

Lakewood Parent Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday Nov 1, 2021

Present: David VanLaecke, Marie Poss, Melissa Mummery, Shannon Archer, Tatum Shantz, Lynda Otterman, Kara Haist, Robyn York, Alina Marsh, Abby Kitson, Lindsay Wall, Shannon Archer.

Agenda	Decision/Discussion
A. Review and Accept Previous Minutes	Minutes: Motion to accept- Lynda Otterman Seconded- Melissa Mummery Passed
B. Principal's Report	<p>Principal's Report – Nov 1, 2021:</p> <p>Since our October meeting, we have really felt a return of many things we have missed over the last year and a half within a school! Our Junior Soccer Team returned as A division champions from the Norfolk Elementary Schools tournament and proceeded to go to the board level tournament last week called CAGE. They placed 3 rd overall! The Intermediate Soccer team placed 3 rd overall at the Norfolk Elementary School tournament. Then the cross country team brought home 3 pennants for their overall excellence at the Norfolk competition which was then followed by many runners competing and doing very well in the board event! We are thankful to our coaches, Lindsey Beck, Meaghan MacDonald, Kevin Forneri, Jen Abbott-Smith as well as a few key parents who assisted!</p> <p>In addition to sports, we had a number of classes (all primary classes in fact) participate in a field trip this month! Grades 1-3 went to Clovermead in Aylmer and Kindergarten went to Brantwood farms. These were such great trips planned by the teachers and supported by parent volunteers, enjoyed by all the children, as was evident in their tired faces getting off the bus to return to school!</p> <p>Snack program is back! Running 1 day a week in October and today we added the second day. (Mondays and Wednesdays). Thank you to Kara Haist for coordinating this. It's a huge job and you are doing an amazing work to benefit our Lakers!</p> <p>Lastly, Friday was an important Spirit Day, and although we didn't get to do our Loonie fair, there was a ton of candy that students brought in to share with their friends, and there was clear evidence of school spirit with the wearing of Orange and Black, there might have been some games and a movie in class and the Grade 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to go to a dance with staggered entry amongst the 4 classes (max in the gym is 117).</p>

	<p>Volleyball season is Nov/Dec. Norfolk tournament convenors are putting together a plan to see what's possible with this indoor sport and keep schools informed.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Nov 5 – Progress reports and Kindergarten Communication of Learning (Initial observations) sent home Nov 11 – Dress your Best for Remembrance Day. Our school ceremony will be conducted over the PA system. Nov 12 – PA Day (no school for students) Nov 15 – Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Nov 19 – Spirit Day: Dress to show your Favourite Sports Team Nov 26 – Photo Retake Day</p> <p>Follow-up from last meeting: -Swim to survive (gr 3 & 4). Lisa Deserrano at the pool is waiting to hear if grants are approved for program. If we want to investigate current grade 5's participation in swim to survive that was not available last year, there will be a cost. Do you want me to gather that information and report at Dec LPC meeting?</p> <p>- Lawn poppies from Port Dover Branch of Legion – purchased for \$210 out of parent council general account. Will be displayed daily on school front lawn.</p>
C. Committee Business	<p>1. Treasurers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack program: \$ 6,657.73 • General account: \$ 1,483.73 <p>2. Snack Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are specific organizations we can and cannot purchase from to reduce contact, as per COVID guidelines. • We must stay under approx. 5 grams of sugar • The snack program is an accessible program to ensure all students have a healthy meal. • Volunteers must be double vaccinated, and provide a clear police check. • Items are more expensive this year because we can not buy in bulk, but must buy individually packaged food. • Vaccine receipts only take approx. 48 hours to funnel from the school board to the principal for volunteering purposes. • 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.

D. Other Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning Commons Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the furniture has been spaced and put in place • Kits are being made by staff • Projector and whiteboard are being mounted soon • We also want to hang up the artwork from last year • 20 devices donated by P.C. are ready and able to go in, once the L.C. is up and running. • Tatum shared photos of the LC. Space • Lakewood leaders organized the books, and are participating in the set-up. • David to look into a donation plaque for thanking those that helped with the L.C. 2. Strong Start: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been given the go-ahead to start Strong Smart again! • Unfortunately, volunteers (due to restrictions) are very limited. • We have secured 4 coaches, 2 will do the majority of the work – that allows us to support 4 students for the first round. Volunteers secured for Tues/Thurs. • We will start the week of Nov 8, and will start the 10 week program. • Strong Start will provide a ‘covid kit’ filled with PPE/etc • Online training is offered for Strong Smart, just reach out to Shannon if you are interested! 3. Snack Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids are so happy to have it back! • Stil unable to do fresh produce at this time, only packaged goods. • Snack program is going well though. 4. Hot Lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far it is going well!
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E. Business from the floor

1. Fundraising:

- Melissa shared information on the fundraiser - 'Laker Folk' sweaters/shirt update.
- Logos are created, pricing shared, and turn-around is 2 weeks.
- Melissa will move forward for this fundraiser, and send out the information when it is available.
- Poinsettia and cheese fundraiser- explore this week and look at logistics for delivery/pick up via an email chain this week.

2. Santa Sale:

- As part of the Santa sale, we normally have kids craft bake sale, and penny table.
- Will be virtual this year.

3. Swim to Survive:

- David to follow-up on the cost of this program next month, regardless of grant funding.

4. Turkey Dinner:

- Reached out to lunch lady about possibility of doing individually packaged turkey dinner meals.
- The cost, however, was astronomical.
- Also reached out to a local caterer, and are waiting to hear back.

5. GEPIC Update:

- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee
- Broadcast live to watch
- Have meetings quarterly
- Also a GEPIC facebook group
- \$500 Parent Engagement funds will be available for schools
- Rebranding of Grand Erie- learn/lead/inspire.
- Period Project- free menstruation products- this will be coming to elementary schools.
- Products are available in the washroom upstairs in a basket, but we will be getting a dispenser soon.
- The last discussion item was a speaker series through GEPIC
- Next meeting dates are: Jan 13, March 3rd, and May 12th

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