

School Council
Thurs. Sept. 15, 2022



Time: 7:02 pm

Location: Lochearn Elementary School

In Attendance: Christine Giguere, Jackie Janes, Stephanie Anderson, Mary Gideon, Crystal Appleyard, Kathy McNutt, Karen Beck, Kristin McKenelly, Julie Fischer, Lacey Brown, Marion Cale

Additions to Agenda: Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Christine motioned to accept the minutes from the [May 12, 2022](#) Meeting. Marion seconded.

Chairperson's Report: (Christine)

- Welcome back bbq, 180 people attended. Small fraction came and got a hot dog.
- New volunteers needed for this school year. AGM in October 13, to post positions on FB and going home in home notes, need new people to take on positions.

Trustee's Report: (Jackie)

- Shared personal story about son getting 9 credits from a campout in Sundre, attending summer school through Wild Rose School Division
- Emergency Response Plan is currently being updated. Buses and schools should have an easy process to follow.
- Policy for hate speech, approved in a few days at upcoming Board Meeting.
- The Board and Superintendent travelled to Red Deer to meet Minister LaGrange. They were allowed to ask two questions,
 - AHS Speech travel to our schools for appointments. Currently, parents are driving kids into Red Deer to meet AHS speech pathologists. Minister LaGrange to discuss with Health Minister Copping.
 - Discuss can't get to 85% fill rate, can't get extra money. Got a name, financial incentives to get to 85%. Requirements to get more funding once we have data to get grant money.
- Possibility that there will not be a school resource officer next year, quite expensive.
- Complaints for school temperature, too hot or too cold
- Better process for supporting staff safely when working with unregulated kids safely, difference between reporting critical incidents and reporting an accident.
- Semi annual safety inspection to be conducted soon.

- New curriculum: K-3, couple teachers piloting new science curriculum.

Principal's Report: (Kathy)

- Completed the last of hiring for the school year.
- Welcome back BBQ was a success.
- Crystal Appleyard hired as VP. For PreK vacancy, Mr. Snyder filled in until they hired. Samantha Marshall hired for the position, coming from Smith (up north), will do PreK and PE.
- Welcomed Kristy Whelan as our new grade 1 teacher.
- Will continue to have separate recess, K-2 and 3-5. Less conflict, allowed to use both sides of the playground
- Donation from Little House of Hopes for \$1000, for hot lunch program
- AB Ed Assurance Measures, Overall Summary 93% very happy with quality of education. 91% Welcoming, Caring, Respectful (ahead of provincial average). Scoring low in the parental involvement questions. Concerned about why, looked closely at questions. Questions are about decision making about school, talked as a staff about doing a push about getting parents back into the school after COVID. Push to promote grandparents and other family members coming in.
- Newsletters/home notes: Staff have agreed to have it out by 4 pm on Sunday, to help parents plan the following week.
- 25 new students this fall, class sizes: PreK: 18, K: 45 (22/23), gr. 1: 44, gr. 2: 43, gr. 3: 60, (hot spot area), gr. 4: 54, gr. 5: 59 [possible solutions for grade 3: ¾ combined, part time gr 3, fulltime gr 3; waiting until end of September for final numbers]
- Provincial assessments, grades 1/2/3 literacy and numeracy. Have been given a substitute so that teachers can conduct initial assessments. (1 year funding promise)
- Learning loss grant, extending into this year, assessment will help identify which students will benefit from extra support.
- Grade 4 teachers, trying science curriculum
- Picture day this past week
- The Queen's funeral, regular school day, explained to students in announcements why the flag was at half mast.
- Terry Fox Run on 23rd, volunteers needed for crosswalk supervision.
- Orange shirt day. In the south of the Division Crystal Clark will be at different schools during Orange Shirt week doing activities with students. She will give a 90 minute presentation and conduct an art activity around the moccasin.
- Sept 30 will be the first assembly in the gym.
- Currently looking to revamp assemblies
- Book fair, October 3,4,5
- Halloween dance, October 20
- Oct 31 costume day, costume parade

Adjournment at 7:42 pm
Next Meeting: October 13, 2022

Friends of Lochearn Elementary

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Additions to Agenda: Hot Lunch

Approval of Minutes: Marion motioned to accept the minutes from the [June 16, 2022](#) meeting. Stephanie seconded.

Chairperson's Report: (Christine)

- Looking to find volunteers, need to fill chair/vice-chair/secretary/treasurer, teacher gifts and appreciation (Mary volunteered), Facebook (Stephanie volunteered), Fundraising & Events separate (2 to 3 people)
- Freezies for Terry Fox: Christine made a motion to buy more freezies if required, Mary seconded, all in favour, motion passed.

Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator: (Christine)

- Christmas Purdys: starts at the end of the month with delivery the week of Nov. 21, handed out by the beginning of December. Made approximately \$4000 in 2021 for Christmas chocolate. Kristin volunteered to do this fundraising job.
- Wrapping Paper: this has been initiated for this Christmas (last year made \$2000)
- Consider hanging baskets in the spring.
- Dance on October 20th, make a playlist, popcorn maker, smoke machine, volunteers to do bake sale, water bottles, sold glow sticks, candy bags donated
- Bailey motioned to allocate \$200 to spend for dance supplies, Lacey seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

Treasurer: (Bailey)

- 2 cheques outstanding: \$49.05
- Teacher money \$1500 outstanding
- Current Balance: \$9640.79
- Consider giving money in another form to teachers. Please extend offer to newest teacher
- Coffee machine in staffroom stopped working. Kathy replaced it out of pocket (\$180). Christine motioned to reimburse Kathy, Bailey seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

Hot Lunch/Milk Program: (Karen & Julie)

- Karen has been in conversation with Matthew (contact from School Cash Lunch Program). We would be the first school to try this in Alberta. Terms and conditions were sticky in terms of FOIP and vendors having lists of students when they go out to businesses for quote. Been in discussion with division office and have reached better terms. Doesn't look like it will happen for October. ERE uses hotlunch.net (separate system, whereas the one we want to try is connected to School Cash Online)
- Pizza day on Thursday October 6th. Julie to coordinate. Hot Lunch will open on September 20th until October 3rd. **Action: Julie to contact Boston Pizza about date availability. Kathy to send student lists to Julie.**
- Christine motioned to spend \$100 to buy additional pizzas, Mary seconded.

Old Business:

- Alberta Musical Theatre Group, School Performance, **Action: Kathy to send another email to inquire about dates.**

Wish List:

Coffee pot: Friends of Locheam to reimburse Kathy.

Adjournment at 8:31 pm
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Minutes completed by: Marion Cale