

Lamont Elementary School Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 3:30

Attendance

Carmen Andruchow	Cherayl Dunphy	Sheryl Malica
Lisa Dyck	Stacey Boyko	Andy Cunningham
Julie Johnston, FSLW	Lyndsey Pearson (School Councillor)	
Sylvia McDonald	Melissa Aylward	Colleen Holowaychuk

1. Call to Order - Carmen Andruchow - 3:30
2. Adoption of Agenda - Adopted
3. Amendments - November meeting minutes are tabled until next meeting
4. Principal's Report - Stacey Boyko and Andy Cunningham

a. Parent Surveys

Elk Island Public Schools Survey - there is a link to that on the schools homepage - open until the end of the month - PALS through grade 6 - social media related

Accountability Pillar survey - This survey is an Alberta government survey that has a more direct response to our school. It is sent to parents of grades 4 through 6 students. The survey is mailed out and due back at the end of February. The school's ideal response number would be over 50 surveys. The feedback from this survey is used as a part of the school's three-year plan – quality of education, access to supports, preparedness for after school, parental involvement in the school, etc.

b. Requesting to reallocate funds that Council gave to the school for bussing at the beginning of the year. Would like instead to place \$1000 to breakfast program and \$1500 to book program. The School Board provided unexpected additional funding, so the school can put the additional funds

towards bussing and use the Council money for these other two areas. Cherayl Dunphy motions to split the money accordingly. Lisa Dyck seconds. All in favour.

c. Christmas dinner - thank you for providing that lunch - great job done!

d. Skating has been going really well - lots of parents are volunteering to help. Grade 1 teacher (Mrs. Janssen) initiated a plan to provide skates and helmets to kids without. The items would be provided to our school once all the proper measurements were provided. By doing this, we were ensuring all the kids that wanted to have a chance to skate, were able to do so. When it came time to start our skating program, the contact person for the supplies was no longer working at the organization and the additional sports equipment became unavailable. Because this was so promising, we will continue to look into something similar in the upcoming year - possibly look into the Fort Saskatchewan (Sport Central/Kid Sport) for next year - idea: equipment swap?

e. Valentine's Carnival - .25 per game - looking for money donations for cakes and raffle prizes (or donate the prizes) - Tues. Feb. 14. - 10 volunteers or more are required

f. Second job fair next Wednesday - some jobs will be refined/changed. Gives the kids a chance to keep their existing jobs or get new ones.

g. Jan 30 - Feb. 1 - Goota Desmarais - Inuit lady to do presentations on Inuit culture - seal blubber and whale blubber - has been in our school in the past and was very well received.

h. Rainbow Spirit dancers - June 12 - dancing and drumming presentation - 5 members to do workshops in the morning

i. E Sports tournament - Friday Jan 27. 32 kids signed up for the tournament this year - did really well last year

j. Ski Trip - Feb. 13 - Grades 4 - 6 - newsletter will be sent home soon

k. Teachers convention Feb 9-10

l. There are a few days off in February to keep an eye open for

m. Jump Rope for Heart - Feb. 7 assembly - Feb. 24 is actual jumping. The kids jump rope as part of their gym class for 20-25 min.

n. Feedback on Pictures - Pictures were good - lots of choices

Special Presentation - Handout provided

Lindsay Pearson - School Councilor

Once a week she works with a family psychologist

School counsellors work in individual situations or work in a group of kids to help solve problems (conflict resolution - getting along ), crisis intervention (sees a child up to 3 times and then if more is required, they will be referred to an outside help source), educational assessments and observing behaviour. Run social skills groups with students. Collaborate with community resources such as Boys and Girls Club.

*Anxiety (handout details were about this topic) - 25% of Canadians have some kind of anxiety disorder - becoming more prevalent in adolescents. Panic, social anxiety (where a kid won't know how to behave around other kids - this is the most common), Phobias, Generalized anxiety.*

Julie Johnston (shares time between the high school and elementary) - Family School Liaison

Facilitates the process of coming up with a referral for the teacher to fill out so the kids needing aid can be referred to Julie (various reasons: new to the school, family issues, bullying). Have a lot of resources available to help. Able to reach out to outside agencies - helps to get everything set up to have the ball rolling with agencies that are government funded. These can often lead into a referral for further assistance outside the school.

What about kids with stress - let's talk to FCSS - stations set up during parent teacher interviews so all families have an initial opportunity to talk to FCSS or similar agencies without the worry of being "singled out" or feeling uncomfortable with the admittance of requiring these aids. These tables would be set up where you could just stop and visit with the people manning the table.

Potentially Feb 15 or 16 from 6 -7:30 - Dr. John Stevenson to talk to parents about ADHD here at the school. Wants to partner with Parent Council for babysitters. Parent Council agrees that providing babysitting would be a good idea, to allow more potential for both parents to attend the meeting.

5. Town Council Report - Absent

6. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk -

- EIPS - parent survey - open Jan 9 - 30 - what we are doing well, what we can improve in

- ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) conference - April - there is a possibility that the board will sponsor school council members to attend. This motion will be brought forward at next month's meeting for approval.

- Nutrition Policy - new information being presented for the hot lunch, etc. programs. AP164 Making Nutrition Come Alive (admin. Procedures)

- Ministik School - Closure of school - motion to investigate the school closing.

- Budget/Reserves - it is very important for boards to have a very specific plan for their reserves. The Equity Fund is here to ensure all kids have the same funding for certain things. ie. extra money for bussing, so we can allocate our parent council funds to different areas in our school.

- How were the report cards? Generally, disliked. But will probably work itself out the more it is used, and parents get used to the marking system (the 5-

point scale). Other responses were very positive both from parents and teachers.

7. Treasurer's Report - Melissa Aylward - Read the report out loud. Motion to accept as read. Cherayl Dunphy seconds.
8. Hot Lunch Report - Cherayl Dunphy - no hot lunch in January - Feb. Breast Cancer - no pancakes due to the high cost of purchasing a mix that is allergy free. Dyed pink spaghetti with sauce will replace the pancake meal. Schinkinger Trucking will sponsor the March lunch - it will be green.
9. Fundraiser's Report - Sylvia McDonald - Gift Shop - ran out of stock, so had to go buy additional items for the next days. A few lessons were learned, and Sylvia has formed an "unofficial" committee to run the workshop next year.
  - VIP Meats - coming soon
  - April Seed order - in time for Mother's Day
  - May - next pizza order - please notify Hot Lunch ahead of time
10. Friends of Lamont Report - Absent
11. New Business
  1. Email list for meeting minutes - finding a way to have parents be able to vote, but know about it, and give them the option to vote. Could we put them on the website? This is probably the best way for our parents to have access to the minutes, once they have been cleared by the board members. Also, can be placed on the Parent Council bulletin board once it has been set up.
  2. Guest Presentations - Ideas
    - Stress - what can we do with our kids after they are helped at school? How can we further our help at home?

ADHD

Math Issues

Technology - "Rethink" is an app available

Autism Society

Fentinol - Drug awareness - Grade 6 do the Dare program

3. Bulletin Board at the front of the school - Volunteers? Yes, there should be lots of support in this area. Feel that it would be really beneficial.

12. Next Meeting Date Feb. 23 at 6:00 - Colleen Holowaychuk unavailable, no new business items. We will try to have all reports prepared ahead of time and printed in a package, so our meeting can stay very short to accommodate the possibility of having a presentation that evening by Dr. Stevenson. Waiting to confirm that date, however.

13. Adjourn - 5:08

Meeting minutes by Carmen Andruchow

Babysitters used:

Hayden

Emily