

## Leslie Frost Public School Parent Council Meeting November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Attendance: Brenda Mac, Charlene Chapman, Jennifer Mabee, Maegan West, Meredith Dando, Julie White, Darla McQuarrie, Stephanie Smith, Jennifer Curtis, Jenni Larocque

- Introductions to all members, welcoming new members to parent Council.
- Minutes were approved by Jenni Larocque Seconded by Jennifer Curtis

House Keeping:

- Wagons were well received, Kindergarten, Prep, Art, Drama, Phys-ed and French teacher are all using daily to move their supplies around the school and outside.
- Wagons are black and foldable which makes them very handy.

Principal Report:

- The kids are doing well, no issues with masks, hand washing, hand sanitizing, bathroom schedules.
- The kids are following all routines and staying with their cohorts in the yard, halls, bathrooms and have very limited mixing of each other's paths. Teachers are noticing kids getting tired of some situations but have been managing well.
- The school has 7 recesses which means less students in the yard and less conflict.
- Kindergarten kids have their own schedules and they have the entire yard to explore.
- At this time, they have decided to change up the routine of hand sanitizing first thing off the buss and at the gate due to winter and gloves. Kids are washing and hand sanitizing once entering their classes in the morning.
- Darla praised the kids for no fuss with the masks, and the routines being followed. With 500 kids this is running smoothly.
- Winter plan is to allow for indoor shoes, each class is doing their own thing IE: Plastic bags, baskets, hooks, bins. This all is decided by the teacher and the size of the class.
- Teachers are doing a good job with being creative with the space they have and having to keep everyone a distance.
- Playground continues to be closed until further notice.
- The school now has a GAGA Pit, this is not used at recess it can be used during gym or with the student's teacher. Masks must be worn in the pit due to distances.

Playground: Paperwork for the new swings is complete and they will be putting them in soon. Parent Council gave 10,000 and the school gave 10,000 the board matched this and gave 20,000. They are hoping to have them coming in December. Benches for the outdoor classroom also have been ordered.

Professional Development: The school is working at meeting the kids where they are at and helping them to move forward in their learning. Looking at how they can help each kids achieve a goal and the steps to get there.

- The school is seeing gaps in reading and the teachers are starting to adjust their learning to the kids.
- We currently have a French resource teacher.

Christmas Concert: Currently we will not be holding a Christmas concert due to restrictions and not being allowed to sing or have large groups.

Food and Toy Drive: The school is encouraging parents and students to donate into the community as the school is not allowed to host a bin for toys or food due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

Darla has filed the application with the Salvation Army for families in need.

Cleaning: No cleaning is being done with students present in the class, they spray the class down during recess breaks. Teachers have cleaners in their rooms they can wipe spaces down when needed.

Assigned doors for entry: Each class has a door they enter in and out of this allows for the school to be able to contact trace. This occurs for washroom use as well, each class has a scheduled time but if a student must use the washroom teachers record this.

Admin are finding the end of the day very busy and are having a difficult time making changes to end of the day plans. This is causing disruption to the classrooms and the safety routines that have to take place as they are preparing for the end of the day. Please try and not change plans after 2:45pm.

The new stagger at the end of the day: This is working and allows for the areas to be less busy.

- Kindergartens: 2:55pm
- Primary: 3:00pm
- Walkers: 3:05pm
- Bus: 3:10pm

Pick up Walkway: Darla has spoken with the snow removal people and they will make sure the path and area is cleaned and allowing for people to still have distance at pick up.

Parents are following the rules with masks and social distancing.

Breakfast Bowl: This is for everyone to have access to; they are offering individually wrapped snacks and the teacher is dispensing. Parents are welcome to donate to the breakfast program by sending in a gift card. Darla will send out the gift certificates like last year if parents want to support the breakfast program. Again, gift cards are the best as they are not allowed to handle money. Cost of items has increased as they are needing to purchase individually wrapped items.

Leslie Frost has a new secretary Fay Clarke she has shadowed and will be starting. Elizabeth Burroughs is moving to Bobcaygon public school.

Finance: Parent Council Funds are at 3,172.89 this is with everything paid out.

District Council was bumped to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Jennifer Mabee will update

New Business:

Darla will add in the newsletter info regarding New purchases of the Wagon, Gaga pit and Swings

Jenni has reached out to Fleming regarding making a outdoor space and no response.

#### Childcare Update:

Childcare program is going good kids are following the rules and wearing masks, hand washing and hand sanitizing.

#### Spaces:

- Numbers are lower, they are hoping to have more kids returning soon.
- The yard is muddy, but they have been managing
- Brenda is going to be sending out another email around childcare and what is available.
- It was mentioned to send email to the entire email list as possibly some were missed regarding what services are being offered.
- Snow Days: It has been approved to be open, but they are working out the details to what it would look like.
- They need commitment from parents as it doesn't make sense to only open for a few kids
- They also want to make sure they have a safe plan in place to protect all
- Currently they have 16 parents interested

#### Snow Days:

- Schools will be closed to students
- Teachers can choose to teach from school or home
- Students are not expected to attend virtually, it would be a chance for students to connect with their teachers and catch up or have some one to one time.
- There will be no new lessons taught online during snow days.
- Grant days will be given to kids who chose to not log on for virtual learning on these days
- You will be marked present for whatever amount of time you are on virtually.
- This will hopefully keep everyone safe during these days

#### Indigenous Grant:

- The school will be participating in a virtual learning November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Spirit Days:

- Darla sent out a list of the days coming up

#### Virtual class trips or learnings:

- Teachers are being very resourceful and taking advantage of any virtual class trips or learnings. Parent Council is willing to pay for one if there is something of interest.

#### Screener Tool:

- Darla will send out; reminders are helpful for all.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews:

- Interviews were successful

Christmas Gifts:

- Darla will follow up with teachers to discuss the safest way to handle gifts. Teachers deserve gifts this year but what will it look like gift cards?

Next meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> 2021