

Langley Meadows Community School Parent Advisory Council General Meeting - Friday, Jan 14 , 2022

Held via Zoom, on the traditional territorial lands of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo and Matsqui First Nations. Meeting called to order at 9:04am.

ATTENDEES

(Executive Members): Kim Olynyk (president), Chelsea Nestman (vice-president), Wendy Sjodin (secretary), Megan Streu (DPAC Rep), Robin Kungle (treasurer), Marnie Spry (MAL), Kara Powell (MAL), Meg Fildes (MAL), Jen Hillary (MAL), Paula Boyechko Vega (MAL) (General Members): Deb, Theresa, Ariana, Sandy. Special Guest: Principal Beth Cairnie and Vice Principal Ryan Neufeld.

AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES: Agenda approved unanimously. Minutes from December approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Principal: - Ms. Cairnie discussed planning stages for the 23/23 school year, and expressed the importance of making sure kindergarteners are registered before the end of March to guarantee their placement at the school. Family literacy coming up (virtual, this year). Bollywood dancing and Jersey Day are coming up. Emergency planning also discussed in regards to family reunification; parents are asked to make sure they have someone on the contact list who resides in the neighbourhood. Mr. Neufeld took over because Ms. Cairnie had to attend to other matters. The school would like to have community volunteers on an on-call list who can help in the event of a natural disaster, such as firefighters or paramedics. Ms. Cairnie came back to discuss the changes to contact tracing and exposure notifications due to omicron; she also outlined under what circumstances the school might have to undergo a health closure due to staffing shortages or directive from Fraser Health. There was a parent question about how kids can get caught up due to absences, and Ms. Cairnie stressed the importance of doing daily reading at home and asking class teachers directly for any missed work. Some discussion of when to keep children home when presenting with any type of cold symptoms.

Treasurer: Robin Kungle - nothing new to report.

DPAC: Nothing to report. No December meeting. Next meeting Jan. 20.

LMCA: via Chelsea: breakfast club - volunteers always needed!; yoga via zoom; family bingo via Zoom Jan 28; walking group; MOOSC open for Pro-D Days and registration available for Spring Break now; Nights Alive on Zoom; LMCA Wednesday Jan. 19 at 7:15 via Zoom; book club "The Lost Ones"; LMCA has a survey they'd like community members to complete:
<https://form.jotform.com/220016439083247>

FUNDRAISING

Fun Lunch - Marnie; all lunches unfortunately postponed until further notice; we are hoping that can resume by the end of February. Marnie mentioned the importance of supporting small, local businesses, and wants to get lunches running hopefully ASAP.

- Purdy's - Paula - went well (except for website being not very user-friendly). Happy to do again.
- Spirit Wear: Chelsea - orders are ongoing can be ordered throughout the school year, directly through the supplier's website: <https://yaphee.ca/product/lmcs35>
- Playground upgrading: in initial planning stages for replacing older wooden section of west (kindergarten) playground. Members discussed playground features we liked and where we could take inspiration from. Paula will look into getting some contractors to come give estimates.

COMMITTEES

- Christmas Committee - Kim - Christmas event and "Efl Hunt" were big successes and will probably be repeated. Will discuss in October.

OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS -.

- Ms. Cairnie is planning ahead for kindergarten orientation. She is proposing diverting the district funds which usually go to swag bags which contain supplies to “Welcome to Kindergarten” shirts (cost will be about \$10/shirt). Ms. Cairnie is asking if PAC will split the cost with the school. Kim put forth motion to spend up to \$500 of the PAC’s money to do this. Discussion: Several members expressed concern about not getting good value for money for this, especially if kids are not going to receive other items. Membership voted to table motion until we can more information from Ms. Cairnie and hopefully modify this proposal.
- Grade 5 Committee - planning ongoing
- Respect and Diversity Week : end of February (22nd-25th); children encouraged to wear a shirt which promotes diversity and inclusion (such as Pink Shirt, Every Child Matters, etc.) Chelsea will form committee to discuss ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am. Next meeting via Zoom, Friday, Feb. 4 at 9am.