

**Lansdowne Parent Council**  
**Monday October 23, 2023**  
**Location: In person in the library**

*Present:* Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues, Ashley Morrison, Rick de Guzman, Andrea Harrison,  
Wendy Zebrasky, Debbie Purganan

*Regrets Sent:*

*Minute taker:* Wendy Zebrasky

**1. Attendance, Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

- Meeting called to order 6:33p.m.

**2. Review of Meeting Agenda**

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

- Moved by Rick De Guzman; Seconded by Andrea Harrison

**4. School Admin Update (Jessica & Ashley)**

- See attached report (Appendix A)

**5. Presidents, Treasurer and Vice-President (Andrea & Rick)**

- **Halloween Dance:** Overall was successful
  - Approx. 590 people in attendance for evening dance
  - Grade 4, 5 and 6 had afternoon dance and options to play games in one room and a movie in another room
  - DJ Nugget took care of music for the afternoon dance and the evening dance. Great reviews for his interaction with the kids
  - SUGGESTION: for leadership students to wear something to recognize them as Leadership
- **Lunch Program Purchase:**
  - Moving forward, an inventory of indoor/ outdoor supplies will happen 2x per year (one is May and the other in October)
  - **MOTION:** *To approve \$2500.00 towards winter based equipment for outdoor play. And up to \$500.00 for Storage Solutions (two foldable wagons and 25 bins for each classroom). Motioned by Debbie; Seconded by Wendy.*
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- **LPC Accounts (Fundraising & Lunch Program):**
  - See attached report financial report
- **Elections:**
  - Elections will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out to families

## **6. Performing Arts Committee (Brent)**

- No updates

## **7. Other Business / Round Table**

- A question about will Lansdowne have any more fundraisers? Any ideas or suggestions can be brought up in a meeting or emailed to LPC email acct
- Staff will prepare a wish list and bring to March 4<sup>th</sup> LPC meeting
- Vocational programs start in Grade 8 and go to Stanley Knowles as there is more options then then Sisler. Grade 7's having a coding program they do at Lansdowne
- Many exciting things in the works: Indoor greenhouse, courtyard additions (firepit, shelter, locked shed, spaces to sit), teachers will be connecting with Forest school programming, teaching from a knowledge keeper, addition of an interactive board to be added

**Meeting Adjourned** – 8:01pm. Moved by Rick. Seconded by Andrea

## Administration Report

October 2023

Thank you again to our staff, students and families for your continued support during this year's school start up.

The Halloween dance was a huge success! We had a great turnout and were able to take many amazing pictures.

Currently École Lansdowne has 631 registered students for the 2023-2024 school year. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 2 detached portables were delivered to the school. We are told that they are set to be move in ready (we are awaiting the steps and ramps) by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. Two grade 4 classes (P1 and P3 (currently housed in the library)) will be moving to the portables. This will open P1 which will become a 4<sup>th</sup> gr. 1 classroom. The decision was made to open this 4<sup>th</sup> gr. 1 classroom due to high numbers and some significant needs. The term has been posted (Nov 1-June 28<sup>th</sup>) and we are hoping to start interviewing as soon as the posting closes and we receive the shortlist.

There have been some significant changes to the structure and staffing of the WSD Senior Management Team. As of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the transition of this new structure will commence. Below is a list of the breakdown;

<b>Marsha Missyabit</b>	<i>Divisional Kookum (knowledge keeper)</i>
<b>Celia Caetano-Gomes</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Professional Learning</i>
<b>Julie Smerchanski</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Innovation, Engagement &amp; STEAM</i>
<b>Rob Riel</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Indigenous Education</i>
<b>Mohammad Rezai</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Anti-Racism, Equity, &amp; Climate Justice</i>
<b>Shelley Warkentin</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Deeper Learning &amp; Rigor</i>
<b>Lorelei Bunkowsky</b>	<i>Assistant Superintendent of Inclusive Student Services</i>

Jessica and Ashley have a meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> where we will be advised of the assistant superintendent that will be overseeing our school.

We are awaiting a land drainage survey from the City of Winnipeg so that we can move forward with our track/fitness station capital project. Jessica and Ashley continue to be in regular contact with the building department and the Landscape Architects (Urban Systems). We are strongly pushing and are hopeful to have the project commence in the Spring/Summer of 2024 as we have the funding.

We have not received any word from the developers regarding the Northgate apartments in regards to the expected project commencement date(s).

In September and October our grades 7 & 8 cross country team participated in weekly practices and meets.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the vast majority of the students wore orange to commemorate truth and reconciliation. The grade 1-8 students took part in a community walk.

In October-November our grade 7 and 8 students are playing volleyball. We have a total of 4 teams.

The grades 5-8 students have started MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards).

Our grade 6 students continue to do a wonderful job as patrols as well assisting the younger students with end of day routines.

Our grade 8 Leadership Students have been great at helping with announcements, N/K bussing and pick up, assemblies and PBIS. They are currently organizing and overseeing our Koats 4 Kids initiative.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our first information session for the grade 7 and 8 Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa trip of 2025. Grade 6 and 7 students and families were invited to attend this session. We had over 40 families attend. We will have another information/question session on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. To date, 13 students have enrolled. Families that enrol by October 26<sup>th</sup>, will receive a \$200 early enrolment credit towards their child's trip.

We have asked the Building Department to trim/remove the bushes against the front of the school as we feel it poses a safety concern for our students.

**Upcoming important dates:**

- October 24<sup>th</sup>- Immunization clinic (grades 6-8)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> -Online school clothing order deadline.
- October 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween assembly. Sing along and safety presentations.
- November 10<sup>th</sup>- There will be a Remembrance Day Assembly/ Moment of Silence from 10:30-11:10 a.m. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red and/or black on this day.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>- Reports Card go home.
- November 16<sup>th</sup> (eve) and November 17<sup>th</sup> (day)-Tri-conferences/ Scholastic bookfair.
- November 22- Picture retakes and Royal Winnipeg Ballet performance

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the continuous support and generosity of our parent community.

Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues

Ashley Morrison