

LANOR PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2019 at 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Marian Wall-Ryel (MWR) – Principal
Jaclyn Carere – co-chair
Allen Attard
Nicole Bailey – secretary
Debbie Kantartzis – teacher liaison
Sarah Harwood
Amreen Alam
Katherine Jutras – Alderwood Library liaison
Danelle Smith McManus – Arts Express

Start time 6:30

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Chair report – JC
 - a. JC question regarding availability of guest wifi for the next occasion to assist at council meetings; MWR will look into the possibility
 - b. SSON needs to be updated and changed and JC and MWR will stay and meet after the meeting to discuss and update
 - c. Treasury report –David Robinson is wrapping up the former account, but cannot do so until all cheques are cleared; Council will then appear as a single line item on SchoolCashOnline and parents can donate directly for fundraising – it will go into the school budget but designated for School Council – letter will then be ready to go out to parents to advise
 - d. Spring dance – at last meeting discussed the possibility of another dance because of success of Halloween dance; Caroline who ran the last dance wasn't in attendance at last meeting; can someone reach out to her to canvas if willing to run or help with another dance – possible date: April 12
3. Principal Report – MWR
 - a. Student body is now at 296 with another student coming soon
 - b. Staffing – Mr. Alaimo is officially the LTO until the end of the school year in June; Ms. Natasha, child and youth worker, will be staying on until June
 - c. Facilities – we people came for a walk through to tender for the boiler repair work that needs to be done; work is intended to fix/better the

- ventilation; goal is to have the work done over the summer but there may be some spill over into the school year
- d. Safe schools – middle school teachers are slated to go for restorative practices training on January 30; goal is to have everyone trained; many primary teachers will finish in February
 - e. School events – X Fusion concluded on January 16, lots of parents got involved and attended the parent night; the online resource component is now available for use and seems very helpful for the younger students
 - f. Teachers and learning
 - i. We-Wellness project – Me to We organization – DK and Ms. Haider to learn and then pilot it in the classroom – DK: the first module is building communities, i.e. what does a community look like, sound like, feel like; a classroom is a community – working on action plan: what do you want to have as part of your community, how do you get there, fostering relationships in the classroom; involves an evening event that DK will attend with Superintendent
 - ii. Mr. Alaimo is starting a peer-to-peer tutoring project – training students to peer tutor other students; homework club idea; older students to help younger students
 - g. Report cards & Teacher/Parent interviews upcoming – January PA day is for report card writing; report cards to go home on February 12 and then interviews to take place on February 14th afternoon/evening and February 15th in the morning
 - h. SAB transition day – SAB students will walk over and get a tour of the school; approx. 20 students; SAB students will be shown robotics, get a music display, dance workshop, snack
 - i. Instrumental Concert – Feb 6: concert/demonstration of instrumental learning by students in Grades 6-8
 - j. Ski day – Feb 8 – in the past it was available for students in grades 4-8 but the numbers have expanded in such a big way so this year it has been changed to students in grades 5-8 for the first 90 that register; the other students who do not go have a fun day back at the school; fundraising from pizza money is used to help those who can't cover the cost
 - k. aSTeAmbly – Feb 28 – theme: Communities
 - l. DK: Extracurricular update – *Sports*: intermediate volleyball and basketball are happening; *Eco-Club*: Ms. Wilson and Ms. Rossi leading, the kids help with the compost bin, the kids know and are sorting and the kids involved are helping; MWR: students receive yellow sheets when there are “infractions” if there are three then there is a consequence – a Friday detention – and sometimes that involves collecting the compost bins to give back to the community - the Grade 6s are involved in the eco club - the school has a city green bin and each class a small green bin; Forest of Reading: books that become part of the school library, one for the primary, one for the 7-8s, there will be a book club for grades 4-6 if interested in joining to discuss the books that are being read – it is going to start soon and happen once a week or every two weeks

General query re Scholastic Book Fair – MWR it will happen but not sure of date

4. Community Representative – Katherine Jutras – Alderwood Library

- a. Introduction – she is the new library assistant at Alderwood, a number of retirements coming up at the library so staffing will be changing significantly in the next year
- b. January is literacy month, and there are a lot of activities at the library;
- c. Saturdays are playdough workshop, grocery – all day crafts every Saturday
- d. PA days – goal is to have something on at the library during every PA day, SNAP circuits and LEGO; typically these programs are drop in and go from 10:30 to 12; SNAP circuits is a registered program though;
- e. Community room – library now has access and so they have the space to accommodate larger groups; arrangements can be made with the library to use the space for a program
- f. March break – she will be dropping off fliers for upcoming March break activities
- g. February: Black history month – there are some fliers out for a puppet show that is geared for kindergarten students
- h. Kindergarten registration – a representative from the library attends at the kindergarten registration (open house?) at St. Ambrose - typically they do up little packages with information to hand out to the parents, read some stories; offering to attend at Lanor and do the same thing
- i. New Kids Website launching – used to be a kids website called kidspace but there is a new one being launched that will be more fun
- j. Bookmarks – officially due now but may accept a few last minute ones

Query whether any programs for students in grades 7-8 about plagiarism, or formatting – high school essay prep; KJ they have done home alone or other programs for that age at the library but will look into this type

5. Arts Express presentation – Danelle Smith McManus

- a. Introduction to herself and company, overview and background about history of company and what they do – deliver programs during lunchtime and after school at all of the area schools except at present Lanor; the company is a full partner with the TDSB so they handle any permits, school doesn't have to do anything, they do their payments on line, so again school doesn't have to do anything; they are flexible on what day of the week they can offer a program and programs typically run for 8 week sessions

MWR concern is spacing at the school and where programs could be facilitated as there is a lot of extra curricular activities at lunch and after school already

SH a lot of the programs currently available at the school are for the older students

- b. Programs are particularly for grades 1-4;
- c. Fees - for every 10 registrants in a program they will offer 1 free spot; they also have a foundation set up to which parents can apply if they require assistance with program cost; the fees for programs are as set out, no additional costs, i.e. they supply the materials
- d. Registration forms – they can have the forms ready to go for the beginning of the week to be sent home

- e. Review of various program options – [see on line at www.ArtsExpress.ca for further details]; in addition to student programs also have curriculum based programs; heritage series; T.A.S.A.M. (tackling anxiety and stress through arts and mindfulness); lunch and learn programs for teachers for mindfulness and professional development; camps – winter, march and summer break at various locations
- Discussion and decision by MWR and council to try offering Arts Express programming and have a program for Gr 1-5: Hip Hop and a program for Gr 6-8: Cartooning during lunchtime; best day is Fridays
 - f. Fliers will be prepared and will be made available to go out this upcoming week; the program is 8 weeks but due to PA days will take 10 weeks to complete
- 6. Other items
 - a. Question of increasing bake sales throughout the year at various school events to fundraise for such items as team shirts for robotics team, or other teams when they competing in the community; general agreement, however some discussion about the fact that the purpose of the fundraising letter is also to have low fundraising pressure throughout the year at Lanor

Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETINGS:

March 28, 2019 at 6:30

May 9, 2019 at 6:30