**Ecole Intermédiaire Lawrence Grassi Middle School**

**DRAFT Parent Council Minutes**

**January 21, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Megan Begley (Communications Coordinator), Mike Griffiths (Communications Coordinator), Craig Kestle (Assistant Principal), Michele Kiist (Vice-President), Adrienne Lawlor (President), Nadine Trottier (Principal), Dana Williamson (Treasurer), Heather Wilz

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was **moved, seconded (Begley, Heather) and carried** that the minutes of December 10, 2015 be approved as written.

**Principal’s Report**

Nadine Trottier gave an update on initiatives at the school, including report card redesign.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Dana Williamson presented the financials and told the group she is working with administration to apply for a grant of between $1000 and $5000 from the Rotary Club. Parent Council will request funding for the Learning Commons, including technology to support learning and fit desks.

**Roundtable Discussion**

**Nutrition Month in March**

**ACTION Heather Wilz will speak with the Foods teachers about whether Foods students could prepare smoothies for students in celebration of Nutrition Month if parent council were to provide funding.**

**Pink Shirt Day, February 24**

**MOTION It was moved, seconded (Kiist, Lawlor) and carried that Megan Begley be authorized to spend up to $200 on prizes for Pink Shirt Day.**

**ACTION Megan Begley will buy and organize distribution of grade-level draw prizes for kids who wear pink on Feb 24. She will look into the availability of face paint, hair dye, glow bracelets or something similar, and whether a group such as We Day or the Quebec trip would like to sell them as a fundraiser and help advertise the day and anti-bullying message.**

**Garden**

Nadine Trottier has a meeting about the garden and will let Parent Council if and how it might support the garden.

**Grade 8 Farewell and Dance in June**

Nadine Trottier met with parent Brenda Ostman to discuss the farewell and dance. The
all-student farewell celebration will take place on June 23 at 1:30. Parents are considering organizing a family potluck followed by a dance for the Grade 8s in the evening.

**Drug and Alcohol Prevention**

It was suggested that ADAC or an RCMP liaison be invited to speak with parent council and/or work with students on drug and alcohol prevention.

**ACTION Nadine Trottier will look into what programming students are currently getting.**

**ACTION Adrienne Lawlor will invite an ADAC or RCMP representative to present to Parent Council.**

**Stream of Dreams**

**ACTION Megan Begley will ask parent Rhona Griffins for advice on whether and how we might move forward with this project this year. Megan will also touch base with the organization to see if a program this spring is even possible and will post an initial ask for volunteers on Facebook and in the newsletter.**

**Rotary Signage**

**ACTION Michele Kiist and Adrienne Lawlor will continue to organize the signage and labelling required to recognize the two Alberta Winter Games Legacy Funding grants.**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is at 6:30 in the staff lounge on **February 25**.

**ACTION Megan Begley will communicate the change in date to parents, CRPS and LGMS office staff.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.