

Lakeview Public School Council Meeting

Minutes – Discussion & Action Items

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3. Leadership Report

3.1. Funding Motions to approve (if quorum is achieved)

- ACE Teacher funding for classroom enhancements (Teacher allotments are used for resources for each classroom)
- Some teachers have been using their allotments for magazine subscriptions which may not benefit classes all year long; Alex W suggested that council may consider funding the subscriptions separately in June at renewal time
- The teacher allotments have been calculated using \$150 per staff member, assuming 19 staff
- New expenditure deadline will be the end of January 2016
- An addition \$5,000 in funding is set aside for arts/science-related activities

MOTION: Melissa L

SECONDED: Tracy N

“To approve \$7,850 for ACE Teacher funding for the 2015-2016 school year”

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

3.2. Principal Profile – approval for submission

- The principal profile is on the school council website, and has not changed from last year. Council members are asked to review the profile, and if there are no changes by next week, Melissa will forward the profile on to the OCDSB.

3.3. Compost and recycling bins

- Donated gloves have been received at the school
- Blue bins have been located in the school for use during events
- Donations of smaller compost bin bags would be welcomed.
- Donations of newspapers for the Eco-Club are requested

3.4. Sound system issues

- The existing system is a few years old and was purchased for \$1,525, including two big speakers, stands, mixing boards, cables, etc. The system is too large and too powerful for use at the school
- An offer has been put forward to purchase this system from Council for \$850
- It is requested that a member of Council volunteer to post the system for sale on Kijiji to get the best sale price
- Research is ongoing for the purchase of a new system that would be more user-friendly. Trade-in of the old system may also be possible.

4. OCASC Update – presented by Tracy N

4.1. People for Education (Pfe) held a conference this past Saturday. Tracy N provided some literature for council members to peruse

- Pfe is a non-profit organization that supports public education and brings together parents, educators and trustees
- The keynote speaker, Dr. Alan Sears from New Brunswick, talked about educating students for a complex world
- Council discussed the possibility of having a student representative attend Council meetings. While there was general interest in the idea, further discussion is required to determine the most beneficial extent of student involvement.

4.2. Chris K was at the most recent OCASC meeting and provided an update (presented by Tracy N)

- Some of the superintendents responsible for proposed EFI changes were at the meeting
- Some parents at the meeting were supportive of the changes to the EFI program, while others were not
- Council held an open discussion on the proposed EFI changes
 - ◆ Theresa Kavanagh indicated that for the cohort of students currently in SK (50% French) moving to grade one (proposed to be 60% French, down from 100%) the doubled impact of less French time has been adjusted. In addition, the teacher’s Federation is not generally supportive of the changes. The meeting of the Committee of the Whole on November 17th is open to the public and parents are welcome to attend and voice their views
 - ◆ Concerns were raised regarding losing the French vocabulary of math. Many of these numeracy elements arise in other subjects, but the basic math language is needed as a foundation

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3. <u>Treasurer's Report – presented by Alexandra W</u> 3.1. \$5,600 in revenue and \$3,700 in expenditures were recorded in October, including Hot Lunches, Equator Coffee, Mabel's Labels 3.2. Movie night on November 6, 2015 raised \$480 (down about \$400 from the first movie night in 2014/2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Older students were less interested in the movie shown, resulting in lower attendance 3.3. Hot lunches and PayPal are working well and continue to reduce the workload of handling cash
4. <u>Fundraising Update – presented by Sneha M</u> 4.1. Upcoming events/activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Swag sale has been put on hold○ Council agreed on holding a gift card sale before the holidays. 2%-10% of gift card sales are returned to Council. 4.2. Hot Lunches/Popcorn <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Term 2 pita/pizza ordering forms will be going home soon with students○ The first week of popcorn being ordered through Hot Lunches went very well (just under \$3000 was paid for the year). A few students brought in cash and were able to buy popcorn on the day of the sale.
5. <u>Other Business – Open Floor</u> 5.1. School garden: a request will be coming for Council funding for additional equipment to facilitate garden maintenance 5.2. The procedure for parents to change their pickup/drop off/bussing details for kids in EDP has changed from last year. The new contact phone number needs to be posted on the school website. 5.3. Can the variety of LTPA lunch-time options be expanded? Carrie will inquire with Rebecca 5.4. A request was made to improve the communication of events, volunteer requests, etc. for parents who may not be online very frequently. The principal's telephone message deliveries are appreciated. 5.5. Concerns were raised about having the front door unlocked. Rebecca will speak to this issue at the next Council meeting
6. <u>Adjournment</u> Meeting was adjourned by Melissa at 8:45 pm.

Signatures		
<i><u>Melissa Lebel</u></i> Melissa L Co-Chair	Prepared by Co-Secretary:	Caitlin C

Next Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Send regrets to: chair@lakeviewschoolcouncil.ca