

School Council

May 12, 2022



Time: 7:01 pm

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

In Attendance: Christine Giguere, Laura Henning, Karen Beck, Stephanie Anderson, Julie Fischer, Bailey Young, Kathy McNutt, Danielle Spencer, Heidi Hetherington, Marion Cale, Kristin McKenelley, Alexa Blish

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of Minutes: Marion motioned to approve the minutes from the [April 7, 2022](#) Meeting, Christine seconded.

Chairperson's Report: none

Trustee's Report: (Heidi)

- Board had a presentation from a community member hoping to have our school division ban symbols of hate within our division. The board passed a motion to develop a local policy banning hate symbols.
- Board approved in principle the changes made to policy 12 (Role of the Superintendent), so now it will be up for review by our stakeholders. Can be found on the School Division Website, feedback encouraged.
- Trustees had meetings with Red Deer Catholic and Clearwater County/Rocky Mountain House. Like to have these meetings to maintain relationships and collaborate.
- School Board had the first meeting of new First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Committee Meeting. Committee met with some elders to discuss possible strategies and next steps for the upcoming school year.
- Grade 1-3 Learning disruption Grant at \$478 dollars per Grade 1 student and \$490 per Grade 2/3 Student. All in we recieved \$381, 540 from Alberta Education.
- The final documents for the new curriculum were released on April 13th. As a board we do not support the implementation of the new curriculum.
- Since the easing of public health measures related to COVID-19 in March we continue to see 15%-20% of our students absent from school each day. Only 3% to 4% are reporting absence due to illness. Prior to COVID, our absence rates were typically below 10% on any given day. Our schools are finding it challenging to find enough substitutes for staff absences.

- School board has also started our annual Board tours.

Laura motioned to accept the Trustee's Report, Stephanie seconded.

Principal's Report: (Danielle)

- Budget for 2022-2023: 272 students, 16 preK.
 - Allocated staff: 13 staff members, higher class size in grade 3, won't be a combined ¼ class. No money for intervention, hopefully learning loss grant for next year.
 - One teacher transferring, Aleta Mason transferring to Charlotte Small.
 - Retirements: Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Huson retiring at the end of this year.
 - EA allocation: division allocated 3 EAs to Lochearn, down from 8. 3 students will get EA. 2 ½ time EAs for PreK.
 - Discussion around will more funding become available? Potential hot spots may receive extra funding. Costs are increasing that are out of School Division's control. Overall cut back of 20 EAs across the division. Of the 3 EAs that Lochearn will get, it will be determined which students those EAs will work with based on student impact profiles. Question was asked about how we shed light on this situation? Trustees constantly advocating for more EAs. Impact to Mental Health from the effects of COVID. Significant portion of funding spent on health services, less funding available for classroom support.
- Gr. 5 celebration will be in person on June 23 at 9:30 am. Grade 5 parents will be in the gym. Students watch from their classes, then Grade 5s will do a parade around the school. Fun activities planned for the afternoon, still working on activities, sundaes after. Gr. 5 field trip to Crimson Lake.
- Kindergarten celebration: K2 noon on 23rd, K1 22nd at noon.
- Moving to PowerSchool for third term report cards. In September PowerSchool will be used for reporting, SeeSaw will be used to share artifacts of learning. All classes will have access to it.
- Ned Show: kindness and never giving up. Sell yo-yos. Virtual show on May 26.
- Year end celebration, with bbq and games. Canlin Energy to provide food for 400 people. Parent Council help serve, need 5 volunteers, change garbages, help with food service line.
- Lochearn 5K run, May 27 need volunteers for crosswalks starting at 2/2:15.
- School goals: literacy and numeracy, math strategies in the classroom. Each teacher has an inquiry project.
- Report Card will be released on June 24th

Christine motioned to accept the Principal's report, Laura seconded.

Upcoming Events: none

Past Events: none

Adjournment at 7:37 pm

Next Meeting: September 15, 2022 at 7pm

Friends of Lochearn Elementary

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Additions to Agenda: Freezies

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Chairperson's Report: (Christine)

- Revival paperwork has been processed. Friends of Lochearn has been officially revived as a society. Next steps: make some money
- Staff Appreciation, last year allocated \$500. Christine motioned to allocate \$500 for teacher appreciation, Laura seconded, all in favour.
- Freezies for the 27th and last day. 315 students. Two purchases, because storage is limited. 12 boxes. Laura motioned to spend \$300 for freezies, Christine seconded, all in favour.

Laura motioned to accept the Chairperson's report, Marion seconded

Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator: n/a

Treasurer: (Bailey)

- April Closing Balance: \$12043.88
- Outstanding Cheque: \$61.25 (for Christine, Name Search for Revival Documents)
- Money Available for September: \$11243.88 (April Closing Balance, less Staff Appreciation and Freezies allocations previously discussed)

Hot Lunch/Milk Program: (Julie)

- 216 pizzas for April hot lunch day
- Free hot dog lunch in May from donation for hot lunch
- Monday May 16, start at 9/9:30 am for boiling hot dogs

Christine motioned to accept the Hot Lunch report, Laura seconded

Old Business: none

Wish List:

- Laura motioned to allocate \$1800 for teacher receipts for the fall. Christine seconded. All in

favour. Teacher's would need to have receipts submitted by Sept. 15

- Parent Council T-shirts, to make council visible when they are helping out around the school, Christine will look into T-Shirts.

New Business: (Karen)

- Karen attended a LunchBox by School Cash Online webinar. Opportunity to be a pilot school for LunchBox, owned by School Cash Online, similar to hotlunch.net (separate component, login). LunchBox is all connected to School Cash Online, only one login required. Can do pizzas, subs, milk program. Need initial information from school, specify vendors that you want to use. No minimum requirement to order. Fundraising component, added into the cost of items. Part of School Cash package offered to the school division. Vendor report issued to school on Sundays. Funding would go through the school and fundraising money would go to the playground. Getting student leaders to help with distribution.
- Bailey motioned that we pilot the LunchBox, Christine seconded.

Adjournment at 8:43 pm

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Minutes completed by: Marion Cale