

Lakewood Parent Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 11, 2017

Agenda	Decision/Discussion
A. Review and Accept Previous Minutes	Minutes- Motion to accept-Catherine Fekete Seconded- Angie Long Passed

B. Principal's Report	<p>Mr. Van Laecke introduced himself and requested that parents call him David. He outlined his roots in Norfolk County and his enthusiasm for his new position at Lakewood.</p> <p>Principal's Report-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School organization – dual track school for 2017-18 school year: 517 students altogether English program JK-G8 (17 classes); French Immersion program JK-G6 (5 classes). 42 staff, including teachers, ECE, EA, admin, clerical and custodial - Lots of new faces – 12 new staff, new kindergarten and all FI students, as well as new students and families to the community. This means a big change to our school community. It will take time to adjust as we all get to know one another. - Over the summer, facility dept was busy with considerable financial investment of the facility: upstairs classrooms all had ceiling fans installed and office floors were replaced through POP funds, an outdoor classroom was constructed through CPIP funds, the scoreboard was refaced thanks to Mrs. Rodgers and funds from Blood, Sweat and Cheers. While all this was going on, our school custodian Brian Pickard and afternoon caretaker Kyle Haskett focussed on summer clean-up of all areas of our school. Locker removal of the primary wing on the second floor has taken place and temporary panels of hooks have been secured for storage of student belongings. Framing of bulkheads and strapping of walls will soon start so the spaces can be ready for drywall, painting and installation of shelves with integrated hooks later this fall. I hope to have this work done by November, but that is certainly a tentative target date. - Teachers started preparing classrooms as early as the third week of August. - Due to everyone's preparation, we welcomed students last Tuesday to our school to start our new school year. So many eager happy faces, ready to return to school, or for many start at a new school! - I'm moving in the direction of school purchases completed only through schoolcashonline. Given the large enrolment number and the extensive amount of time, as well as multitude of steps involved with handling cash, we need to be more efficient. Nov 1 is my target date, using these next two months to transition. Instructions on the school website. Accepting both cash and cashless is more work, but for a short period of time we can do it this way to support the need for a transition. - Volunteering in schools requires a police check including the vulnerable sector component (letter to take to police station is available at office – free service, but can take up to 6 weeks sometimes to get back: good for 3 yrs now) PLUS declaration of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities(AODA) training submitted to office. Instruction is on the school website. (Within the tabs, click on MORE and the links are in the Volunteers subtab – watch the videos then complete the declaration and print it off and submit it to Mrs. Bradshaw. - New platform of school websites. Lakewood's is www.granderie.ca/schools/lakewood – new to us, not yet fully updated to reflect what we want it to include – a work in progress
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	<p>- Upcoming activities: A) Meet the teacher BBQ Wed Sept 13 5-6:30 B) PA day – Sept 15 C) Terry Fox Run Sept 28</p>
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C. Committee Business	<p>Parking Lot/School Entry- Questions raised regarding back parking lot and safety issue. David requested parent volunteers to come together to problem solve. Discussion about front door walker policy as potential for adding to foot traffic and congestion at the back of the school, David will consider options. Catherine Fekete and Ange Long will collect names of parents who are interested in finding solutions. Safe Schools policies will be maintained.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report- Accounts- Hot lunch- \$0, Snack- \$2128.54, LPC- 1562.35 Catherine shared that Hot Lunch monies go to directly fund Snack Program. LPC has previously committed to purchasing. Of the balance that is in general account, the first expense is for the parent/teacher barbecue.</p> <p>Snack Program- Will continue this year 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Snack will start in October, volunteers are needed. This week's Tim Horton's smile cookies to go the Child Nutrition Network that supports the Snack Program. Last year the Snack Program cost approximately \$10,000, the program also supplies emergency food bins for children in need.</p> <p>Police Check- School practice is that police checks are now good for 3 years, any on file will be included.</p> <p>Hot Lunch- Will continue every Tuesday and Friday. We will continue to offer a variety of foods from different vendors. There will be online order forms and David is hoping to have all orders cashless by November 1, 2017.</p>
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D. Other Business	<p>Strong Start- Last year had almost 20 students succeed in achieving improved reading. Will continue to require parent volunteers and one teacher to assess the students.</p> <p>Friday the 13th- Potential for parking for motorcycles, LPC volunteers would be needed.</p> <p>Dates for Events- Halloween Family Dance- October 27, 2017 Santa Sale- December 2, 2017 Turkey Dinner- Tuesday December 19, 2017 Parent Reaching Out Event- TBA if granted funds</p> <p>Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser- We did this last year, would like to do this again if someone was willing to spearhead. Supporting local farmers.</p> <p>Book Fair- Our school no longer has a school librarian due to the partnership with Norfolk County. Catherine has now initiated the Book Fair with Scholastic that was previously done by the school Librarian. Book Fairs will be held during Santa Sale week and in the Spring. Scholastic then donates books back to our school.</p> <p>Crossing Guard- We do have a crossing guard on St. George St. however we now have many students crossing on Main St. Despite signage of 40km school zone, speed remains an issue on St. George St. Melissa will write a letter to advocate for another guard and David suggested combining with information regarding speed and signage.</p>
	<p>LPC Money- Melissa shared how LPC funds are utilized for school improvements both indoor and outdoor, student need, hot lunches, no child left behind policy for school trips, grocery store gift card, snack program, classroom wish list/learning resources.</p> <p>Childcare at Meetings- There will always be childcare at the meetings, it is helpful to inform Melissa prior to the meeting to ensure that there is enough coverage.</p>
	Next Meeting- Monday October 2, 2017.

F. Adjourn	
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Present: David Van Laecke, Regan Karges, Mackenzie Grincevicius, Katie Good, Carrie Thompson, Tania Thornewell, Shannon Clarke-Archer, Catherine Fekete, Ange Long, Kerrie Benvenuti, Nikki Friesen, Jessica McLean, Elaine Huxley, Kellie Mumford, Candace Mannen, Becky Suprun, Carol Ann Earle, Jaimie Hagen, Jackie Pickard, Asifa Munawar, Muhammad Khan, Abby Kitson, Nikki Townsend, Starr Kennedy, Belinda Benko, Sonya Fawcett, Sarah Evans, Krista Black, Ted Mole, Melissa Mummery