



School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday December 11, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Meeting Location: One World Meeting Room (at LAFIPS) and Online Teams Meeting

Attendance

Chair: Robert Ayres Principal: Sylvie Blais
Vice-Chair: Vacant Vice-Principal: Pamela Hart
Secretary: Kayla Smith*
Treasurer: Amber Giffen*
Parent Members: Arif Ali*, Katie Big-Canoe, Rachel Bryan-Pulham*, Tulay Can, Matthew Stolk, Veronica Wilson*, Colleen Kelsey (virtual), Victoria Adeniyi (virtual), Mary Ann Bayang (Virtual), Suresh Shrestha (Zoom)
Staff Members: Julia Lantos*, Cara McCrae*

*regrets

Old business and Updates

- Declaration of any conflicts of interest
 - None
- Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda
 - Approved as distributed
- Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - Approved as distributed

Reports

- **Chairman's Report (Rob)**
 - No updates since last meeting
- **School Tour (Sylvie)**
 - Members who attended the meeting in person, went on a tour of LAFI after the meeting concluded.
- **Principal's Report (Sylvie)**
- *Food Drive:* Mme Chute's class continues to collect food donations for the food drive until December 15, 2023. Last year, over 1000 items were collected.
- *Parent Hour:* A Parent Hour was held on December 7, 2023. The focus of this parent session was on self-regulation skills and coping strategies for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. There were 45 participants at the session.
- *Holiday Festivities:* The Kindergarten rooms hosted their concerts on December 6-7, 2023. The Primary Concert will be held on December 20, 2023 at 11 am.
- *Kindergarten Registration:* The following update was provided:
 - English Kindergarten programming is offered as space permits in the FI schools.
 - Registration takes place between **January 15, 2024** and **February 10, 2024**. Those registrations received after this date will not be eligible for the random selection process and will be placed on a waiting list.
 - Parents can now complete the online pre-registration form on the TVDSB website. The admission process is made strictly based on random selection. The only exceptions are



- for medical or other support needs of students. This process is both procedurally fair and consistent with the Board's commitment to equity and inclusion.
- **NOTE: The Kindergarten registration dates were updated after the meeting to January 15, 2024 and February 2, 2024.**
- *Naturalized Play Area:* LAFI received the Neighbourhood Decision Making program through the city of London. Our project proposal won \$20,000 towards an outdoor naturalized play space in our school yard.
 - Phase 1 – Naturalized Climber; includes log rope bridge, log tunnel, log snake, log still steps, log crossing and climber
 - Phase 2 – Imaginative Play; includes mud kitchen, log water drop, xylophone panel
- **Treasurer's Report (Rob, on Amber's behalf)**
 - No major updates since last meeting.
- **OSNP Report (Rob, on Amber's behalf)**
 - No major updates since last meeting.
 - Note, the breakfast program is now on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- **Newsletter Committee Report (Colleen)**
 - The newsletter will be sent to the LAFI community after this meeting.

New Business

- **Parent Engagement (Katie)**
 - General discussion was had regarding parent engagement in the school community.
 - Future discussion is needed and a possible subcommittee may be formed.
- **Fundraising Subcommittee Update (Matthew)**
 - Goal is to begin a more dedicated fundraising approach in the new year.
 - Ideas include:
 - Partnership event (with Domino's or Wendy's)
 - Exploring Flip Give and gift cards/promo codes
 - Exploring Popcorn sales through Produce Direct food supplier
 - Explore continuing with 'Recipe in a Jar' (completed two years ago)
 - Continue to explore setting up a way for parents to donate items to the school (e.g., Amazon Wish List)

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Next Meeting

- Monday February 12, 2024