

Lansdowne Parent Council
Monday September 25, 2023
Location: In person in the Gymnasium

Present: Jessica Mayor-Rodrigues, Ashley Morrison, Rick de Guzman, Andrea Harrison, Wendy Zebrasky, Brent Johnson, Derek Dexter, Nathy Sonico, Reina Chuacuco, Dimple Roy, Rosario, Delgalo, Najwa Hamdan, Delon Colot, Leonard Batenga, Heather Stoddart, Arnel Bacani, D. Aprecio, Rose Torrijos, Sandie Warren, Michelle Warren, Marlisa Vergara

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

- Hard copies of Agenda was not printed but will have some printed for the next meeting
- Rick to email Parent list the link to find Agenda

3. Approval of Past Minutes

- Add Brent Johnson to May 29th meeting agenda
- Moved by Rick De Guzman; Seconded by Derek Dexter

4. School Admin Update (Jessica & Ashley)

- See attached report (Appendix A)

3. Presidents, Treasurer and Admin Reports (Andrea & Rick)

- **Chocolate Fundraiser** is going well; 388 cases have been sold. 70 cases still available. Chocolate company has given many great prizes. A reminder to be sent out regarding Chocolate sale deadline.
- **Lunch Program.** There are currently 20 staff working the lunch program. A notice will be added in the newsletter for opportunity to work for the lunch program; Microwaves are no longer being used due to liability issues, also the time it takes to warm up everyone's lunch; Grade 7 & 8 students continue to pay for lunch fees because there is no cafeteria or large space to supervise youth and they still have to be supervised
- **LPC Accounts (Fundraising & Lunch Program).** LPC received a grant from the Province called Building Sustainable Communities and one from City Councillor Ross Eadie called Land Dedication Fund. This money will be for the Track being built, outdoor Fitness Stations and Mini Soccer nets; Lunch Program money not only goes to

paying staff, but for school items (ie. School jerseys, digital message Board, Gym Mats with school logo on them, etc)

- **Halloween Event.** Grades K to 3 will have an evening dance held on Thursday Oct. 19th. Volunteers needed. Grades 4 to 6 will have an afternoon dance. DJ has been contacted, just waiting on confirmation. Suggestion to add extra garbage cans around the gym to eliminate garbage on floor. Food Pre-Order forms will be sent out.
- **Advisory Committees.** North District Meeting, French Advisory Meeting and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee need 2 representatives per committee from Lansdowne.
- **Elections** will take place in the October meeting for the following positions: Treasurer & Secretary. We are also in need of Parents interested in the Community Gardens Committee

4. Performing Arts Committee (Brent)

- Lansdowne has inherited band equipment from Tec Voc
- We currently have 2 music teachers
- Brent continues to advocate for resources for the music program

16. Next Meeting

- Monday October 23rd, 2023 at 6:30pm in person. Childcare will be available

Meeting Adjourned – 7:40pm. Moved by Rick. Seconded by Andrea

Administration Report

September 2023

Thank you to our families, staff and students for your support during this year's school start up. At Lansdowne our staff have been working tirelessly to ensure a smooth and successful transition into the school year.

Currently École Lansdowne, has 631 registered students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Due to the congestion near and around the school we continue to have 2 EA's currently acting as crossing guards before and after school.

Some highlights:

- Meet the Teacher/BBQ on September 14th
- Grade 7/8 Cross Country Practices
- Grade 7/8 Band has commenced
- Grade 5/6 Soccer Practices
- Grade 7/8 Volleyball is starting in the upcoming weeks
- Grade 6 Patrols are doing a wonderful job helping ensure the safety of our students
- Grade 7/8 Leadership students helped with P.B.I.S training, morning announcements and orange shirt day
- Lunch program has had a good start- Mary is serving lunch 3 times a week

- Students are in their classrooms, making connections and engaged in their lessons
- Library- Currently being used as a classroom. Portables are said to expected to be delivered during the school closure on October 3
- Courtyard Butterfly gardens in full bloom, N/K students playing in the courtyard to alleviate some congestion on the hard top.
- Grades 5-8 students are starting MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award).
- Our LPC is running a chocolate fundraiser. The fundraiser will end on September 29th.
- We are currently working on planning the Grade 7/8 Quebec trip (Spring 2025). We are having a parent information session on October 11th to begin the discussions with our families (parents of grade 6 and 7 students). Info will be posted on social media, email and in the October/November Newsletter.
- First Fire Drill on Sept 19th.
- Terry Fox Run Sept 26th- 28th (during Phys. Ed classes).
- IPAC map activities, presentation/activities and the Orange Shirt Day walk (Sept-25th on Sept 29).

We are currently awaiting on a land drainage survey from the City of Winnipeg. This has cause significant delays, construction will most likely commence in the summer of 2024.

We are fortunate to have the ongoing support of our LPC, and are expecting a wonderful and exciting 2023-2024 school year.

J. Mayor-Rodrigues
A. Morrison