

Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2023

Attendance: Corrie H., Crystal N., Jessica R., Paula J., Sherry K., Brittney H., Rachel M., Anna H., Katharine S., Dana S., Paula S. (Principal), Lindsay M. (Vice principal)

1. **Call to order at 7:02 pm**
2. **Approval of November 2022 minutes** – approved by Katharine, seconded by Anna
3. **Any new business** - none
4. **Principal's report:**
 - a) Grade 6 immunizations took place at the end of November.
 - b) We had our December school assembly to review school expectations, share school news, hand out Draco awards, and acknowledge student birthdays (January school assembly was on Monday, January 9).
 - c) Report cards were issued online on Monday, December 5. No major issues reported by parents for accessing report cards.
 - d) Our poinsettia/swag fundraiser concluded in November and families picked up their orders. Things went fairly smooth with this fundraiser.
 - e) Thank you to PAC! The staff greatly appreciated the Christmas lunch from the Olive Garden. Thank you, also, for delivering it! It was a wonderful treat
 - f) Christmas concerts on Dec 13, 15 and 20 went well and were well attended.
 - g) Collections for hamper items and Koats for Kids were very successful! Thank you to our generous community for their donations!
 - h) Thank you to Mrs. Marsh who is organizing our Polar Bear Club for grades 4-6 students. Information and permission forms went home before the break.
 - i) Christmas break – December 22- January 4. Students returned on Thursday, Jan 5. Many appreciated the short week as a soft start to get back into the school routine.
 - j) Just before the break, it was announced by the Board Office that, due to the challenge in getting teacher subs, that LSSD schools will receive a “floating sub” assigned to them, until spring break, to help cover classes when subs are not available.
 - k) Change in dismissal time beginning January 5, back to pre-Covid bus times. An additional 5 minutes of class time each day was recovered!
 - l) December and January school newsletters were sent out and are posted to the school website. February's newsletter will be sent out prior to the end of this month.
5. **Vice-Principal's report:**
 - a) Polar Bear Club (for grade 4-6)
 - o permission slips were sent home before winter break. (80 permission slips returned so far)
 - o Optional outdoor recess when the temperature is colder than -27
 - o Students with paper copy of permission slip only
 - o Benefits of fresh air and physical activity
 - o Must be dressed appropriately (checked before going outdoors)
 - o May choose not to go out or come in if they change their mind.

b) February is “I Love to Read” month

- This year’s theme is: “I love to read about superheroes and hometown heroes”
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- Inviting guest readers and preparing activities for students to promote the love of reading.

c) Friday, February 3 – No School - In school Professional Development Day.

- Morning (Divisional):

- Virtual presentation by Dr. Ross Greene: the *Collaborative Problem-Solving Model*, which focuses on problem solving and collaboration and encouraging proactive rather than reactive interventions.

- Afternoon (School based):

- “Teacher, Take Care” book (well-being focus) and discussion.
- Professional sharing time with teachers from Mapleton school

d) February 6-10- Teacher/Staff appreciation week

e) Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day

- Details regarding class parties or cards will be communicated by classroom teachers

f) Monday, February 20 – No school - Louis Riel Day

g) Wednesday, February 22 –Pink Shirt Day

6. Projector funds – overpaid

- When we paid for the new projector for the school, the school division paid the company that we bought it from, and we paid LSSD back. Turns out the actual cost was less than what we paid and the company has reimbursed LSSD \$504.77. LSSD is now asking if they should send PAC a cheque for the \$504, OR just put it in the school’s spending account.
- It was voted on to keep the additional funds in the school account. All in favour.

7. Hot lunches

- Next hot lunch is Friday, then Jan. 31. Thank you to all volunteers!
- 247 families registered on MunchaLunch.
- Update on disappointing pancake lunch in Nov: Ted from Life a Little Sweeter felt terrible about our concerns (pancakes too small, crunchy, wrong syrup). He gave us a discounted price. Parents will not be refunded, but the surplus will be used for a special treat for the students later in the year. Possibly a Freezie day in May or June.
- The upcoming pancake lunch on May 2, will be changed to Dominos pizza. Parents will receive credit if they have already paid for pancakes and will need to re-order this lunch. We will communicate to parents soon.

8. Fundraising

- 50/50s at Christmas concerts

- Thanks so much to all our volunteers!
- Six draws. Total raised: \$1,740
- We bought extra raffle tickets but still have some, so there are extra tickets for next year

- **Couch & Parking VIP Raffle at Christmas concerts**
 - Total: \$352 (Parking: \$71; Seating: \$281)
 - Number of Parents who bought tickets: 30
 - More advertising might be needed next year

- **Next Fundraiser: Movie Night**
 - Movie night should be held before March 23
 - Snack boxes will be available for \$5. We would package them ourselves.
 - The movie needs to be voted on. Ask the students to vote?
 - Corrie and Dana were added to the movie committee.

- **March: Tenderloin sausages and Mr. Perogy**
 - Fundraising committee to begin planning.
 - We would begin selling Tuesday Feb 21 to March 3 then we need to have orders in to Tenderloin by March 8.
 - Bailee will send an email this week to the Fundraising Committee to decide on pricing.
 - Pick up most likely will be in someone's garage, so orders can stay cold/frozen.
 - Need to design an order form to send home with families.

- **Gifts for teachers:**
 - Email has gone out to the teachers (for the \$100 each to purchase supplies, etc. for their classrooms) and the cheques have been given to the office for reimbursing the teachers. Thanks to Katharine for writing all the cheques!

- **Shirts / pinnies for sports days:**
 - Admin discussed this with PE dept and it is not something needed at the moment.

- **Music equipment:** Mrs. Sowany checked with Ms. Kroeker and received this info:
 - Music has 9 guitars. They would like 24 (for a whole class set, two are being purchased, would need 13 more)
 - Price is approx \$150 per guitar, from Long & McQuade
 - We would need about \$2,500 for the guitars.

9. Staff Appreciation breakfast or lunch

- We delivered Olive Garden for staff on Friday Dec. 13, and Ricky's for even-day staff on Monday, Dec. 15. Staff enjoyed the lunch and appreciated it.
- Thank you to everyone who helped organize, order and deliver!

10. Library decal

- We still have not found anyone who could install the decal.
- Sherry looked at the decal and as it is now 3 years old, it appears to be peeling off the backing paper in spots. We are not sure if the quality has held up and wonder if it's possible it may not stick well. Therefore, it was decided that the decal will no longer be used.
- Paula J. has suggested maybe we hire a mural painter instead. She knows Rachel Lancaster who paints beautiful murals for a reasonable price. If we choose to consider this she could get some quotes. We would need to discuss what the design would be and the possibility of it extending on to multiple walls.

11. Financial report

Total in account: \$25,796.29

November debits:

- None

November deposit:

- MunchaLunch \$118.57

December debits:

- Dec. 2 - Scholastic \$1307.49 (book fair)
- Dec. 2 - Life a Little Sweeter \$976.00 (pancake hot lunch)
- Dec. 7 - Harry's Foods \$650.00 (hot dogs hot lunch)
- Dec. 12 - Dominos \$786.06 (pizza hot lunch)
- Dec. 13 - Olive Garden \$492.04 (staff appreciation lunch)
- Dec. 14 - Corrie Hutmacher \$60 (Tim's gift cards for bus drivers for staff appreciation)
- Dec. 22 - Sherry Kaniuga \$70 (Even day staff lunches – Ricky's)
- Dec. 22 - Sherry Kaniuga \$22.38 (2 rolls of raffle tickets for 50/50 draws)

December deposits:

- Dec. 5 - MunchaLunch \$383.69
- Dec. 12 - MunchaLunch \$282.69
- Dec. 19 - MunchaLunch \$111.00
- Dec. 28 - MunchaLunch \$55.04
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January Deposits

- January 3 - MunchaLunch \$146.31
- January 9 - MunchaLunch \$ \$1389.28
- January 16 - MunchaLunch \$406.56

12. **New business** – none

13. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:06 pm**

Next Meeting – Monday, February 27*, 2022
(Note: Meeting is a week later due to Louis Riel Day)