

Lakeview Public School Council Meeting

Minutes – Discussion & Action Items

Meeting Details	
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 6:30PM to 8:30PM
Purpose:	Lakeview School Council Monthly
Participants and Regrets:	<p><u>Council Executive:</u> Melissa L (Co-Chair), Carrie R (Co-Chair), Alexandra W (Treasurer), Caitlin C (Secretary), Julie W, Jane Lefevre (Teacher Rep), Rebecca Shields (Principal)</p> <p><u>Parent Representatives:</u> Jenna N, Melissa S, Kasia B, Alexandre S, Shelagh M, Heidi W, Jen S, Tauhid T, Connie D, Sandra A, Sneh M</p> <p><u>Regrets from:</u> Kristy Banks (Teacher Rep), Rick C, Tracy N, Tracy B, Chris K, Shannon H</p>
Quorum:	<p>Total in attendance: 18</p> <p>Quorum Achieved: 16 out of 21 voting Council members in attendance</p>

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1. <u>Call to Order & Approval of March 8, 2016 and April 12, 2016 Council Minutes</u>	
<p>Melissa called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Before tonight’s meeting, Melissa e-mailed the minutes to Council. Melissa asked if there were any corrections or comments. None were put forward.</p>	
MOTION: Melissa L	SECONDED: Jen S
“To approve the minutes of the Council meetings of March 8, 2016 as written”	
ALL IN FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED
MOTION: Melissa L	SECONDED: Tauhid T
“To approve the minutes of the Council meetings of April 12, 2016 as written”	
ALL IN FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED
2. <u>Other Business - “Circle of Support” parent outreach program- presented by: Tara and Wafa from Pinecrest Community Health Centre</u>	
2.1. Centertown Health Centre has had success in meeting with parents to conduct outreach.	
2.2. Based on this program, Tara and Wafa have been reaching out to some schools in their catchment area.	
2.3. Someone from the Health Centre would come to the school on a regular basis. The school would provide a space where parents would come in and meet informally with the Health Centre. The outreach could be either group sessions or one-on-one to answer questions about different parenting issues.	
2.4. Topics could include: nutrition, child development, parenting styles, sleeping routines, etc.	
2.5. Tara and Wafa will forward additional materials to circulate to parents to gauge interest in the program and preferred times.	
2.6. Rebecca will poll school families and let Tara and Wafa know if this program is a good fit for the school.	

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3. Principal's Report

- 3.1. Rebecca was impressed with how well Mayfair was run, and appreciated how tidy the school was afterwards
- 3.2. "Walk in the woods" was today – grades 1-5 visited trails in the neighbourhood. Bus funding was provided by the OCDSB Enviro grant funding. The kindergarten students had a field trip to the Experimental Farm today.
- 3.3. Secondary School Review: OCDSB is looking at changing the configuration of elementary and secondary schools, and the equity of programs offered. May 19, Rebecca is going to a meeting to get more details on how the review will be occurring. Parental input will be gathered as part of the review process.
- 3.4. Lakeview's School Learning Plan (SLP) this year focused on reading comprehension. Guided reading was useful to the students, and showed some benefit. A more focused approach would have had more benefits to the students in terms of the teachers being more aware of student needs, and the students feeling that they are receiving a more personalized approach. Math may be the theme for next year's SLP, including exploring different strategies and approaches for finding answers to problems. The topic of focus next year would be decided through staff discussions.
- 3.5. EQAO takes place May 31 to June 3 for the grade 3 students. Students have 1 hour of testing each day in math or reading/writing. The math testing will be in French, and the reading/writing testing will be in English.
- 3.6. The projected enrollment for Lakeview next year is similar to this year. Three SK classes this year will mean a larger cohort of grade 1's next year. There may be a split grade 1/2 class next year. The JK and SK classes will be mixed together next year, for a projected total of 4 classes.
- 3.7. Rebecca has researched a Buddy bench for the school through the 'outdoor funds' from Mayfair. Rebecca has inquired into getting more colourful pavement painting. The broken basketball net will also be replaced.
- 3.8. Dress code reminders will be going out. Flip flops are unsafe and are better for home.
- 3.9. Jump Rope for Heart is on Friday, May 20. Rebecca is requesting help purchasing and slicing oranges. Sandra will lead this.

MOTION: Melissa L

SECONDED: Sneh M

"To cover the costs for oranges for the Jump Rope for Heart event on Friday, May 20, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$100.00."

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

- 3.10. The regional track and field competition occurs on June 6 at South Carleton High School. Council was asked to provide funding for the bus transportation.

MOTION: Melissa L

SECONDED: Alexandre S

"To cover the costs for bus transportation for the regional track and field meet on June 6, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$250.00."

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

4. Teacher Updates

- 4.1. The Equity Committee had a multicultural table at Mayfair. The previous week, the dual-language classroom reading program welcomed seven parents. Each class in the school was read to in one of three languages: Arabic, Spanish, or German.
- 4.2. The Greening Committee met and agreed on an order of soil and plants. Parents have volunteered to assist with watering over the summer. Each class will be able to plant their own themed container (pioneers, indigenous peoples, etc.). Planting will occur during the last week of May and will linked to the curriculum (social studies, etc.). It is anticipated that teachers will bring their teaching activities more into the outdoors.

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5. Mayfair Debrief/Report

- 5.1. Total cash raised was \$5598.95, including the lottery. The total raised in 2015 was \$7300, and in 2014 was \$7400. Lottery sales dropped significantly. The weather may have played a part in lower revenue. Treasurer did not receive receipts for all expenses yet, but expects to net about \$4000 in funds raised.
- 5.2. Council members are asked to help take leftover books to the Salvation Army after teachers have taken what they want from the children's books.
- 5.3. Suggestions for improvements/changes for next year should be sent to Mel L by email.

6. Leadership Report

E-MOTION (circulated on April 30, 2016): Melissa L

SECONDED: Julie W

"To cover the costs for bus transportation for Grade 1 classes to go to the Museum on History on May 25, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$400.00."

13 votes IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.1. Some changes will need to occur next year in regards to the way that Council-generated funds are structured and reimbursed to the school (i.e., consider funding pots for field trip busses, arts & science funding, TACE). Rebecca was also concerned that council is carrying over too much money from year to year. Rebecca suggested that any money beyond what is to be carried over to next year be placed in the school-generated fund account, so that items such as kindergarten classroom equipment, the technology plan and greening committee supplies can be purchased before the end of the year. All agreed that having more guidance from the school in regards to actual needs would help bring clarity to the reasons for, and structure to, fundraising. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.
- 6.2. Succession Planning
 - Julie W and Tauhid T have expressed an interest in co-chairing Council next year.
 - Jenna N has expressed an interest in serving as Council Treasurer next year.
 - Council Executive Positions will be formally voted on at the first meeting in September 2016.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Melissa at 8:38 pm.

Signatures

Melissa L. Lebel

Melissa L
Co-Chair

Prepared by Co-Secretary: Caitlin C

Next Meeting

****Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m.****

Send regrets to: chair@lakeviewschoolcouncil.ca