

LBP SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Present: Kim Wagner (principal), Nora Mazloumian (vice-principal), Kelly Barbarich (teacher rep), Nad Milekovic (chair), Eric Mumford, Ronda Theaker, Sunny Matheson-Davies, Nicole Asquith, Tara Shaw, Anita Lo, Judy Fiebig, Lisa Chotowetz, Sasha Rybakov, Bonnie Thamm Evans (minutes)

Regrets: Reaghan Fortin, Roopa Makwana, Emily Stewart, Ingrid Clarke (Support Staff rep), Michelle Haiping-Wong

1. Welcome/Opening remarks

2. **Minutes** of May 1 and June 19, 2017 reviewed and approved

- May motioned by Eric, seconded by Ronda
- June motioned by Sunny and seconded by Eric

3. **Principal Report** – Kim Wagner, Nora Mazloumian

a) **Board Mission, Vision, Values** reviewed. LBP School Improvement Plan has 3 foci: Math, Mental Health & Well-being, and Modern Learning

b) **LBP EQAO results for 2016/17** reviewed: grade 3 only write the math component in French – 74% of LBP students were at or above the provincial standard; grade 6 students do the reading, writing and math components and all results were above the board and province results. A few years ago there was a steep decline in math, so LBP has made significant efforts to address and enhance math.

- Discussion: Liaise with LBP feeder schools to share our gr. 3 EQAO math strengths and needs and engage in sharing of instructional practices Liaise with Aurora High to obtain feedback on grade 9 EQAO results and exchange ideas across panels re approaches to math instruction in the interest of preparing students for a successful transition to math in high school

c) **School Council General Info**: constitution, by-laws, characteristics of effective School Councils

- Purpose = advisory role
- Ministry of Education policies re: councils are listed on their website:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html
- Characteristics of Councils: focus = to improve student achievement and well-being, to promote meaningful parental involvement; membership should represent diverse views; clear and consistent process for decision-making; members assist/attend tasks/events

d) Principal Profile – deferred to next meeting; the profile needs to be submitted to the Board by December 1, 2017

4. **Teacher Report** – Kelly Barbarich

- Current activities: volleyball, cross-country (lots of kids involved), Terry Fox Run, Jr/Int. Choir, Healthy School Student Club, Eco-Club
- Focus on 3M's (listed above in 3a): planning professional development, putting together a Mental Health Team; trial of choice of seating in grade 5 and 8 as modern learning – working well

5. **Treasurer Report** – Nad Milekovic (for Reaghan Fortin) + **7. Fundraising Plan**

- Reviewed 2016/17 fundraising and spending; \$52,610 raised last year through QSP, pizza & Greek lunches, loonie draw. Able to subsidize the picnic tickets so more affordable for families to attend. Other items/initiatives funded: Literacy, math, technology, science, art, JungleSport, music, athletics, parent-led clubs, skating, grade 8 graduation, yearbook, picnic, sport banner, Family Fitness Night, Angel Fund, Yard Painting

- In 2017/18 will disburse funds raised according to 3M foci for LBP (listed in 3a)

- Goal is to reduce the # of times parents are asked for money throughout the year

- Board will match funds allocated to technology – Kim to bring forward requests to next council meeting

- Note: LBP Picnic booked for June 19, 2018 (no conflicts between schools, with holidays, etc)

- Fundraising plan: QSP/magazines are declining but still helpful; have added cookie dough fundraiser (funds raised will go to support healthy school initiatives) – coordinator = Robyn Himelfarb; food fundraisers (pizza lunch – coordinator = Tina Shahed; Greek lunch).

- Coordinators required for: Greek lunch, Loonie Draw (at Picnic)

- Lunch Lady was approved again to start the year because no other providers were yet in place as an alternative – former issue of missing financial kick-back from program was resolved.

- Discussion:

> Suggestion to have **Kids Kitchen** come do a taste test and presentation – they can also add an extra charge to order items so that more money comes back to the school. > Suggestion was made to offer lunch options every day of the week, however, existing fundraising plan generates sufficient fundraising dollars to support enhancements to the school; we are selective of the enhancements we provide and are mindful of preserving instructional time for teachers

ACTION:

- _____ to invite Kids Kitchen

- Nad to put Tara in touch with Reaghan to create a communication to parents to invite volunteers to coordinate Greek lunch, Loonie Draw, student clubs, help buy for snack program, etc

6. Programs/Clubs

- Parents have, in past years, proposed clubs (mostly run in winter), but can only do so if supervision is available through the volunteer ship of a teacher; many teachers run other clubs/sports teams at recess, lunch, before and after school.)

- Past clubs have included: stacking cups, builders club, super readers, sewing

- **Robotics** club has started (coordinated by Ronda and Vadim): a lunch club is run in March for gr 5-7 students and then they apply via interview in June to be on the team as gr 6-8 students the following year. For this year, there is one team and they have to solve a hydrodynamics problem with a novel solution. LBP teams have often won at the provincial level.

- **Yearbook**: There is no teacher rep because the yearbook has evolved into an immense responsibility. Discussion: Suggestions to greatly simplify (e.g. each teacher takes some photos of their own class and each class gets 1-2 pages)

- **Communication** to parents: need a coordinator to send Council info/requests to parents – Tara volunteered

- **Healthy Schools**: student club led by Steve Sevel, adult committee co-led by Steve and Bonnie – starting up snack program again with funding from Food for Learning. Parents should still send healthy snacks for their kids, but the snack program is universal so any child who needs an extra snack can access it without stigma. Fruits/veggies are ordered by a provider who delivers, but a second food group is required by the funder – Nad and Eric volunteered to be on the roster to buy granola bars and/or dairy products from Costco as their prices are better than the other provider. Bonnie to follow up with Nad and Eric to coordinate, and ask other parents on Healthy School committee (if don't have enough volunteers, could look into Walmart, who delivers). Nad had food handler training several years ago, which is also a requirement of the funder. Need cooler bags to transport dairy products; school has sufficient fridge space (milk fridges).

(7. Fundraising Plan included above in 5. Treasurer Report)

8. Spirit Wear Update – Eric Mumford

- Order from NRG Active Apparel – good quality; not a fundraiser, but add \$3/item as a contingency
- Lots of parents already asking to order
- Plan to do a special grad hoodie again for grade 8's
- Plan to make order cut-off by Oct 27 so delivery date = Nov 15

ACTION:

- Eric to send details to Nora, so an email communication can be sent to parents

9. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- Awaiting confirmation of this \$1,000 allocation – will go towards Mental Health and Wellbeing this year

10. Council Election 2017/18 – Nad/Kim

- LBP has a 6-member minimum; Council constitution does not specify a maximum
- All submitted names were reviewed. Only those present could be elected.
- **Elected members** confirmed as: Nad Milekovic, Eric Mumford, Ronda Theaker, Reaghan Fortin, Roopa Makwana, Sunny Matheson-Davies, Sasha Rybakov, Lisa Chotowetz, Nicole Asquith, Tara Shaw, Emily Stewart, Bonnie Thamm Evans
- Anita and Judy agreed to attend as “Interested Parents”; other parents are always welcome to join meetings, too
- **Executive members:**
 - > Nad Milekovic = chair – motioned by Sunny, seconded by Tara, approved by all
 - > Reaghan Fortin = treasurer – motioned by Sunny, seconded by Eric, approved by all
 - > Lisa Chotowetz = secretary – motioned by Tara, seconded by Nad, approved by all
- Potential for an interested member to shadow Reaghan to learn the treasurer role

Next meeting date confirmed as Mon Oct 16

- Mondays are easiest for Kim and Nora to attend due to many other after-school/evening meetings they need to go to on other days

Future dates (proposed): Nov 6, Jan 8, Feb 5, Apr 9, May 7