

March 17, 2022

School Council



Time: 7:01 pm

Location: Meeting held at Lochearn Elementary School (and virtually on ZOOM)

In Attendance: Karen Beck, Christine Guiguere, Danielle Spencer, Kathy McNutt, Heidi Hetherington, Nicole Heath, Alexa Blish, Stephanie Anderson, Mary Gideon, Julie Fischer, Laura Henning, Bailey Young, Marion Cale

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of Minutes: Marion motioned to approve the minutes from the [February 10, 2022](#) meeting. Christine seconded.

Chairperson's Report: Laura reported on the Umbrella Council Meeting that was held on March 10, 2022.

- The focus of the meeting was around the new curriculum: K-3 Math & LA & Sports and Wellness.
- The Division's Curricular Director encouraged parents to vocalize concerns about this curriculum, that this is not the curriculum that School Divisions want. The draft has been piloted by only a handful of schools that agreed to test it and is not the one that will be used in September. Schools don't have the new curriculum yet, it will be released in April, after they have finished incorporating feedback. This leaves only 3 Professional Developments days to get ready to implement in September.
- There are concerns from trustees that there are no supports, ie. textbooks and other resources for this new curriculum yet, because the curriculum is not public. The Board has been advocating that this curriculum still has major flaws, and they are encouraging parents to get informed and voice concerns to MLA Jason Nixon and the Education Minister, encouraging them to scrap this curriculum until its worthy for our students. There is general concern that there are tired teachers and tired students after 2 years of pandemic, that now is not the time to implement new curriculum.

- Also at the Umbrella Council Meeting they went through all the schools and what is happening at each school for activities.

Christine motioned to accept Laura's report, Mary seconded.

Trustee's Report: Heidi also reported about the Umbrella School Council Meeting where they discussed the new curriculum, as well as best practices for school councils.

- Priorities to be included in the Division's Education Plan for the next 4 years were also presented. The priorities were: literacy, french immersion, classroom size.
- On April 5 there will be a School Council Association workshop, with the main focus being the purpose and function of the school council (*Secretary's note: there is more information about this workshop in the Principal's Report*).
- Government announced \$100M (for the province) to address loss of learning, wellness, and other results of the pandemic. At this time the Board is not sure what our Division will be receiving or what grades this money will service, but there is concern that the amount allocated to Wild Rose will not sufficiently meet the needs.

Christine motioned to accept Heidi's report, Laura seconded.

Principal's Report:

- Learning Loss Grant. Most recently received money for gr 1 (\$16K). Money was used to hire Mrs VanTol & Mrs. Malthouse to work with gr. 1 students on reading, writing and math.
- In person assemblies will hopefully be starting again soon.
- Field trips for June. Will be charging for bussing and cost. Parents are encouraged to update their criminal record checks, as they expire after 3 years. Letter provided for the RCMP from the office, no letter required for the child welfare check.
- Fresh Grade comments will be released tomorrow
- PT Interviews Thursday March 24: online, in person, phone call, stick to the 10 minute time limit to try and accommodate all families that evening.
- Report Cards for June will be completed in Powerschool. Fresh Grade is becoming glitchy, some parents noticing can't access Fresh Grade. An example of what the standard Powerschool report card looks like was displayed. All subjects will have just a term 3 mark and comment. Probably won't pursue a different report card option, will continue with Powerschool. Kindergarten and PreK will stick with SeeSaw. For other

grades, teachers will be encouraged to send assessments home after they have been completed instead of uploading to digital portfolio.

- School received a \$231 donation from the Co-op for the hot lunch program.
- Celebration of learning on Facebook. It was requested if parents would consider giving the school a review on Facebook (as people are shopping around for schools)
- Alberta school council workshop (see linked document)
- Question was asked about student absences. Student absences are down this week.

Christine motioned to accept the report, Laura seconded.

Upcoming Events: April 5, 2022, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, the Alberta School Council Association will be offering a workshop entitled "School Council Purpose". This presentation is about the advisory role of school councils including what topics are open for discussion at school council meetings, how to frame a “personnel issue” from a school council perspective and how to broach sensitive topics.

	<i>March 2022</i>
17	School Spirit - Dress in Green!
18	Freshgrade Comments Released
22/23	Kindergarten Grad Photos - 9:00 am
23	Open House for 2022.2023 Kindergarten Programs
24	Parent Teacher Interviews
25	School Spirit - Wear Polka Dots or Stripes Day!
28-31	Spring Break

	<i>April 2022</i>
01	Spring Break

04	Class resumes
21	Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
14	Non-Instructional Day
15	Holiday
18	Holiday
22	Earth Day 2022
29	School Spirit - Career Day!

Adjournment at 7:27 pm
Next Meeting: Thursday April 7, 2022 @ 7pm

Friends of Lochearn Elementary

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Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of Minutes: Marion motioned to approve the minutes from the [February 10, 2022](#) meeting. Christine seconded.

Chairperson's Report: (Christine)

- Society Status: paperwork was sent on Tuesday March 15, filed all required paperwork along with fee, hopefully we will be reinstated as society
- New email address: friendsoflochearn@gmail.com
- Proposed purchasing outdoor equipment for spring. After discussion it was decided that it would be best to wait until we are reinstated as a society before we do anything with money.

Laura motioned to accept the report, Stephanie seconded.

Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator: (Christine)

- Proposed having an end of year/welcome back to normal. After discussion, consensus was that Parent Council would try to be more of a presence and support the school's end of year BBQ and Fun Day. Invite parents to join for Fun Day, and advertise for Parent Council for next year.
- Candy Cane Fundraiser, money earmarked for playground.
- New Playground was discussed in light of the proposal for ERE and Lochearn to amalgamate, which will not happen in the near future. From conversations with the Director of Maintenance, playground will be moveable so that it could be moved to new location, once new school was built.
- Ideas for next year: create a piece of artwork and put it on a shirt, mug &

sell to family and friends.

Mary motioned to accept the report, Julie seconded.

Treasurer: (Bailey)

Deposit: \$768 (Purdy's Fundraiser)

Audit Fee: \$50 (John Sieppert)

Balance: \$12155.13

Pending Withdrawals: \$50 (Alberta Government Society Paperwork)
\$60 (Registries Name Search)

Balance: \$12040.13

Laura motioned to reimburse Christine for payment of the name search required for the Society Reinstatement paperwork, and to pay \$50 for the application fee. Marion seconded. Vote all in favour, motion carried.

Christine motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Laura seconded.

Hot Lunch/Milk Program: (Julie)

- Hot Lunch tomorrow, putting classes into boxes, so less sorting.
- 191 lunches ordered, 40 less lunches sold with it being online. Zero calls to the office about hot lunch. No physical paper note was home; was in class newsletters. If parents would like to make donations to the hot lunch program they can do so through the WRSD website and choose school, and put that you would like to donate to the hot lunch program. No option to donate when it is an online order form. Karen to look into it if we could add a donation to the hot lunch order form. Other school divisions, friends sending e-transfers. Next year we will have online banking, could accept an e-transfer for a donation. (Other discussion: Of 320 students, 16 didn't pay online for swimming. Parents that can't afford, then the office will make sure that every child will be able to participate.)
- Proposed date for April: Friday April 29 -> K2 attends. Runs at 10:30-11:15. Table adding PreK for next year.

Christine motioned to approve the report, Laura seconded.

Old Business:

- Secretary Update: There is a binder in the office that holds copies of the

meeting minutes, open to the public for viewing. With our new friends of lochearn email address we are creating our own electronic storage of meeting minutes and records. Responsibilities for different Society Roles were discussed, Danielle to send out Roles and Responsibilities documents.

- Bank statement, scanned and sent to the friends of lochearn email.

Wish List: none

New Business:

- none

Adjournment at 8:13 pm
Next Meeting: April 7, 2022 @ 7 pm
Minutes completed by: Marion Cale