

# Lisgar School Council Meeting Minutes

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Thursday May 26, 2022

Attendees: Mary Elliott, Sandra Santinon, Aleah Sheculski, Kathleen Keenan, Shannon Goodale, Shannon Freeman, Brittany Ritchie, Denise Hierlihy, Amanda Zacharawicz

Regrets:

**Approval of March Minutes** – voted all in favor of approval

## **Principal's Report – Mary Elliott**

Freezie sales by Mr. Frail and Ms. Donahue for a new track and field tent was a success and the tent has already been purchased

Origami club has begun for Gr. 3's

POC group has been meeting weekly – looking to have some guest speakers come in for the group

Positive Space Group is ready for Pride Month and they are making plans to honour the month. Lisgar will be having a flag raising ceremony on June 1 for Pride Month.

Bulletin board display by Ms. Capoferri – “one sweet thing about my year is...” pineapple printout which give students an item to write about Lisgar to reflect on the year.

Trips are underway, kids have been excited about that

Spirit wear – supply challenges, to come up with plan for undelivered items, many parents have been waiting for their items to come in since before Christmas and the items they ordered likely do not fit, council suggests a credit for next year or refund.

Front foyer painting to be finalized with artist

Courtyard, waiting to hear back from Sherwood for students to price out two projects

Plants at the front of the school from Ms. Elliott's home garden. Ms. Elliott doesn't want plants that are too high maintenance because no one would come water them in the summer. Council offered to water the plants as was offered last year but Ms. Elliott is concerned there is only one key for the water hook up and will need to look into this. Council feels strongly that this would be an excellent volunteer opportunity for Grade 8 students to start earning their community service or parent volunteers to teach our children to care for the community.

Two totes were delivered to the school from the board to encourage inquiry in primary end of the school.

The newly installed Tv at the front of the school will need to be replaced due to an undisclosed confidential event that occurred at the school and will be replaced using more of the donated funds from Mr. Hazel. Ms. Elliott is still looking into having it replaced and the damage was beyond repair.

## **Chair Report– Aleah Sheculski and Kathleen Keenan**

Art Showcase is ongoing and June's theme will be Pride Month

### **Agenda Items to Discuss/Follow up Required**

Class building – Many parents felt that their children were placed in classes without their friends or with students they had known conflicts with. Past Principals advised council that class building took place with all teachers/sticky notes and students were placed in classrooms, as recommended by their current teachers. Council is confused about the changed in classroom building. Ms. Elliott advises that she always considers teacher's voices when placing students in classes

Grade 8 Commencement– Council feels strongly that this be held at Marquis Gardens to maintain the longstanding tradition. Lisgar has a \$500 deposit with Marquis Gardens from a previous year but Ms. Elliott has not heard back from them yet and has found it to be difficult to connect with them. Ms. Elliott would like to obtain a quote from them that fits the budget but advises Council that she does not have a number in mind. Council has offered Ms. Elliott the quote given by Marquis Gardens but Ms. Elliott wants to obtain a quote herself. Council offered to get in touch with Marquis Gardens again but Ms. Elliott does not want Council to contact Marquis Gardens.

2022/2023 Council Meeting Dates- Council would like to meet on Mondays instead of Thursdays due to conflicting schedules. Since Council has always been such a small group, we would like to offer a date that allows more people to attend. Council proposed Mondays but Ms. Elliott is unavailable both Mondays and Fridays. Council is considering Tuesday or Wednesday with the possibility of rotating each meeting if possible.

Chair Elections- Chair elections to be held on an agreed upon date in June 2022. Any members who wish to nominate/self-nominate any persons for chair are to do so by the first week in June.

Fundraising Allocations for 2022/2023 – Council will need to determine what we are fundraising for in the next school year. Ideas include: \$10 per student for class trips, stand up fans for classrooms, pinnies/t-shirts for sporting events, commencement dinner/dance photo booth, Spirit of Giving donation to families at holidays \$500, another tent for sporting events with Lisgar Logo on it, Lisgar Lion art on gym wall, class trip fund for students who can't afford trips, book order, pizza etc.

Fundraising Ideas/Items- Pizza Days, Cinnabon (vouchers available as opposed to actual buns), Poinsettias, Krispy Kreme, Pita Pit, Chocolate Bar, Wallyparr

Fundraising by classroom – Council inquired about teachers fundraising for their own classrooms and Ms. Elliott reported that staff fundraising needs to be planned at the beginning of the year as does all fundraising. Ms. Elliott reported that the teachers chose not to fundraise. Ms. Elliott also reported that the traditional Medieval Times trip did not go ahead because there was no fundraising done for it. Council feels strongly that this trip be offered next year as it is a great learning opportunity and a more financially friendly alternative to bringing an entire family to Medieval Times. Ms. Elliott maintains that this trip can only occur if there is fundraising by teachers.

Future Class Trips – Council would like an anonymous survey sent home to parents to get a feel for what trip costs are feasible and which trips would require fundraising assistance.

Pizza Days – Council would like to include pepperoni pizza as an option for the next school year and would like a dairy free option considered (Gino's) Council also feels strongly that the pizza purchases be left open each week to eliminate a monthly purchase. Council and parents expressed worry in ordering pizza for their children since this is the first pizza day they have had and didn't know how many slices to order. Some kids ate less than what was ordered and some ate more than what was ordered but are stuck with a month's worth of inaccurate orders. Council voted with 7 votes in favor for weekly payments. Ms. Elliott will take this vote into consideration but reported that opening the payment portal for the remaining 3 weeks would be labor intensive. Many parents didn't know that the ordering would be closed and appreciated Ms. Wallace briefly opening up the portal for them to pay. Ms. Elliott reported that she would prefer parents respect the timeline and not call in to have the payment portal opened should parents ask us what to do about ordering pizza.

Safety Concern- Ms. Elliott is looking into having the spot where a parent had fallen fixed.

Legacy Project/Transition trailer is being put on hold until next year.

Council would like to know the free food days for 2022/2023 so we can coincide with fundraising sales, ie: freezies, popsicles, icecream etc. Ms. Elliott will advise Council in the fall as to the dates that she and staff have selected.

Milk Program – Council would like to know if this program will be returning as many students miss having it. The fridge was a health and safety concern while in the hallway so it was removed. Ms. Elliott advised that she could think of a few ideas for a new location for the fridge but worries that this would be too big of a change since there have been complaints about too many changes. Ms. Elliott is still looking into what to do with the milk tickets that were purchased prior to COVID.

### **Teacher's Report – Sandra Santinon**

Book fair was a success, the kids were excited and can't wait for the next one. Volunteers were greatly appreciated. \$2500 was made and \$700 in books were purchased. The teachers were polled in what they wanted in the library and diversity themes seemed to be the most asked for.

The courtyard is now being used by the kids – they are sitting outside doing work and exploring. The story time trail will be changing next week by Ms. Brush and Where Oliver Fits will be the next story.

Jump Rope for Heart will be happening this week, weather permitting.

EQAU is ongoing.

Checkers club is still running with lots of participation.

Soccer tryouts happening next week with an upcoming tournament for Jr and Sr teams.

### **Treasurer's Report – Shannon Freeman**

\$2500 but that does not include some recent purchases.

### **Open Discussion**

Time did not permit for open discussion

### **A Look Ahead**

- May 31, 2022 – Senior Soccer Tournament (Grade 7 and 8)
- June 1, 2022 – Primary Soccer Tournament (Grade 4 and 5)
- June 3, 2022 – PA Day
- June 14, 2022 – Track and Field
- June 21, 2022 – Grade 8 Commencement
- June 23, 2022 – Next Council Meeting