**Ecole Intermédiaire Lawrence Grassi Middle School**

**DRAFT Parent Council Minutes**

**November 19, 2015**

**In Attendance:** Megan Begley (Communications Coordinator), Mike Griffiths (Communications Coordinator), Michele Kiist (Vice-President), Adrienne Lawlor (President), Leanne McKeown (School Board Trustee), Violet Parsons-Pack (Assistant Superintendent–Learning and Innovation), Andrea Rankin, Nadine Trottier (Principal), Dana Williamson (Treasurer)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was **moved, seconded (Williamson, Griffiths) and carried** that the agenda be adopted as written.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was **moved, seconded (Kiist, Begley) and carried** that the minutes of October 15, 2015 be approved as written.

**Principal Report**

Nadine Trottier gave an update on initiatives at the school.

**ACTION Future reports will be distributed as an attachment instead of as a Google doc.**

**Communications Report**

Megan Begley stated that communication is taking place via Week-at-a-Glance, monthly newsletter, the website and Facebook.

**Proposed Activities and Three-Year Plan**

A new three-year plan is needed to guide Parent Council’s decisions.

**ACTION Please email Adrienne Lawlor if you are able to help develop a new three-year plan.**

**Leaning Commons Update**

The furniture has arrived. Parent Council donated $5000 to this initiative.

**Band Handbook**

Kat Wiebe and Linda Coté prepared a draft music program handbook for parents, available at <http://gro-i-ro.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/8/2/12824598/lgms_music_info_working_draft.pdf>.

**Request from Teacher Julie Grondin**

Parent Council is donating $1000 to the construction of a Gaga Dodge Ball Pit. The school is investigating options for location, flooring and construction of the pit. Parent Council will askMme Grondin and a student tell Parent Council about the pit after it is built.

**Alpenglow Transition to Grade 7**

Nadine Trottier stated that LGMS is working with Alpenglow School to prepare for this transition. Alpenglow students are visiting LGMS on November 25, and their parents are visiting on November 27. A transition document has been prepared and Alpenglow students will have opportunities to mix with LGMS students before the transition.

**ACTION Nadine Trottier will circulate the transition document to Parent Council.**

**New Grant Opportunities**

Everyone is reminded to be on the lookout for new grant opportunities.

**Roundtable Discussion**

**Grade 8 Farewell and Dance**

The farewell celebration will take place during school hours.

**ACTION Michele Kiist will look into organizing a year-end Grade 8 dance.**

**Beyond the Hurt**

Adrienne Lawlor has invited the family liaison worker responsible for this violence prevention program to present to Parent Council. The program was created by the Red Cross and focuses on creating a positive learning environment.

**CRPS Update**

Violet Parsons-Pack gave a summary of what the Minister of Education has been talking about, including a focus on safe and caring schools; nutrition in school; math instruction; and First Nations, Métis and Inuit success. These are the kinds of things that will factor into the CRPS education plan.

Leanne McKeown talked about a recent two-day retreat at which the school board discussed mental health. Much is already being done to support mental health and it will continue to be a focus.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is at 6:30 in the staff lounge on December 10, 2015. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.