

## Lakewood Parent Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday Oct 4, 2021

**Present:** David VanLaecke, Marie Poss, Jackie Pickard, Melissa Mummery, Shannon Archer, Andrew Snell, Tatum Shantz, Lynda Otterman, Candace Mannen, Catherin Fekete, Kara Haist.

Agenda	Decision/Discussion
A. Review and Accept Previous Minutes	Minutes: Motion to accept- Melissa Mummery Seconded- Catherine Fekete Passed
B. Principal's Report	<p><b>Principal's Report – Oct 4, 2021:</b></p> <p>Since last meeting, staff and students participated in two memorable school events! Its so good to experience a couple of whole-school, face-to-face events!! Sept 29 was Toonie for Terry where students ran/walked/jogged the track during a 45 minute period. Many classes did this with their learning buddies. Some students wore “Terry Ran for Us, I’m running for ____” signs on their shirt. Unlike previous years where staff and volunteers punched a paper card of each participant to count the laps, students kept track in their head. Approximately \$1200 was donated by families and will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. Throughout the week of Sept 27, teachers presented readings, poems, discussions, videos and podcasts to move our thinking forward related to residential schools, the Indigenous experience during and after North American colonization, Indigenous Land rights, and Reconciliation. Materials were provided to all schools by our school board’s Indigenous Education Department. One of our Grade 2 teachers, Mme Dubinsky organized all the resources and developed a plan for the staff. On Sept 30, the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which also was Orange shirt day, we went outside after second recess after hearing some important though-provoking words over the announcements. Each class had made a banner (Every child matters, Truth and reconciliation, Chaque Enfant Compte, etc.) along with individual student thoughts marked on a handprint, a feather, or a heart. Once we took a picture of our student/staff, young classes actively walked as distinct groups on the track led by a representative holding their banner. Older classes walked down St George Street down to Dover Cliffs then toward Main Street where they continued down the sidewalk back toward the school. It was a beautiful day, with much support from neighbours, and vehicles passing by honking their horn in support. We felt that this first big step of actively doing something would stand out in the minds of the students as we all, as Canadians, continue to actively work toward Reconciliation. Its not enough for us as Canadians to support reconciliation by thinking about it. We need to work on reconciliation by doing. Many thanks to Mme Dubinsky for putting together such an effective group of activities for the students and staff. Anyone, Anywhere can</p>

	<p>contribute to Reconciliation.</p> <p><b>Upcoming events:</b>          Oct 4 – Junior Soccer Tournament          Oct 5- PA DAY (Young Canada Day at NCF)          Oct 7 – First Snack day, Intermediate Soccer Tournament          Oct 8 – The first school trip of the year and many other Gr 1-3 classes booked for Clovermead in Aylmer!!          **Expensive – I’ve already subsidized the cost by \$5 per child from \$25 to \$20 charged per pupil          Oct 11 – Thanksgiving Monday          Oct 12 – Norfolk Cross Country Run          Oct 15 – November Hot Lunch Orders are due on SchoolCashOnline          Oct 19 - Picture Day          Oct 29 – First Spirit Day – Orange and Black Day</p>
C. Committee Business	<p><b>1. Voting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer:</b> Melissa Mummery</li> <li>• <b>Secretary:</b> Marie Poss</li> <li>• <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Shannon Archer</li> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Kara Haist</li> <li>• <b>Community Rep:</b> Lynda Otterman</li> <li>• <b>Teacher Rep:</b> TBD</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Treasurers Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snack program: \$ 7,659.64</li> <li>• General account: \$1,693.73</li> <li>• Hot lunch: \$1,321.17</li> <li>• Outdoor Play: \$141.26</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Snack Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are specific organizations we can and cannot purchase from to reduce contact, as per COVID guidelines.</li> <li>• We must stay under approx. 5 grams of sugar</li> <li>• The snack program is an accessible program to ensure all students have a healthy meal.</li> <li>• Volunteers must be double vaccinated, and provide a clear police check.</li> <li>• Items are more expensive this year because we can not buy in bulk, but must buy individually packaged food.</li> <li>• Vaccine receipts only take approx. 48 hours to funnel from the school board to the principal for volunteering purposes.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idea from the floor- for snack program to only be 2 days a week currently in the fall, and then look at moving to 3 days a week in winter 2022.</li> </ul>
D. Other Business	
E. Business from the floor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Learning Commons Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tatum Shantz provided an update on the new Learning Commons, and shared pictures with Parent Council</li> <li>New ceiling tiles, paint, partition walls, flooring, etc</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Vaccine Clinics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am- 7 pm vaccine clinics are being held at high schools around Norfolk County.</li> <li>12-year-olds can get a vaccine without parental consent.</li> <li>The health unit did state that the age is deemed for 12 years old because at that age, you are able to make medical decisions for yourself.</li> <li>Currently, there are no scheduled vaccine clinics at our school, prior to Jan 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Fundraising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising Idea: ‘Laker Folk’ sweaters/clothing items update: We can have two colours on everything, and on the hoodie we can do 3 colours.</li> <li>Youth- t-shirt, hoodie and/or crew neck/long sleeve</li> <li>We need to determine the graphic for the “Laker Folk”</li> <li>The image could be: school anchor, fishing boats, lighthouse, vintage laker logos, etc</li> <li>We could get approx. \$10/item back to the school.</li> <li>We should determine a goal for the fundraising money</li> <li>Fundraising goal suggestion- track fund and outdoor playground maintenance.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa made a motion to purchase enough outdoor poppies from the legion, so we have 1 per classroom. The cost is 3/\$25. Kara seconded. Motion approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Strong Start:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kara reached out to Strong Start, and Jean Stacey is the regional program coordinator.</li> <li>• Jean indicated that she is in contact with the schools about when and how Strong Start will be able to begin again. When more details become available they will be shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Community Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to COVID, community events such as Turkey dinner, etc will be too complex to moderate this year.</li> <li>• David to look into a hot lunch turkey dinner option with Catherine.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Swim to Survive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swim to Survive program should be for grade 3 and grade 4's that missed the program last year. David to follow-up on this next month.</li> </ul>
F. Next Meeting Date	Next Meeting- Monday Nov 1, 2021 @ 6p.m.
G. Adjourn	Lynda motioned to adjourn meeting. Shannon seconded. Motion passed.