



May Parent Council Notes

Lakeview Elementary School Council

May 21, 2024

7:00 PM

Learning Commons

Board Members: Chair, Candice Beattie; Vice Chair, Koralie Sugimoto; Secretary, Lauren Granberg; Treasurer, Stacey Keraiff

In attendance: Connie Adserballe, Melanie McMurray, Candice Beattie, Koralie Sugimoto, Sam DeWall, Paige Rowda, Lauren Granberg, Genny Steed, Jen Carey,

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Introductions – Candice Beattie

Review of Minutes Approval of Minutes – change of fundraising note of last week, Connie will update before putting out

Approval/Additions to Agenda – passed

Treasurer's Report – Candice looked over information from Karla, fundraiser came in and field trips are going out

Grant money

\$250.00 - used to build professional learning

Still in good standing

Fundraisers were fairly successful

What was the overall? Unsure right now

Budget was \$10,000.00

Without treasurer here, Connie or Melanie will step out to print it for council to look over

\$10,000 was divided up across classrooms, about \$1800.00 per grade level (with the exception of grade 5 who had a bit more)

Administrative Report

Thank you coming everyone, Genny here from board

Lakeview Days coming in the first week of June – lots of great things planned

The Tuesday will need parents to help cut fruit

Friday is “Sunday”

Kona Ice will come as well

Hoping the sun will come out, days are really fun and kicks off the beginning of June

Celebrate we were successful (Melanie) spent a lot of time the last three years writing grants, just under \$4000.00 grant for outdoor wellness – using outdoor space for assemblies and getting sound equipment for the space

One of the biggest wellness grants

Digital Wellness Day tomorrow – theme is “away for the day”

Division wide – stepping away from our phones, challenging teachers along with students to step away from tech, using only technology for learning needs

Trying to be more intentional how we help kids view breaks, engage in old fashioned talking, and really quick for kids to want to go on their phones and disengage – trying to demonstrate intentional breaks

Digital Wellness – what makes up feel well? Social Media contributing to a lot of challenges for mental wellbeing and mental health

End of the year planning – welcome to Kindergarten Thursday

52 students are registered right now, which is less than normal for this time of year

Really good to have so many so early

Many of them are new to us, so we are going to meet them early this year and so we can have an understanding of who’s coming

Kathleen Schell additional kindergarten teacher

Saying goodbye to our grade 5 classrooms really soon

Lots of fun opportunities for students

Farewell on June 14th – all really excited of the new, big world in front of them which is exciting for us to see

Fun things of this month – grade 5 participated in the global drumming workshops, guests speakers for grade 4, Melanie Morrow came to set up tipi with grade 4, Grade 5 participated in microbits and coding activities, going to invest in more of that for next year, entering the final round of mandatory gov’t testing of those who were at risk in the fall will be retested

Enrollment – strong in kindergarten, going down in grade one and two

Two grade one, two grade two and a split taught by Lindsay Bedford: multiage classroom

New curriculum – all the main topics are the same all the way through elementary, they just do more with them – low entrance and high ceiling

Really fantastic professional learning day today, teachers worked on a few things – Assurance Plan – feedback from parents in survey was great – strength – welcoming school and atmosphere, caring and thoughtful teachers, things that parents wanted was more field trips, different fundraisers, Christmas Concerts, hot lunch and spirit days

Our goal is to work on the vision and mission and bring that for input from our parents as well and we want to build in more spirit in that. What kind of days that allow kids to dress up and have fun

Spoke a lot, Jen Carey is here who is super organized and will help speak to this – Helen Schuler is such a popular field trip is that it ties into the curriculum and is a high quality educational experience and affordable – ties into the things that matter to kids, accessible and they really work closely with the curriculum, the other part is the largest obstacle is the cost and they are constantly trying to find as many opportunities as they can on a shoestring budget. Trying to stay within the constraints of the budget – we would need a considerable amount more to do other things. Something to talk about in the fall, is the biggest obstacle. Talked about fundraisers as well and tied it into our planning

Three priorities

1. Students are empowered to reach their potential through building strong foundations in literacy, numeracy and critical thinking.

it's important not to change initiatives each year, but focus on a domain. We kept two that we still have work to do, we've already started this one. Imbedded collaborative time, structure for comprehension literacy program, common grade level literacy numeracy time, encourage online reading – SORA (connects them to the public library and can read online – have more evening events to inform families), schoolwide intervention time

A continuous working document that will be posted on the website on the 30th

2. Staff communicate with parents and stakeholders

We got very little direct feedback and lots of indirect feedback, this is where we are targeting

Parents as partners in education, board sits with the superintendent and sets out priorities, admin presents to teachers, teachers to parents, and posted to gov't by 30th

Always posted on the website, used to be called other names but been doing it for decades

How can we involve the school council? Revisit the timeline for student success

Interview times of October and March and what do you think would be the most beneficial for the celebration of learning – February or in May

Traditionally Lakeview didn't have a celebration of learning, but two interviews. This year they had an interview at the beginning and the celebration of learning in March. With the understanding teachers will reach out if there are concerns

Early February or May?

Waiting until May and then finding out there's a problem

Mindful of how many nights we're asking of teachers

Meet the teacher night, celebration of learning, additional four family events (divided up between teachers and have a cohort)

Numeracy/Literacy night as a week?

Literacy night as a check in?

Gym was busy, part of the purpose was for families engage with their kids

Numeracy Literacy night have very different intentions

Celebration of Learning vs New Stand Alone

What's typical in division – all do in October but in March it only gives you a half day so they choose between a celebration of learning or interviews

Looked into the calendar, typical is a celebration of learning in March – schools are doing either or We did a hybrid last year and this year the more traditional, the feedback is that parents feel the interviews are more valuable

February or May?

Teachers were really awesome about thinking how to use those family engagement nights, movie night and charge for snacks? Kids love to gather. A dance-a-thon

One night where we do board games, and being active

Teachers are doing a lot, this would be a great opportunity for the council to be involved and head it

Important to our teachers, to have everything laid out before the end of the June so we can plan accordingly

Hard for this council to decide, put it in for community building and which four events

Christmas concert – mindful of all culture but also mindful of teacher's time

Holiday Programs – two Fridays during assemblies (first and second of the month) k, 4 and 5 and one K, 1, 2 and 3 and those will made into special days where kids can dress up if they want to.

Talent Show as well

3. Foster learning environments to achieve student success
draft items listed and will be posted on website for gov't deadline

Feedback?

Wellness when it was grade 4 and 5 together

Opportunities across grade levels, difficult with numbers, grade 5s will be on their own

More parents on parent council – Karla is on that, Instagram and posting more regularly.

Even in your household, best, busiest weekend but you forgot to take any pictures, and often times that's what happens here and we're mindful of engaging parents through snapshots of learning throughout day

Every parent event is packed! Really well attended, meetings aren't for everybody, people do

come for food. Donation from Koralie? Increase parent engagement, really big decisions – this is a great place to gain a lot understanding of what’s going on in your child’s school. The student learner profile had nearly 60 responses which was incredibly helpful.

Year end – we are always looking for funds. We will look for school supplies and how do we help support kids who need that? We also will be looking for the year after (25/26) where we would like to start implement the supplies here for a fee. Mixed reviews from parents but we will want to push for that and introduce that for a fee. Hopefully we can get it down to what we need. Motivating our teachers, we can do more if we had more – offer it as a service instead of a fee and then you don’t need board approval. Couldn’t just throw it in for a fee, it’s a service not a fee.

Asking for parent volunteers for fruit with Lakeview days, waffle treat – Waffle Wednesday, volunteers to cut fruit Tuesday afternoon and putting it in bags. Tuesday June 4th in the PM, kitchen ready – apples, oranges, watermelons. Will have it set up and ready here

District School Council Representative

School Trustee Liaison, Genny Steed

April 23, 2024 Board Highlights

Biggest thing from the board is budget – today we did our public presentation, so that is on the website. Due to the gov’t by the end of the month and our board budget debate Monday Timeline is short, can give feedback up to Monday and there should be a big loop for feedback on it. Is the money going where we think it should be going? We hold up our assurance plans and budget and make decisions – that coupled with the feedback is how the board makes it’s decisions – if you’re able to take some time please get into that feedback loop

Another policy is up, feedback – board meets on the 5th to discuss, feedback opportunity we would love to hear from you

Assurance Planning – as a board we also spent a lot time on it, if you want to look at that it’ll be posted to the website at the end of the month as well once you see it you can e-mail trustees and they will look at it throughout the year

Reviewing the committees

Old Business

New Business

1. Year end planning

Sam did approach Canadian Tire and hasn't heard back from them, he will follow up with them

In the new school year, make a plan of how we partner with some businesses – if they don't come through that we should make a decision if we're going to use funds here

Recess equipment is important, we did look at some surplus funds that we have and we invested throughout the year in new volleyball equipment – brand new nets and posts, professional grade stuff. Trying to maintain, and using the yellow nets to go outside and also have access to those nets which we will be able to put in the courtyard on a calm day

Can reach out to businesses in the fall?

Running club wrap up – three more days, season was cut short – last day was May 30th – actually had very poor attendance 100 kids signed up and 50 would show up

Donation of sunglasses, and they are going to give out the glasses as the wrap up

Announcements/Questions

Candice's last meeting

Make a list of volunteers to give information to parents

Rallying volunteers – meet the teacher night, Turkey Bingo, Penny Carnival, five or six different things and they would rally people into being chairs and they would run these fundraisers. Never part of the school meetings but were very much involved at the end of that evening they would have 25 and 50 volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 PM