

Lakewood Parent Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 2, 2017

Present: Melissa Mummery, David Van Laecke, Regan Karges, Mackenzie Grincevicius, Katie Good, Tania Thornewell, Shannon Clarke-Archer, Catherine Fekete, , Jessica McLean, Elaine Huxley, Kellie Mumford, Candace Mannen, Becky Suprun, Carol Ann Earle, Asifa Munawar, Sonya Fawcett, Kayla MacDonald, Lynda Otterman, Kim Follington, Starr Kennedy, Alina Marsh, Ted Mole

Agenda	Decision/Discussion
A. Review and Accept Previous Minutes	Minutes- Motion to accept- Mackenzie Grincevicius Seconded-Elaine Huxley Passed
B. Principal's Report	<p>Principal's Report-will be in attached document</p> <p>Count date has come and gone- GEDSB is currently looking at changes that may be needed, there is nothing confirmed for our school presently. We do have large class sizes.</p> <p>Drop Off/Pick up- A sub-committee was formed, recommendation made, gate will go in back and be replaced with line of paint to be respected. Parking lot side will have other barricades and gate will be moved. Mr. VanLaecke worked with facilities manager and Norfolk County Fire Department lead to ensure this was a good solution.</p> <p>Bussing- children are being supervised from 08:20am to 08:50am and end of day for a long bit of time. There is no indication that present bussing will change. Call for early dismissal is 3:05pm.</p>

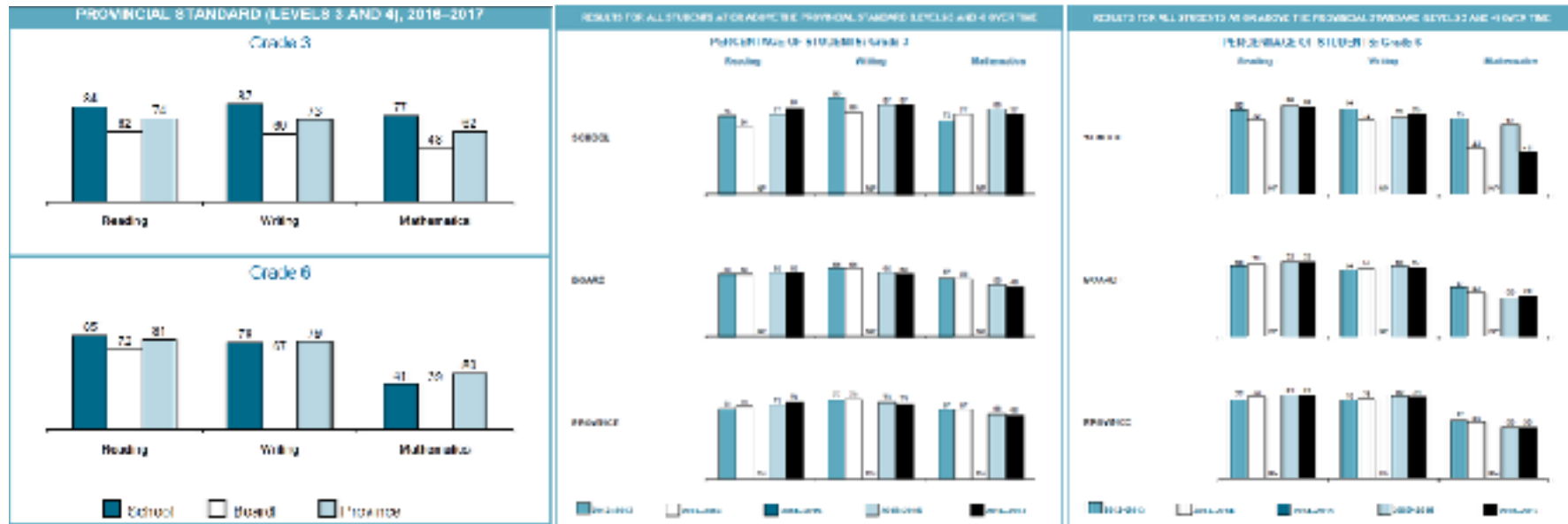
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Principal's report:

1. **The month in review:** September fantastic welcoming month for all returning staff, students and families and a great one for all new members of this school community. Thanks to all! September highlights include - weekly character assemblies, meet-the-teacher BBQ, presentation for Terry Fox Run and the run itself!

2. **The upcoming month:** October starts with Junior and Intermediate Soccer Tournaments at the Benson & Hedges Soccer fields in Delhi (Oct 2 and Oct 5), Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show with PA day on Oct 3, Friday the 13th, Milk and Hot lunch programs starting today, Thanksgiving, Oct wear a Hat for \$1 on Oct 10 (proceeds go to United Way), cross country Oct 12 at Memorial Park in Simcoe, picture day Oct 19 (JK, SK, Gr 5-8) and Oct 20 (Gr 1-4), and a few Spirit days. Also, looking forward to Parent Council's Family Halloween dance!!

3. **Teaching/Learning:** EQAO results have been released to the public. Lakewood's Grade 3 & 6 students participated last Spring.



Summary:

Grade 3 - results are better than board and province, with general 5-year trend of improvement

Grade 6 - reading and writing results are better than board, similar to province, with stability in 5-year trend. Mathematics results, however are similar to board but lower than province. 5-year trend of Grade 6 mathematics results show a decline that is greater to that of board and Province (which do also show a decline)

What next? Staff are going to be examining the results more closely on Oct 3 PA day. Based on this closer look, we will develop goals and action within our School Improvement plan. This will be brought to November's Parent Council meeting.

4. **Staffing:** Lakewood Elementary School's EA allocation has increased by one full time (from 4 to 5 EA's assigned to our school), effective Wednesday October 4, 2017.

C. Committee Business

Treasurer's Report- General account is \$1750.20
Catherine shared the remaining balances.

Hot Lunch- 68% of the hot lunch orders went cashless for this month. Milk will be charged daily not monthly going forward so cost will change. Group discussion about Catherwood and Shed pizza, Mr. VanLaecke will contact Suzie at The Shed to discuss concerns and plan for another opportunity to use their pizza as well as Catherwood.

Snack Program- Snack program was started today. Bins are working well. There is a need for additional volunteers ie. 3 volunteers per snack. Jessica requested a better strategy for dealing with allergies in the classroom when snack is delivered.

Parent Reaching Out- We were approved for the grant and Art With Heart was chosen. It will be a free to families art program. It will be planned for February 2018.

Election held:

Chair- Melissa Mummery/Kellie Mumford

Vice Chair- Kayla MacDonald

Treasurer- Catherine Fekete

Secretary- Shannon Clarke Archer

<p>D. Other Business</p>	<p>Hallowe'en Dance- will need many volunteers, particularly for set up. Could use twinkle lights, hallowe'en decorations, and help at the dance and for clean up.</p> <p>Santa Sale- Need to make a sub-committee to report back to the general group. Santa Sale is December 2, 2017, set up is Friday December 1, 2017.</p> <p>Projects for the School- No major project has been identified. Discussion about reopening the track as a fundraiser. There has been a history with determining how it could be used by community and by school while respecting the elementary school aspect. The track is the pride of school, is the rubberized surface needed. Becky Suprun reminded the group that the Blood Sweat and Cheers fundraiser was started to raise money for the track. GEDSB has chosen to use this money for other outdoor improvements. Lynda Otterman suggested that at track meets, the concession money should go to Lakewood.</p> <p>Sound system improvements were suggested, teaching the “Tech Crew”. Improving the gym colour, mural, bathroom murals suggested.</p> <p>Heat-GEDSB has no threshold for heat but do have guidelines for cold outdoors. There is a common sense guideline for heat, allowing access to water, limiting outdoor activity, watching for students under heat stress. Teachers utilized cooler areas for teaching. The Learning Commons does have air conditioning. Mrs. VanLaecke was approached by a parent about window air conditioners and he forwarded the concern to Wayne Baker. He will follow up with Wayne Baker for response.</p>
	<p>Strong Start- School representative is Liz Cavers, it will start October 16, 2017. Still need volunteers who will require training.</p> <p>Mr. VanLaecke has booked a “girls group” called Kind Campaign to address social dynamics. It will be scheduled in November/December. Messages of kindness, tolerance and diversity, African drumming group is also being booked.</p>
<p>F. Adjourn</p>	<p>November 6, 2017.</p>