

Legacy P.S. School Council

Meeting Minutes: meeting held in Legacy P.S. Library

March 7th, 2016

Present

Jeff Demacio, Michelle Probert, Dayo Babalola, Adela Pinnock, Nimisha Patel, Saumea Thayalan, Nandita Bhatia, Simone Reali, Francine Mathai, Sonia Babra, Marjorie Sacco, Sylvia Vocino, Tricia Mohammed, Sandy Acquaviva, Vinay Puri, Lori Nickerson, Sara Mercone, Sanjay Bhatia, Sabrina Antonopoulos, Chris Gordon

Absent

Laura Ryckman, Irene Dimov, Teddy Kardaras

Minutes: Adela Pinnock

Updated: Nandita Bhatia

1. Welcome-Guest Speaker **Mr. Cecil Roach- Coordinating Superintendent YRDSB, Equity and Community Services.** Equity, Inclusivity, School Climate parent and student surveys among other topics were discussed.

2. **Approval of previous minutes-approved by LSC voting members**

3. **Treasurer's update-Michelle:** \$310 available after the funds that were promised at the last meeting.

4. **LPS By-laws & Constitution-Slide presentation by Sanjay:**

- We are at a stage now where we can review the By-laws with the rest of the LSC members and at the next official meeting we can vote on it.
- Purpose of the By-Laws, minimum requirements, other recommended items and next steps were discussed. PDF version will be sent by email to all who attended the LSC meeting, by the end of the week.

5. **Principal's update- Laura was absent- Jeff filled us in**

- Tutors in the classroom- applied and received a "tutors in classroom grant", so we will have 178 hours from University students in class to help Grades 2 and 5.
- Author visit- Ms. Bloom is arranging an author visit for each age group, library will use some of the book fair money towards this.

- Staffing update-we are down two full Kindergarten classes for next year. We will have two less staff for next year. No portable required next year.
- School upgrades-library carpet is being removed as well as music room and will be replaced with new flooring system, lines in gym will be fixed, mounting of LCD projectors in classrooms. iPads and chromebooks have been purchased, digital signage upstairs much like in the front hall.
- School cash-online payment enrollment is optional however it is very convenient for those who like online payments.
- Dress Code-a graphic is included in our e-bulletin each year as the weather gets warmer and it gets more difficult to monitor what kids are wearing. No short shorts, no flip flops, no spaghetti strap tank tops, no visible undergarments.
- Allocate \$ for Lice Program-do we want to have someone who can educate parents about what to do in the case of lice. People who have not experienced tend to panic when it first happens.

6. Outdoor Classroom Project Update- Francine: School Yard enhancement project- outdoor classroom is the focus, however immediate need is for a quiet shaded place with seating for the kids to go. The committee will come up with a plan, go to the Board for approval and start in phases. The maximum we can spend per year is \$10,000. We will be looking at sponsorship, fundraising, non-profit contributions, grants, etc. We will conduct a staff survey and a student survey to see what everyone wants to see in this outdoor area.

7. Annual Fundraiser - Nandita: Ideas are centered around physical activity. Sylvia brought up a great idea about getting the community involved like Northern Karate, Markham Gymnastics, etc. to come in and set up stations. Doing the Read-a-Thon again is also an option as it was very successful two years ago. Vote for Read-a-thon, Tricia, Lori, Adela, Sanjay, Nandita, Michelle.

Committee-Lori, Michelle, Irene, Nandita, Francine, Nimisha

8.Spirit Wear - Adela: We all agreed that Spirit wear is important. It is probably a bit late in the school year to offer it now, however we will definitely revisit this in September. Lori will look into this to see if we can also have House colour t-shirts, red, blue, yellow and green.

9.Absent LSC members- Nandita: If members miss more than two meetings for a reason not deemed to be valid, they can be voted off the council. LSC Members are requested to please let us know if there is a legitimate reason why they cannot attend.

Next meeting date: May 02, 2016

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location: School Library

