

LINDEN LANES PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Lynda Sumner, Kathy Bridgen, Lori McComb, Jenn Shields, Lorraine Gosseye, Amy Duthie, Samantha Pascal-Ahmed, Stephanie Bessant, Donna Gerlinger, Heather Dodds, Melanie Wallace.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 by Lynda Sumner

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 24, 2015

*Motion to approve the minutes; Jenn Shields, seconded by Stephanie Bessant

4. NEW BUSINESS;

-Hot Lunch Program; 155 in program, 96 participated. Seems to be going very well. The YMCA is not charging any extra as they have to pay their staff for 2 hours anyways. On the hot lunch days the staff arrive at 11:00 a.m. The hot lunch program runs weekly on the last day of the week. The food is delivered and the YMCA staff distribute the meals. Heather makes a motion to continue the program, Stephanie seconds the motion.

-The division is not putting in water bottle fountains anymore. Cost is around \$1600. The school could decide on the location.

-Will follow up with Stephanie about pinnies for the sports programs for 60 at \$15 each. Motion to pay for pinnies by Jenn, second by Lorraine.

5. REPORT FROM PRINCIPAL, Mike Kendzierski

-Have recently applied for a number of different grants. There is a Global Citizenship grant, It is part of a give back to the Community program within the school. Grade 1 & 8 classes will be going to Dinsdale. Also have a Healthy Schools grant geared mostly towards 5-8, bringing in different speakers. Had a singer come in that did some songs about Bullying. Will be bringing in some different specialists to raise awareness about mental health, physical health and emotional health. Will also be having some speakers that will cater towards the early years.

5. REPORT FROM TEACHERS REPRESENTATIVE; Donna Gerlinger

High Ability Learning Enrichment Program (HALEP) took part in a conference in Connecticut in the summer. Helping kids to focus on individualized learning. She spent a lot of time at the beginning of the year doing surveys with the kids and developing a Total Talent portfolio which was the put into a one page summary. Its helpful for the kids to be reminded of their learning styles. It helps the teachers with their lesson plans, and grouping of the students. She felt it was a great process, with great interaction from the kids. She is now using the information from the portfolios to do Genius Hours. She goes into the classroom once per cycle. Building of their interests and individualized learning. All kids from grades 4-12 take part in the survey to help develop planning for the school, which is Tell Them From Me (TTFM). This program is mandated by the province. Mike has been comparing year over year, and there has been some positive changes. The first round of Learning Clusters is underway now. The interest areas came from a survey done with the students at the end of Clusters last year. They also take into consideration the interest of the teachers. The groups are 12-13 students with mixed grades 5-8. The students had to pick their top 6 out of 14. There will likely be another set of clusters in April & May. Science Fair is underway now. There is a really good video on Individualized Learning on the school division website.

6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE;

-Next event is the Family Dance February 18, 2016. DJ is booked cost has gone up to \$350, from \$250 last year. The next meeting is February 16 where we will get everything organized for the dance. Need to send letters home asking for donations for prizes, and volunteers to help with the event. Lori is going to check on getting popcorn from the theatre and water from her workplace. Maple Leaf is back to donating, Jenn will check. Co-op is easy to deal with for donations. Will get more tickets from Leech Printing, Lorraine to talk to Cindy Moncur. Discussion around whether or to charge at the door. Decision made to not charge at the door for this event. Lorraine has supplies for the candy bags. Will approach YR kids about helping with the canteen.

-Motion to give the school \$5000 for Field Trips by Heather, second by Lori

-Mike to explore where we are on the waitlist for a Play Structure, and how much funding will be provided.

7. TREASURY REPORT:

-Teachers cheques have gone out to all the classrooms

-Vista is all wrapped up, profit was \$1,215.65

-Hot lunch deposits are in the account, one payment has come, three still need to come out

8. GIFT CARD DRAW; Winner of gift card is Melanie Wallace

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 by Lynda Sumner

Next Meeting February 16/16 to get everything ready for Family Dance at 7:00 pm in the school library.