

Legacy School Council (LSC) – Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2018

Administrator Attendees:

Shelley Jones, Leeanne Hoover-Joy

Teacher / Staff Attendees:

Mike Reali, Sylvia Vocino

School Council Member Attendees

Adela Pinnock, Michelle Probert, Susan Budinszky, Karolina Hatlapa-Sial, Francine Mathai, Nimisha Patel, Heather Sally, Kelly Taiabjee *Regrets:* Julie Mallinos

Parent / Guardian Attendees:

Gazala Ansari, Sonia Babra, Jen Emanoilidis, Sadia Hayat, Colsie Henry

Minutes

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion: Kelly Taiabjee, Second: Nimisha Patel, Carried: Adela Pinnock, Michelle Probert, Susan Budinszky, Karolina Hatlapa-Sial, Francine Mathai, Heather Sally, Mike Reali, Sylvia Vocino
3. **Administrator's Update:** Shelley Jones & Leeanne Hoover-Joy

PA Day – October 22nd

- New requirement to send agenda for PA Day to parents and post in school
- Focus will be Fundamentals of Math
- Clarification that this is not due to Provincial Government abolishing "Discovery Math"; Discovery Math does not exist
- Parents Guide to Fundamentals of Math will be distributed to every household to ease fears around Comprehensive Math Program and explain the focus is less memorization and more on understanding of facts

EDSBY

- Parent-Teacher Interviews will be scheduled through EDSBY
- Administration asked attendees to ensure they have an EDSBY account set up, and to talk it up with other families to get whole parent/guardian community onboard

Curriculum Night

- Unanimous success!

Halloween

- Grades 6-8 will be having a dance where they can purchase wacky snacks
- K-5 can purchase wacky snack or other special treat at recess on Halloween
- No food can be brought in from home to share on Halloween (or any other occasion); teachers cannot monitor everything brought in to ensure allergen-free; teachers cannot ask kids with allergies to bring their own food for class parties to ensure events are inclusive
- Sylvia brought up possibility of selling glow-sticks at dance

EQAO

- Results sent home 1 week ago
- All parents can go to EQAO website and search Legacy PS to see more details
- Staff will look at, dissect, and understand the data as a team to understand students now in grades 4 & 7, and to better know where to focus lessons (EQAO is only one piece of evidence used to inform lesson plans)
- TDCSB is apparently using EQAO scores to determine program eligibility for students going to high-school (not YRDSB)

Grade 8 Excursions

- Grade 8 teachers looked at the traditional Ottawa Grad Trip; not everyone was able to participate, growing numbers of students that could not attend for family, financial or religious reasons

- Key part of trip was linking it to curriculum throughout the year, however kids not able to attend felt left out, not just during the actual trip, but whenever connections were made in the classroom
 - A pillar of YRDSB is to look at equity and what barriers exist; teachers and administration determined that barriers could not be broken unless the trip was cancelled
 - Grad trip will be replaced with multiple excursions connected to curriculum and learning, and will be more inclusive. Hopefully students will be able to attend 2 or 3 of 4 or more events
 - Grade 6 overnight trip is not yet finalized
4. **Safety Committee:** Leeanne Hoover-Joy
- Committee looks at safety both in the school, around the school and on the street
 - Lots of little changes last year made a huge difference – safety blitz, education of parents, police presence, new fences, street signs, etc.
 - Need to determine monthly meeting time – 8:15am or 8:30-9am
 - Potential to loop in with Legacy Community Ratepayers' Association – putting together official Neighbourhood Watch, held meetings with Ward 7 Councillor Logan Kanapathi (now Khalid Usman), and is connected to the right people to align Legacy PS and LCRA safety concerns and give them visibility at municipal level
5. **Treasurer's Update:** Susan Budinszky
- No change to September 24th update: approx. \$13,501 available cash; total fundraising for the prior year netted \$10,440
6. **Pasta Lunch Update and Pumpkin Cookies for Halloween:** Susan Budinszky
- Pasta – to be offered weekly, starting Nov 8th, price of \$5 (cost = \$3.78 for meat, \$3.68 non-meat), selection of 4 items each week to include meatballs, macaroni & cheese, butter sauce, and alfredo sauce for 7 weeks
 - Note to confirm halal meat in meatballs

- Cookies – discussed options to sell cookies to K to grade 5 at Halloween, potentially could be one of ten treat days school is allowed a year
- Nimisha Patel, Kelly Taiabjee, Adela Pinnock and Michelle Probert volunteered to sell cookies on Halloween at recess
- Potential to request donation of snacks from Longo's – will require a written request and Longo's will provide a gift card at manager's discretion
- Potential to do more snacks throughout the year, perhaps other items such as Kernels popcorn, etc

7. **2018/2019 Committee Update/Sign-up:** Michelle Probert & Adela Pinnock

- 8 Committees created for 2018/2019 school year

Annual Fundraising Committee

By-laws Committee

Charity Committee

Fundraising Committee (the "A-Thon")

Legacy Wear Committee

Safety Committee (N.B. this is a school-based committee – a partnership among administrators, teachers, students and parent council)

School Lunches/Snack Committee

Fun Fair Committee – *newly created*

Staff Appreciation Committee – *newly created*

- Hope is that every voting member will be on at least 1 committee
- Any parent or guardian can be on any committee
- List of members of each committee will be sent to each committee group
- Heather will lead Fun Fair Committee – most pressing concern is setting a date

8. **Bikes for Africa:** Sonia Babra

- Station Skis & Bikes (Mike) on Markham Main is running a drive to collect used bikes to donate to orphanages in Sudan, where distance to get to school is significant and dangerous
- Mike will come to Legacy PS to do a free bike check in exchange for a bike donation
- Potential to integrate with Walk to School Day, Me to We, Fun Fair
- Sonia to investigate timing

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday November 5, 2018

Monday December 3, 2018

Monday January 12, 2019

Monday February 4, 2019

Monday March 4, 2019

Monday April 1, 2019

Monday May 6, 2019

Monday June 10, 2019

Next Meeting: Monday November 5, 2018

Minutes Taken By: Susan Budinszky