



Ray Lewis Elementary School – School Council

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Meeting Minutes

School Council Meeting

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Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, 6:00 pm, School Library (Learning Commons)

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (started at 6:00 pm)

Ray Lewis Land Acknowledgment read by Marissa PT

2. Introduction of Members (Attendance)

In attendance for meeting: Correna Caton, Jessica Troop, Justin Szajnowski, Michelle Kell, Lindsay Schley, Stefanny Deroy-Gayle, Amanda Baxter, Natalie Walker, Ryan Fuller, Ashley Kerr, Cindy Fodor, Kaley Richarz, Marlee Ferguson, Oosha Bechar, Katelyn Cartwright, Alicia Close, Shahd Salman

3. Elections (Ballots) (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)

4. Review and Approval of Current Agenda

Motion to Approve September Agenda: Justin Szajnowski

Second: Jessica Troop

All in Favour. Carried.

5. Reports

Principal/ Vice Principal:

- Be You Be Excellent Board/Ray Lewis Incentive
- Our first focus is on Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation – which also aligns with many of our Boards Multi Year Strategic Directions (wellness, human rights, and building community)
- Welcome: Carey Grade 1, Desouza Grade 2, Vukosa Grade 2, Blackett ASD, Cosentino Grade 5, Gater LRT/D+D, Sequiera ASD EA
- Reorganization: Lost primary class/ lost 1.2 staff members and added a ½ split: no other affected
- Lines in front of the school buses – Zebra Walk Line Painted
- Update on tech policy PPM128 – it's going well, lots of compliance
- Students will be leaving school property for 2nd NB starting on Monday 23rd
- Gate at back field is getting replaced/fixed
- Accessible washroom upstairs (single use)
- ASD CLASS – new and welcomed 4 students/3 educators and a nurse
- **bring anti-discrimination poster**

Teacher Report:

Junior Teacher's Report – J. Troop

Extra Curriculars

- Recycling team has begun – This involves having a team of students (Primary Grades 2-4) going around the school twice a week (in teams of 3-4 kids) to collect recycling and replace bags. This is being run by Ms. Donaldson, Mr. Ellis, and Ms. Carey (LTO)
- Cross country has started (grade 3-5)

School Events/Trips/Important Dates

- Orange Shirt Day (Monday, September 30th)
- Terry Fox Run (Thursday, Sept 26th)
- Photo Day coming up (Thursday, October 17th) - changed vendor (Everest Solutions)
- Meet and Greet (Thursday, October 24th @ 5-7)
- Grade 2 team: Science trip to African Lion Safari (Thursday, October 10th)

Academics

- Acadience: This is the new, mandatory, Kindergarten – Grade 2 literacy screener. Teachers are finishing up their training on using this program/assessment, preparing to administer it over the next few weeks

Fundraisers

- Toonies for Terry Fundraiser – raising donations for cancer research
- Glow Stick Sales: Kindergarten team will begin selling glow sticks for the month of October, will be distributed on Halloween to raise funds for classroom materials
- Raffle Ticket Baskets: EA team is considering making themed raffle baskets (more details to follow)
- Oliver's labels: Kindergarten on-going fundraiser for outdoor education. See the code below.

Intermediate Teacher's Report – M. Ferguson

Extra Curriculars

- Student Council (consists of 11 students, current initiative is the Terry Fox Run)
- Mindful Movement Club
- Band Sign Up is complete
- Popcorn Sales Team
- Yearbook Committee
- Announcement Crew
- DREAM Assembly Committee
- Grade 4 Drawing Club
- Sr. Boys Baseball tournament is this week. Thanks to Mr. Green (parent volunteer) for coaching
- All 4 Volleyball teams have started trying out/practising for an October start
- Cross Country

School Events/Trips/Important Dates

- Intermediate Team has tentatively planned the Grade 7/8 trips for the school year
- November: Grade 8 Trip to Nora Henderson, Grade 8 Trip to Steam and Technology Museum
- Beginning of December: Grade 7's and 8's going to the movies to see Wicked

- Spring: Grade 7's and 8's to Dundurn Castle. We are also hoping to go to a Toronto Forge Game (if available)
- Year End Trip: Grade 7's to Adventureworks and Grade 8's to Niagara Falls (we had 100% student participation last year for this trip). Both extended day trips.
- **Academics**
- Rotary model for Grade 7 and 8 this year
- Intermediate Empower (Tier 3 Decoding/Spelling Program, taught by M. Ferguson) will start in October
- **Fundraisers**
- Toonies for Terry (as mentioned)

Chair Report

1. **Parent Engagement Funds**, we need to start to consider where we would like to use our fund. There are many options of where we can spend it including:

- Guest Speakers
- Translation services
- Open house information
- Magnets with the school information
- Parent Volunteer recognition events

We cannot carry the funds over to next year. Once we figure out what we are looking to use our funds on we forward our original invoice to the Board with our principal's approval signed to authorize our payment.

2. Meeting Dates:

- To be determined at our next meeting.

6. Fundraising:

- We are starting with \$655 in our main account and have \$1000 in our account for the digital board in the gym.
- Subs will begin sometime in October.
- Other fundraising will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, October 29th @ 6:00pm, School Library (Learning Commons)

8. Adjournment