


School Goal: We will facilitate a culture of engaged learning at Lochearn to result in greater success for all students in the 2014-2015 school year.

September 9, 2015	School Council Minutes	
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List of attendees attached

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes - Sam Leavitt

Introductions of meeting attendees, Superintendent, Principal and VP

Chairperson's Report

Next month we have elections

Trustee's Report - Heidi not in attendance

Principal's Report

Roof/Gym Update - report on WRSD website

Skating and DPA

Class sizes - under 22 students per class currently

Big Rocks: Engagement, Wellness, and Relationships

School website: lochearn.wrsd.ca and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lochearn>

Classroom Champions Program

Targeting grades Kindergarten through 8, Classroom Champions brings Olympians, Paralympians and Olympic/Paralympic games hopefuls (Athlete Mentors) into the classroom using videos and live chats. A kind of 21st century pen-pal, each athlete mentor adopts 3-10 classrooms per year. Focusing on their own personal journey, athletes teach about the hard work of training, goal setting, competition and perseverance.

Junior ATB Program - planned to start in October

- It's a small model based on the ATB Financial Institution.
- It teaches children the value of saving money, while allowing them to gain practical work experience. Students manage and operate this fully functioning branch within the walls of their school.

Grade 3 Student Learner Assessments Pilot

The [Student Learning Assessments \(SLAs\)](#) will provide students, teachers, and parents with

information at the beginning of the school year to plan for learning. Collecting and receiving the information at this point in the school year, rather than at the end, will serve as useful reference for everyone and enable collaboration between parents and teachers to support student learning during the year. *SLA Performance Tasks-September 14 to November 1, 2015*

Kathy McNutt provided information on pilot SLA process vs. old PAT and what some of the glitches were and what the information feedback generally was. Results are not made public because of it being a pilot. Parents can have access to results if requested by individual teacher.

2015-2016:

New Staff: Cristy Whalen (Pre-K and part 3), Tracy Orr (grade 3) and Kathy McNutt (part grade 3)

PreK- Cristy Whalen

Kindergarten- Wendy van Tol, Tracy Van Imschoot, Darla Milford

Grade 1 : Angela Nichol, Stephanie Van Steenis, Kerstin Wilbur

Grade 2: Don Keough, Wendy Davies, Arlene Brown (2/3)

Grade 3: Kathy McNutt, Elizabeth Chant, Tracy Orr, Arlene Brown (2/3)

Grade 4: Eric Armitage and Dean Milford, Erin Austad and Ryan Doan(4/5)

Grade 5: Jeanette Von Hollen, Mona Dueck, Ryan Doan (4/5)

Gym Teacher- Dean Milford

Music Teachers: Eric Armitage and Wendy Davies

Library will be managed by Wendy Davies in her non-teaching time.

Healthy School Challenges:

September

- 8-11 Plan a healthy meal for your family
- 14-18 30 jumping jacks each day
- 21-25 Drink at least 6 glasses of water each day
- 25-Oct. 2 20 min. of exercise each day

Upcoming Events:

- Assembly, September 29, 2015
- School Photo- September 21
- Terry Fox is September 25th at 2:15pm
- School Spirit Day September 25- Dress in activewear!

Skating Schedule

Mondays and Thursdays:

9:25-10:15 Grade 4, 11:19-12:13 Grade 3 and 12:13-1:00 Grade 1

Wednesdays and Fridays:

9:25-10:15 Grade 5, 11:48-12:42 Grade 2

Budget inquiry - will know final student count at end of September which will determine budget numbers. Will have more information at next PC meeting. So far we are down 22 students. Division in general is down about 100 students.

We currently have 4 EAs funded from student services and 2 EAs that were budgeted for reading intervention etc.

Concern brought forward about pre-screen assessment for Kindergarten, and that there was no meet and greet for new families coming into Kindergarten etc. Positive feedback about screening but for new families coming in etc. there was no opportunity to come and see classroom and meet teacher. Danielle noted.

Superintendent opened the table for feedback on late school start up this year due to construction issues. Parent feedback seemed to be concerns about general lack up consistent reporting. A link to more information could be provided for more information if parent wants to have more information. Parents have some skepticism about transparency on details because of past experience. Superintendents first day of work was Aug 1st, 2015. Reports are provided as of noon today for air quality on the WRSD website. Samples found to be acceptable. Service Master is the company that found asbestos and is the abatement company but they are monitored by an outside company (APSR) for air quality verification.

To make up for the lost week, we are still above the hours we need for instruction which is 950 hour minimum. We were already above 950 hours before the week delay so we are still okay. Requested again to have updated information provided at minimum on WRSD website. Estimated time frame for gym completion is mid October. General frustration about lack of communication or the way information is provided to parents about what's happening. Consensus was that we'd rather have too much information than not enough. Whenever school is closed for even a day, it has to reported to Minister of Education.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Friends of Lochearn Elementary

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Additions to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes - Sam Leavitt

Reports

Treasurer - Jamie not here to report

FundRaising/Volunteer Coordinator - Purdy chocolate info will be here soon, looking at October start. School dance will be postponed until gym is completed. Will have better idea of when gym will be done by October PC meeting.

Hot Lunch - Randi not here, nothing to report

Milk

_____milk prices going up 3 cents per carton. Won't completely cover the costs of the chocolate milk.

Motion: increase milk prices by 5 cents to .80 per carton. Sam Leavitt and everyone is in favor.

Old Business:

Family Dance in October- gym will not be available

Playground equipment - cannot get safety approval to have items built by someone. Tire swing would be the item most desired.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 12:48

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Lochearn School Closure Update

Posted on September 3rd, 2015



Construction on the Lochearn Roof and flood damaged areas is moving along as estimated. The asbestos removal work in the gymnasium is on track to be completed by Thursday, September 3. Staff will be entering the building on Friday, September 4 to prepare for classes on Tuesday, September 8. Throughout the asbestos removal process, ongoing air quality in and out of the gymnasium was monitored for the presence of asbestos. Not once during the removal process was contamination outside of the gymnasium found. These reports will be provided to the public once we receive them from the third party indoor environmental consultant. The gymnasium is on schedule to be completed by the middle of October.

“The closure of our gym will affect us but we do have plans in place to ensure our students still have the daily required minutes for physical activity,” stated Principal, Danielle Spencer.

“Students will all be skating twice a week, moving regularly scheduled activities outside and in case of bad weather an extra classroom has been reconfigured for physical activity.”

The roofing area to the south of the front entrance is on schedule to be finished by the end of this week and the interior work will be finished before September 8. The next step in roof construction will be on the remaining south & south west area. Weather permitting, this area will be done by the end of September. Metal cladding is starting today on site which will put the final touches on the parapet caps and final flashing details. Following that installation, the eavestroughing / downspouts will be completed.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact Secretary Treasurer,

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