sinks in classes are. The 2 grade 6 classes are in portables so have hand sanitizer and designated hand washing breaks
  - not allowed to use playground equipment at this time.
  - kids can bring an item from home to play with at recess if they wish
  - any equipment supplied by the school must be sanitized in between each student's use
- Cleaning in the classrooms
  - while kids are outside for recess the caretakers are rotating through classes and cleaning. So each class gets cleaned twice during the school day as well as deep clean overnight and cleaning the teachers are doing.
- Virtual School
  - There was an uptake in virtual learning so details are still being worked out. This has led to some compressed classes per the ministry requirements for class size. kids from LFPS doing virtual learning are still connected to LFPS even though they have their own teachers/principals etc. Technology has been provided from the school to the at home learners which has led to reduced tech availability in school at this time.

**E. Goals and Objectives:**

- 2019-2020 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant funds were used to arrange for Ann Douglas Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm virtual speaker. Decision made to stream presentation online live instead of fully interactive format like Google Meet to facilitate the moderation of potentially 250+ people. Will send invitation by school messenger along with invitation to send any questions for Ann ahead of time by email.
- Outdoor Space Project
  - 2019-2020 parent council earmarked \$10,000 to be matched by LFPS to apply for TLDSB funding that was matching funds raised by schools for special projects. If successful this would have provided a total of \$40,000 to be used for outdoor space improvements (additional playground equipment, outdoor classroom etc). Application to TLDSB was made but unsure of status of project since COVID although conversations have resumed. Reviewed prior information (hand made/home made items presented challenge for liability and maintenance etc).

Discussion was held re: spending funds currently available on the project in advance. However if the school is successful in getting TLDSB to match funds it is unknown at this time whether it will need to be demonstrated that the school/PAC funds are still accessible. Decision was made to determine whether TLDSB was matching funds before spending the earmarked money.

- Discussion re: changes to events this year due to COVID
  - no visitors and no assemblies allowed in school building so no live events (ie: dufflebag theater, science in the classroom, rocks and rings, special speakers, bookfairs etc)
  - Terry Fox run was completed in cohorts during gym class time outside
  - virtual events only are allowed and school cannot handle any money so events with online purchasing only.
  - will need to see whether there are any online fundraisers that Parent Council could offer.

F. **Financial Update:**

-\$4300.66 remaining balance

LFPS request from New Business (see below)

G. **Compass Childcare Update:**

-JK/SK enrolment is up this year so are in a separate cohort from school age kids.

-transitions going smoothly at this time

H. **District School Council Update:**

-upcoming meeting dates: Nov 19, Jan 21, Mar 11 and May 20

I. **New Business:**

- LFPS requesting financial assistance with the purchase of collapsible wagons for moving supplies in and outdoors throughout the day. Requesting 8 total (4 for the kindie classes and 4 for the team teachers). Cost is somewhere between \$100-140 each.

**Motion: to use Parent Council Funds to purchase the 8 wagons**

**Made by:** Jennifer C.

**Seconded:** Jen M.

**Motion Carried**

- **ADDITIONAL QUESTION AND ANSWERS:**

1) Q: Is Breakfast Club still available?

A: Yes- each classroom gets a bowl every day with all prewrapped food items (cereal bars etc) and whole fruit like apples and bananas

2) Q: Notification of sick contact in classroom?

A: Not required. Only time other parents/students would be notified would be if there was a COVID positive contact confirmed by the public health unit. So no notification if someone has been tested; only if the test were positive.

3) Q: Return to school after sickness

- A: at this time there are no doctor's notes required, nor proof of any test results etc.
- 4) Q: If one child is sick but siblings are not what I expected?  
 A: the child who does not pass screening would stay home but if the others pass the screening they can attend school. If anyone in household tests positive for covid the public health unit would provide further guidance as needed
- 5) Q: how will kids who have been off on self-quarantine for 14 days keep up with class?  
 A: this year (especially after the wide difference in learn at home experiences last year from March on) kids are already on a wide continuum of learning and teachers are working hard to meet each child where they are at. Also trying to balance the needs of kids and parents in juggling everything including health. There has been some discussion about whether the teachers of each grade would put together a package of extension activities by grade on google classroom so kids at home could choose to do some activities to maintain their learning if they were well enough.
- 6) Q: Impact of virtual school on LFPS?  
 A: Approx. 100 students chose virtual school so 3 LFPS teachers are teaching in the virtual school system. The Virtual School system has it's own principal and secretary but the students who were enrolled at LFPS are still affiliated with LFPS.
- 7) Q: since there is no French Immersion offered in virtual school how will those students 'catch up' when they return to in class school?  
 A: there is already a wide continuum of learning which is expected to continue into next year. Also it has been well established that core skills and knowledge are transferable across the languages (i.e.: math skills etc.)
- 8) Q: It was initially suggested that reintegration opportunities might come up as early as end of October. (Reintegration being the opportunity for virtual learners to rejoin the in class school, or vice versus) What impact will this have on in class learners (class size and redistribution etc.)?  
 A: At this time there TLDSB has not established any definite date for reintegration opportunities.
- 9) Q: What are the current caps for classroom sizes?  
 A: JK/SK- 32 students with a teacher and an ECE  
 Primary (gr 1-3)- 20 students with one teacher  
 Junior and intermediate- no cap

J. Next meetings: Will set Google meet meetings every months for now. 6:15-7:30pm. Email Darla for link if interested in joining.

Wed November 25<sup>th</sup>

Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Wed Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Wed May 19<sup>th</sup>