

Lanor Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 24, 2016

In Attendance: Marian Wall-Ryel (Principal), David Robinson (Chair and Treasurer), Katrina Kenny (Teacher Representative), Pamela Gough (School Trustee), Emma Archer, Rosanna Aceto, Christine Paley, Caroline Boyle, Sarah Harwood.

Call to order by David at 6:35p.m.

Welcome and Introductions : (David Robinson)

Principal's Report: (Marian Wall-Ryel)

1) Staffing

- Currently 234 students
- ESL teacher Ms B on medical leave- will be covered by Ms Rainey
- Ms Rossi on medical leave, will be returning part time Dec. 12, Ms. Haidar will continue as LTO in mornings
- Ms MacDonald (band teacher) replaced by Mr. Quintyne

2) Facilities

- Kinder yard revamp almost complete- waiting for garden and tempered glass panel
- Crumbling colas has been fixed
- Water filling station installed
- Wish list- added to last year's wish of having benches in front foyer fixed-also a new gate for kinder and junior level basketball nets
- PA system to be replaced in 2017
- Video monitor moved to principal's office as Ms Lillie can see door from office
- PR- Video has been made to sell Lanor as a STEM centre- video is on Lanor website

3) Teaching/Learning

- Bucket Filling- as part of Safe and Caring Schools
- Public Health Nurse- training Grade 6s to be peer leaders- mostly to help Grade 2/3 students with conflicts. Will start in January.
- Animal allies assembly- well received- will host a STEM assembly every 2 months. Next one focus is "Birds".
- Geckos in Ms. Card's class
- Salmon Hatchery opportunity coming
- "maker-space" coming to the Library- an area where students can make/create/build- will be supported by the Engineer in Residence.
- New EV3's (robots) arrived; and also have new laptops containing a virtual robotics program- on loan until March with an option to buy laptops afterwards
- Robotics invitational held at Lanor today

4) School Improvement Plan

- School improvement plan was shared- three main focuses-Equity, Wellbeing and Achievement

5) School Events

- Grade 8s- trip to Sherway to Practice Independence
- Grade 5-8- Trip to see Varsity Blues Hockey Game
- Gr 8 Skill Competition at LCI
- Transition to Grade 9- All Grade 8s visited LCI
- Young Women on the Move
- Day 5 Basketball Intramural

- Slowpitch Tournament
- Me To We
- Senior Boys Volleyball
- Orange Shirt Day (aboriginal)
- Library Visit with Ms. Morton
- Officer Rich has visited Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 and is coming back for others
- Gr 2-3 Trip to Mountsberg (outdoor education)
- Art Gallery Trip- Gr 7/8
- City Hall Trip- Grade 5s
- Distillery District Trip in December – Gr 5-8
- Dec 3- Robotics competition at Runnymede
- Dec 13- Music Concert- Instrumental Gr6-8 (Mr. Quintyne has suggested a possible fundraiser to help cover costs of repairing aging instruments)

6) Budget

- This year's budget is \$44, 317
- Will get an addition Technology amount- but relatively small
- Pizza money uses- several things including: kinder grad, grade 8 grad, field trip subsidy, ski day subsidy, volunteer police check forms, parent volunteers on trips, TTC tickets.
- School Cash on Line- charges a 2% mark up- Lanow will cover this with their HST rebate

Trustee's Report: (Pamela Gough)

- Lanor slated to receive Gifted Program once numbers are there
- November is Indigenous Education Month- schools received a brand new resource for integrating Native Ideas
- Daily Acknowledgements of Ancestral Lands over PA system
- EQAO scores have been released on website
- Minister of Education- working on an initiative for student wellbeing
- Walking Initiative and Report still underway
- Eco Award- Pamela gives schools who certify \$350
- Fundraising Guide is available on line
- Next Ward Council meeting is Thursday, January 17 @ Islington- focus will be Child Care in Schools and Evolving Partnerships
- School by school inspection reports will be released on line by the Facilities Department

Chair's Report: (David Robinson)

- Lanor Wear- raised about \$100
- Halloween Dance- raised about \$400
- Spring Fling/Sock Hop interest- Emma to co-ordinate a date with Marian (April?)
- Scholastic Book fair discussion- Emma to help Katrina
- Principal Profile updated and sent- if you want to add, please send an email to David for ideas to be included when report is updated again
- Fundraising letter has been approved- discussion about whether to send in January or Sept. Decision was made to send in January.
- Movie night in Feb. Caroline will organize.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2017 at 6:30p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30p.m.

