

# Legacy Public School Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

Council Members Present:	Nimisha Patel, Marcie Lazangas, Simone Reali, Tatiana Magno, Saumea Thayalan, Kamla Girdharry, Jonathan Ngan, Cynthia Fung, Gajalini Ramachandran, Jacylou Pallorina
Council Members Absent:	
Other Members Present:	Jennifer Cowley, Initha Subramaniam, Sylvia Vocino, Rosan Chung

Agenda Item	Notes
Introduction Land Acknowledgement	Welcome everyone to the school council Land Acknowledgement is read Inclusion Activity- Something everyone did that was fun today.
Administrative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome! There are lots of exciting things that have been going on and coming up at Legacy!</li> <li>• We've recently sent a team of 6 staff members to participate in Community Circles and Restorative Practices training. This is a classroom-based approach designed to foster positive behaviour and a sense of belonging. This professional development will take place over the course of the school year.</li> <li>• On the Oct. 20 PA Day, our staff engaged in learning entitled "Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract it". The learning aimed to highlight some commonly experienced psychological barriers that can serve as misguided reasons for Missing, Dismissing, and Avoiding Racism or racial trauma in our learning and working spaces.</li> <li>• Our Student Government was formed last week through elections. Gr. 4-8 students participated in the elections.</li> <li>• Fire Protection and Safety Program - Grades 1 and 2 in October, Grades 3 and 4 will take place next week. Firefighters come in and talk to students about fire safety messages.</li> <li>• As one of our transition activities, our Grade 8s visited MDHS on Nov. 1. They had the opportunity to become familiar with the school, some of the classes being offered, and information about school life.</li> <li>• Upcoming School Picture day - Wed. Nov. 8</li> <li>• Active School Travel Pilot Program - Nov. 6 - 10 We participated in this pilot project last year and are continuing with the initiative this year to promote active travel to and from school, along with key safety messages.</li> </ul>

	<p>Participation consists of signage, daily morning announcements and messages to families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speed stacking run by Ms. Attwood will be launching this week. Currently open to grade 4-8 students and will expand to younger students later in the year.</li> <li>● Student Government started and up and running</li> <li>● Progress Report Cards will begin to be distributed centrally and electronically on Thurs. Nov. 9</li> <li>● Progress Report Card interviews Nov. 16 and 17. Parents can make an appointment through Edsby.</li> <li>● Legacy Wear will be launched soon - run into some technical challenges with School Cash Online and hope to have it live soon</li> <li>● Intermediate and Junior Volleyball teams have started and we are appreciative of the teachers who are volunteering their time to coach.</li> <li>● Anatoliy from City of Markham provided further information about the decision not to have a crossing guard at the intersection of Legacy Drive and Russell Jarvis Drive. Data collected falls below the threshold for a crossing guard.</li> <li>● Update on Crossing Guard (Russell Jarvis &amp; Rouge Bank) - We successfully connected a parent with the City of Markham through advertising at our Meet the Teacher evening. We're happy to report we now have a crossing guard.</li> <li>● Intersection assessment Legacy Drive and Russell Jarvis Drive feedback from City of Markham -</li> <li>● The "Exposure Index" (EI) methodology is required for all-way stop intersections.</li> <li>● When using the EI method, the team measures the number of pedestrians against the number of conflicting vehicle movements, during the study period.</li> <li>● Although a guard is not currently warranted at Legacy Drive and Russell Jarvis Drive, the intersection is still regulated by an all-way stop control.</li> <li>● This means all vehicles are required by law to stop and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.</li> <li>● So even in the absence of a guard, pedestrians are given a right-of-way to cross the street.</li> </ul>
<p>Updates and Discussion Points</p>	<p>Road Safety Committee will meet to plan for next steps to follow up with the city in regards to a crossing guard for Legacy Drive and Russell Jarvis Drive</p> <p>School Council Policy 262 updated video was shared and a google form will be completed by members in attendance.</p> <p>School Council Forum Update - Held at Bill Crothers Secondary School. Keynote speaker Reena Mistry Active School Travel Pilot Program Coordinator for the school board.</p> <p>Committees Update: Staff appreciation committee: Help create cards, ecards, plan morning teas, staff luncheon and other ideas to show our</p>

support. Engage with other parents to include them. Staff were provided with appreciation cards

**ProGrant** - Help research pro grants, collaborate with other schools, complete application forms, organize pro grant events etc. Will consider applying for funding for ProGrant event

**Safety & Active school travel committee** - Work with the school admin and stakeholders like the city, region, school board, police. Participate in Active School Travel committee meetings and help roll out initiatives. Help with safety events at the school. Help convey any community and parent concerns to the team.

Fundraising committee - Come up with ideas for the annual A-thon fundraiser and any other smaller fundraisers through the year, put together the staff and family flyers, help with the fundraising activities etc. Work with school admin to meet the criteria of the fundraising plan. Come up with ideas on how to be inclusive of all families. For example a movie night is free but the snacks are the fundraising portion, a silent auction could have items of various ranges to include all and can be held in conjunction with a school concert which is free to attend, a Move-a-thon, a Read-a-thon everyone can participate in and not contribute financially etc. Looking at Options such as Mother's Deli

Lunch & snack program committee - To help come up with ideas, source companies who are nut free, PPM 150 compliant and meet criteria set out in the handbook. To help facilitate the order form, provide details to school to put on school cash online, place order, set up and distribute at recess or lunch for 15 mins in front hallway. (previously had pasta, sushi, subs, treat and snack days)

Holiday Initiative Committee - Help source a charity to have as the recipient of the annual holiday initiative. Create the flyer for families, the write up for staff, help with any slides, displays, posters or info for an assembly. Prepare boxes for each class and help with the delivery or pickup by the charity. Previously we have done: (2022 FSyr, 2021 FSyr, 2020 YRP Holiday Heroes, 2019 YRP Holiday Heroes, 2018 YRP Holiday Heroes, 2017 360 Kids, 2016 Markham Food Bank, 2015 Markham Food Bank, 2014 Yellow Brick House). This year the holiday initiative will be to support The Food Bank.

Legacy Wear - Work with a supplier on pricing and items to offer. Create flyer and help market the products with samples. Provide info for cash online ordering to the school, tally and order the right products for each student. Place order, pick up order, label and verify orders and prepare for school distribution within 2 weeks of placing the order and 48 hrs of receiving the order.

Parent Engagement and Community Outreach - Come up with ways to include more parents and connect with the community. Inclusion and the ability to communicate in different ways, different languages and to help remove any barriers to help more families participate. Include other families, table for Parent Teacher Interviews.

	<p>Team Member Attending Monthly Meetings - You also do not need to join a committee if you don't wish to. By attending monthly school council meetings you can contribute to ideas and feedback and choose to help when you have time on any committee you wish to.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm Next Meeting December 4, 2023</p>