

Lisgar School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24 2022

Attendees: Sandra, Mary, Shannon, Shannon, Britany, Marshauna, Jenelle, Mehak, Amanda, Denise,
Regrets: Jennifer, Sam, Kathleen, My Phuong and Kala

Welcome, Reading of the Land Acknowledgement and Approval of January 2022 Minutes (2 Minutes)

Principal's Report – Mary Elliott (Time Required: 15 minutes)

- Introductions from Lisgar staff, Marshauna and Jenelle
- Fundraising initiatives – focus within board is equity and inclusion
- Class trips can resume. Staff is planning now.
- Graduation now called Commencement to focus on the journey, as opposed to the celebration. Staff can move forward with planning
 - o Meeting next week with commencement committee
 - o Commencement to take place the Week of focus 20th to 24th
 - o Details to follow
- Indigenous consultant – starting next week (Monday and Tuesday), Grade 2-8 classes working with consultant and outreach worker, to focus and learn about indigenous folklore through games
 - o Each class gets 60 minutes or 100 minutes, learning about indigenous culture and heritage
 - o JK-1 focusing on planting seeds, with the intention to move outside
- Presentations – Allyship grades 3-8, early April some external agencies will offer remote presentations that will be age and grade appropriate with a focus on how to be a good ally, how to be inclusive and supportive
- Branding in front lobby
 - o The TV has been secured to the wall in the front lobby. Intention is that students who are reading announcements will be posting to TV. This is a Smart TV, and no apple TV is required.
 - o Artist coming to create Lisgar Lion logo for front lobby
- Legacy project for grade 7 and 8, transition trailer, focuses on working with kids for trades, wood working and carpentry. Students can make different projects. Students have been asked to brainstorm ideas for courtyard. Voting to take place to choose ideas.
- POC group have been meeting (5 meetings so far) and sharing lived experiences, both Mrs. Donohue and Mr. Chohan facilitate. Students will be emailing local black organizations to be guest speakers.
- Positive Space group, current focus is on Transgender issues and to help build awareness with staff.
- Spirit Wear Hoodies – Grad hoodies coming this week or next week. Other outstanding orders to come next week when grad orders are delivered. Please contact Mary directly if an order or partial order has not been received. Delays are due to supply chain issues.
- Another round of spirit wear to be sold in April
- Inclusivity workshops to take place April 6 and 7

Chair Report– Aleah Sheculski and Kathleen Keenan (Time Required: 5 Minutes)

- February Art Showcase for Black History Month was a success and council donated funds to purchase 4 gift cards to Tim Horton's for 4 students
 - o Future month ideas?
 - April – Autism Awareness Month
 - May – Grade 8 Only Showcase - what Lisgar has meant to them, advice for younger students etc. (Or opening up to all students with same idea for Grade 8's, plus a "promise" from younger students to grade 8's on how to keep Lisgar a positive environment in the coming years.
 - June – Pride Month
- Community Ice Rink has melted for the season. Dylan H's parents Al and Denise had set up a sledge hockey event at the outdoor rink on the Family Day weekend, bringing sleds to give all participating children the opportunity to play sledge hockey. It was a great time!
- Discussion on allocation of available funds for;
 - o End of year class trips. Previous years we have donated \$5 or \$10 per student to subsidize end of year trip. Vote to take place via email
 - o Donation to Grads \$500
- Wish lists to be an ongoing live document to be updated when needed, as items are purchased or required

Agenda Items to Discuss/Follow up Required (Time Required: 15 minutes)

- Meetings to resume in person
- New Parent/Volunteer Opportunities to start early April
- Fundraising/Pizza days – to start in April
 - o Other fundraising ideas to be further discussed
- Open House event in May to be planned by staff. Parent council would like to set up a table for this event.
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- Spirit Wear follow up – please reach out to Mary if you have not received your spirit wear
- Graduation/Commencement details to follow
- Button Maker – has this been purchased? \$250 looked on Amazon
- Noise Cancelling Headphones to be purchased for Mrs. Santinon
- Book Fair to take place – staff to look into dates
- Scholastics book forms – are handed out at the discretion of the teacher
- Calculators – have been purchased and are in class rooms.
- Council Communication Board was hung during March break
- POC Group – can council support in any way?
- Primary Reading Cart – Ms. Brush mentioned requiring parent volunteers also, any updates for this? 12 bins of books. No volunteers required at this time.
- Sensory Room update – half way there, still waiting on items from amazon.

Teacher's Report – Sandra Santinon (Time Required: 10 Minutes)

Thank the council for the large donation for year end trips.

Treasurer's Report – Shannon Freeman (Time Required: 3 Minutes)

Opening Balance: \$3797.99
\$250, \$500,

March payment for gift cards for Art Showcase: \$40 (still to be withdrawn)

April payment for gift cards for Art Showcase: \$40 (still to be withdrawn)

May payment for gift cards for Art Showcase: \$40 (still to be withdrawn)

June payment for gift cards for Art Showcase: \$40 (still to be withdrawn)

Balance as of 2022-03-24: \$2823.05 - \$160 for gift cards \$2503.25 after grad hoodies

Open Discussion (Time Required: 9 minutes)

Safety Concern:

Entranceway to parking lot, frost fence, front of the school requires maintenance as it is a safety issue. A parent fell.

A Look Ahead (Time Required: 1 minutes)

- Good Friday – April 15, 2022
- Easter Monday – April 18, 2022
- Victoria Day – May 23, 2022
- PA Day – June 3, 2022