

Lakewood Parent Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday Sept 14, 2021

Present: David VanLaecke, Marie Poss, Jackie Pickard, Melissa Mummary, Shannon Archer, Andrew Snell, Lynda Otterman, Tatum Shantz, Emily Buckle, Shelley Speir, Candace Mannen, Lindsay Wall, Kara Haist.

Agenda	Decision/Discussion
A. Review and Accept Previous Minutes	Minutes: Motion to accept- Kara Haist Seconded- Shannon Archer Passed
B. Principal's Report	<p>Principal's Report – Sept 13, 2021:</p> <p>Welcome to our 2020-21 school year! Start-up last week was successful! Many thanks to families and staff for the preparation that went into getting ready for what's certain to be a great school year!</p> <p>I anticipated in June that our enrolment would be around 560 students, but we've surpassed that with new families to our school enrolling their children. Our enrolment is presently about 575 students! Welcome to all the families new to Lakewood Elementary School. If there is any re-organization to our school, it will be with the addition of a class after this Friday's student numbers are submitted to the Board</p> <p>Our organization continues to be 25 classes with JK-Grade 8 programming for both English and French Immersion programs. We have 48 staff this year.</p> <p>Over the summer, Pride of Place funds added blinds to 3 classrooms a pod of 4 new sinks in the girls' bathroom on the second floor and paint in the main foyer (this work has not yet been complete).</p> <p>Running club and Intermediate Soccer started up this week and I've already received a request from some teachers for a fall field trip! Grade 7/8 student sign-out at second lunch resumed this week as a privilege for those with a daily note. We will continue to practice safe procedures here at Lakewood in line with Provincial back-to-school re-opening guidelines. We are a school where students and staff can grow to their potential because of the support of one another and the parent relationships we have developed.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>Week of Sept 13 – Homeroom teachers introduce themselves to parents with an e-mailed video</p> <p>Sept 20 – Polling station for Federal Election at Port Dover Branch on NC Public Library</p> <p>Sept 29 -Toonie for Terry (now an item on schoolcashonline)</p>

	<p>Sept 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day - Chelsie)</p> <p>Oct 4 - 6 pm Parent Council Meets</p> <p>Oct 5- PA DAY (Young Canada Day at NCF)</p> <p>Oct 11 – Thanksgiving Monday</p> <p>Oct 19 - Picture Day</p>
C. Committee Business	<p>1. Treasurers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack program: \$ 7,659.64 • General account: \$1,693.73 • Hot lunch: \$21.17 <p>2. Snack Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack programs will resume, however, the board has not yet determined safety requirements for the snack program to resume at schools yet. • Suggestion for moving the milk program to a parent volunteer position/program. <p>3. Hot Lunch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on hot lunch for October currently.
D. Other Business	<p>1. Learning Commons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooring has been put in! • Just waiting for project manager to coordinate with furniture company to get the furniture delivered. • New tiles, lights, etc • Very exciting project, and we will be able to use the space soon!

E. Business from the floor

2. Mental Health Supports:

- Ministry had funding throughout the summer for families and children who need to have check-ins with a qualified social worker
- Social work support was available to children and families in need
- This is an area of support that is offered, and teachers know to look for children and families in need that may benefit from this support
- In addition, the focus for return to school at Lakewood is providing really specific tier 1 supports for children in the school. The focus is helping students develop a sense of wellbeing and belonging as we re-establish a sense of community.

3. Fundraising:

- Big Box of Cards (perhaps not feasible for this year, but next year to explore)
- Fundraising Idea: 'Lakewood Folk' sweaters/clothing items, and incorporating the school logo. Melissa explored this idea and they have a fast-turnaround. We just have to decide what the items would be, and then we would determine the cost of the items.
- We will have an order form and stock image of the clothing item for parents to view before purchasing.
- Santa Sale (revisit as we see what opens/closed in terms of guidelines)
- Garden Mum fundraiser idea- Parents purchase mums from a supplier and pay through schoolcashonline. Eisings, Handful of Joy Norfolk, and Creekside Growers are all local suppliers to look into.

4. Assemblies:

- Currently, only 50% assembly capacity of fire code, and each student needs to be 2 meters apart. Therefore we will not be holding assemblies currently.

5. Strong Start:

- Principal to look into this, and report back. There is a new liaison for Strong Start.

6. Team Sports:

- Intermediate soccer and running club has started up again now.
- Waiting to hear back from sports organizations regarding COVID policies for sports resuming.

7. Swim to Survive:

- Swim to Survive program should be for grade 3 and grade 4's that missed the program last year.

F. Next Meeting Date	Next Meeting- Monday Oct 4, 2021 @ 6p.m.
G. Adjourn	Marie motioned to adjourn meeting. Shannon seconded. Motion passed.