
Legacy School Council (LSC) Meeting

Monday, Jan 16, 2017

Attendees

Sandy Acquaviva, Sonia Babra, Dayo Babalola, Nandita Bhatia, Jill Currie, Gabriella C., Jeff Demacio, Irene Dimov, Melina Lavasidis, Yvonne Lavasidis, Francine Mathai, Tricia Mohammed, Lori Nickerson, Sofia Pollastrone, Nimisha Patel, Altaf Patel, Michelle Probert, Sukhjit Randhawa, Simone Reali, Laura Ryckman, Saumya Thayalan

Absent Members

Shama Ansar, Adela Pinnock, Zahra Premji

Minutes taken by: Nandita Bhatia

Meeting Minutes

1. Guest Speaker: Public Health Nurse

The public health nurse did a ten minute presentation and discussion on how junk food has become part of the culture, and how difficult it is for parents to keep track of the junk being consumed by children daily. It is important to emphasise enough to the kids that processed foods are low in nutritional value and high in calories. Parents should know how to read nutritional labels and help their kids make healthier food choices.

Presentation by Mrs. Jill Currie -Chair of the Legacy Public School (LPS) "Healthy School Committee"

- This committee has 12 staff members.
- The goal is to educate kids make healthier food choices.
- Reinforcing nutritional health education in classrooms.
- Being healthy role models for students.

Some items that this committee is working on:

1. Food served on school wide events should meet PPM 150 standards.
 2. School to always ensure that students have adequate eating time (20 minutes for lunch).
 3. The new drinking water station is a hit with students.
 4. School to ensure an allergy safe environment.
 5. Kids need adult role models and support.
 6. Engaging parents and the wider school community.
 7. Policy implementation: feedback from staff/parents/students is important.
 8. Monitoring and compliance required as a follow up.
 9. Evaluation and review of the policy: every 4 years by LPS admin/LSC/Healthy Schools Committee.
 10. It is suggested that the LSC think of organizing a “breakfast for learning session”
- 2. Approving Nov 07, 2016 Meeting Minutes/setting LSC meeting ground rules:**
Minutes will be voted on by the council members by Google forms. Irene briefed the council on the LSC rules of engagement.
- 3. Secretary role: Irene Dimov** Irene indicated that Adela Pinnock has some personal commitments and will be stepping down from the role of the secretary. If anyone from the council would like to take on this role, it is now an open position. In the meantime, Nandita and Irene will take turns recording the council meeting minutes.
- 4. Treasurer update: Michelle Probert**
Michelle gave the following details
- Legacy Wear sales generated \$1042
 - We still have \$5000 allocated to the Outdoor Experiential Space
 - Other balance is \$3344
- 5. Legacy Wear update: Lori Nickerson**
Lori said that the response was very good. For future orders we need at least 15 items. Some council members showed interest in doing a survey for school uniforms. Lori said that she can look into if the supplier can do them, Principal Laura Ryckman said that we need to look at board policy and need at least 80% community support.
- 6. Principal’s Updates: Laura Ryckman and Jeff Demacio**
- **Modern learning:** Jeff talked about how modern learning would help students learn more after learning has ended. Enriched tasks, challenging questions, the focus is especially on French teaching.
 - **Recess Safety Committee:** Jeff talked about the purpose of this committee. How the focus is on safety at recess, before and after school.

- Action items have been discussed with the staff
- Boundaries, locations, areas of concerns
- All classes went on a boundary walk
- Recess specific safety was discussed
- 4 extra Walkie Talkies were bought for the recess monitors for \$263 which was funded by the school.
- This brings the number of Walkie Talkies to a total of 10. 9 (teachers/recess supervisors) + 1 (caretaker)
- There were changes made to the duty schedules
- Lately the school has tried “split/alternate recess” due to the inclement weather. This ensures sufficient supervision at all times.
- Next meeting for the safety committee will be to discuss parking issues.
- **Innovative Math learning:** Laura explains how there are 4 groups of teachers on this committee. They are working on the following:
 - Online tools.
 - Book study on math.
 - Working with Stanford university group.
 - Grade 8 is looking at new math strategies.
 - Also focusing on “mental health learning”.
 - On PA days these various groups of teachers share their experiences.
 - The purpose is to improve math learning strategies at school.
- Exciting things happening at school: Laura shared the following:
 - Grade 3 Swim to Survive
 - Grade 6 Pinecrest trip
 - Grade 8 graduation trip is in full swing
 - Me to We is selling sock puppets to raise money for The Hospital for Sick Kids.
 - Ski club.
 - Beauty and the Beast musical.
 - Kindergarten registration starting soon.
 - Mrs. Penny Cockburn retiring on Feb 24, 2017.

7. Questions for the school administration: Tricia

- Tricia discussed how the timing of the School Safety Committee meetings is an issue. It is hard to attend 8:00am meetings. She suggested looking at alternate timings however Laura indicated that this time works best for students and teachers as it does not disrupt class times.

- Allocation of funds for technology: Tricia asked for a breakdown. Is there a Committee that decides how technology is assigned??
- Jeff gave us a breakdown: 5 laptops, 6 chromebooks, a storage tub were bought for approximately \$3471.
- YRDSB matched the full amount bringing the total cost to \$6250.
- YRDSB also doubled the WIFI speed. The school had an assessment done and now there are 13 access points across the school, making it faster for students and teachers to connect!

8. Holiday Charity event update: Nimisha

Nimisha gave us an update. 1801 food/household use items were raised for the Markham Food Bank. This is the most items ever contributed by the LPS community. A special thank you to Mr. Chin's class for helping count the items daily and also to the Legacy Student Council for a \$200 donation to the Markham Food Bank.

9. PRO Grant 2016-17 STEM night update: Irene

- Irene discussed the 2 dates marked for the event
 - Feb 22-Wed: Grade K-2
 - May 03-Wed: Grades 3-8
- The council is going to have an "unofficial meeting" on Feb 06, 2017 to discuss the planning for these events.

10. Brief summary of the School Council Forum held on Nov 21, 2016: Francine

- Mental health and anxiety were the topics discussed. Francine presented and discussed. She also gave handouts.

11. Legacy Student Council: Sophia and Melina

- Student council reps discussed the fundraisers planned for the school year 2016-17
 - a. Weekly wacky snack sales
 - b. Halloween dance
 - c. Candy cane-o-grams
 - d. Movember photo booth
 - e. Christmas dance

They also shared how they have fun competitions such as Halloween costume competition and Christmas Teacher decorating competition

12. Open Forum: An informal Q&A with the school administration

***Next Meeting Date: Apr 05, 2017**