

School Goal: We will facilitate a culture of engaged learning at Lochearn to result in greater success for all students in the 2017-2018 school year.

November 8, 2017

School Council

Minutes



*Additions to Agenda, Approval of Minutes*

**Chairperson's Report:**

Last night umbrella school council meeting our school runs well. School council to support and enhance student learning, how we go about doing that. Advising principal and parents.

**General meeting april 20th to the 22 in Edmonton, sign up?**

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**Trustee's Report:**

**New member Julie Andrew**

Accountability pillar came in, full report will come in in December. Lochearn is doing very well.

**Principal's Report:**

**Information Items:**

**Accountability Survey Results:** The survey included grade 4 and 5 students (119 students), grade 4 parents (16 parents) and teachers (19 teachers). We improved in safe and caring, citizenship and school improvement. We maintained in the program of studies measure and would like this to be improved for the next survey. We will work to communicate how we teach art and drama. Results showed that people were dissatisfied that we do not teach French and that we don't have specialists for drama and art.

**School Goals:**

- We will implement strategies that enable all students to develop and enhance skills in **literacy and numeracy**, including reading, writing, mathematics, technology, languages and media.
- Looking into these groups for grade 4 and 5,

Daily Literacy Groups: In grades 1, 2 and 3 students go to “daily literacy groups.” This is a time when groups of students come together to focus on a skill. It is intended as a quick intervention to support all students. We run it each day for 30 minutes and will continue 5 weeks. We have groups to help students learn specific skills like beginning and ending sounds, short vowels and long vowels and we also have groups to challenge students with reading and writing. We will also continue implementing levelled literacy intervention. This is a small group, intensive intervention designed for students who are not at grade level in reading.

In Numeracy we will continue to focus on number sense, common assessments, and assessment for learning.

**(look into a more in depth ending testing)**

### **Hopes to see math help.**

- We will begin implementing digital portfolios. In the past, we have sent home the blue portfolio binder at report card time. FreshGrade is a digital portfolio that allows for communication of learning in real time. This will help parents stay connected with their child’s learning and celebrate successes, as well as provide support in areas of difficulty. Freshgrade is a new learning tool for most of us, as 6 teachers piloted it last year and are helping to lead us this year.
- We will continue with inquiry (project based) learning which focuses on engaging, meaningful and deep learning experiences.
- We will continue with developing our “collaborative response model” which is when teachers, administrators and our student services facilitator all meet to discuss supports and interventions for all students.

### **FreshGrade**

- Makes it easier for parents to stay involved
- Great communication with parents and teachers
- Lots on input for teachers in younger grades but teaching the older kids to input info using wii video on chromebooks.
- Makes it easier for teachers to re-asses grades.

### **Professional Learning:**

- August- one teacher and two administrators attended a math institute
- August- two administrators attended a balanced literacy workshop
- September 1 PD Day- teachers attended a FreshGrade workshop
- September 29 PD day- teachers organized assessments, daily literacy groups and worked on FreshGrade

- October- five teachers and one administrator attended a literacy conference in Calgary
- October 6 PD day- all staff attended the division wide literacy workshop in Drayton Valley
- October- one administrator attended the curriculum development in Edmonton
- October 20 PD day- teachers learned about the new curriculum and we continued our learning with FreshGrade
- October- one teacher attended an assessment workshop
- October- one teacher attended a math workshop
- November - one teacher attended the Animated Literacy Conference
- November- one administrator attended the Levelled Literacy Intervention Training
- November- three teachers attended a Guided Reading workshop in Edmonton

**Past Events:**

- Umbrella School Council Meeting, November 7 in Rocky Mountain House
- WeDay- 15 Peacemakers attended WeDay in Calgary on November 1

**Upcoming Events:**

- November 10, Remembrance Day Assembly at noon in the gym
- November 17, Report Cards
- November 21, 22-Learning Conferences from 4:30-7:30pm
- November 28, Assembly at noon
- December 19, Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (Noon)
- December 20, Christmas Concert (Noon/K-2 parents)
- December 21, Christmas Concert (Noon /3-5 parents)

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***Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 7:00-8:00pm***

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**Friends of Lochearn Elementary**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

*Additions to Agenda*

Approval of Minutes

*In attendance:*

*Christine Giguere, Julie Andrew, Sam Leavitt, Laura Henning, Kim Ponto, Katelyn Doddridge*

**Chairperson's Report:**

Elections for school council : Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,  
How are we doing to volunteers  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Individual teachers can set up

**Reports****Treasurer:****Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator:**

Will give back money for one refund for dance tickets, add no refund to next tickets  
Dance made about 1500  
PT supper November 21st  
Purdeys order in tonight \$10,000 with of chocolate should get \$2500 back  
Fruit in the spring  
Teachers gifts at Christmas.  
Look into movies  
Valentine dance

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**Hot Lunch:**

Will send out an email for totals, maybe do a hot dog one for December.

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**Milk:**

Going well, do a milk draw and assembly \_\_\_\_

**Old Business:**

Ordering math/science resources and books  
Everything has come in but whiteboards will be in soon.

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**New Business:**

Peace keepers looking to do a book drive.  
Looking to buy new instruments.

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