

Ecole Intermédiaire Lawrence Grassi Middle School Council
Meeting/Staff Room LGMS



MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014

Attendees: Adrienne Lawlor (Chair), Mchelle Kiist (Vice Chair), Betty Mah (Volunteer Coordinator), Dana Williamson (Treasurer), Kat Wiebe (Communications Coordinator), Nadine Trottier (Ass't Principal), Brian Wityshyn (Principal), Terri Solodan, Andrea Rankin, Cheryl Godfrey (Members at Large), Marianne Wasch, Rhona Griffin,

Regrets:

Item		Action
1	Call to order	6:30 (Adrienne)
2	Adoption (amendment) of Agenda	2 nd Dana
3	Confirmation/Approval of Past Minutes	Nov. Minutes approved. (Adrienne, 2 nd Dana)
4	New Items:	
4a	Grade 7-8 Dance (Marianne Wasch) – Graduation Dance Marianne's daughter and friends would like a graduation dance. They have communicated their desire to have it a certain way. PC members made suggestions (board games and Magic the Gathering in the Gathering area, dance leadership, balloons, volleyball/badminton as well as dance, student initiative to create with parental supervision.); "Sounds like two different dances," was the feedback. Involved parental supervision is important. Organizer must get liability insurance via Jay Simpson.	Information
4c	Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Council section of the school website can be let go Must post minutes, agenda, financial statements: Brian will ensure those are posted on LGMS website Continue to use Week at a glance--very important, is helpful to communicate 	Brian to advertise PC dates on LGMS website/PC section, also PC newsletter, financial statements, minutes, and agendas; Kat to update Week at a Glance, put up a poster for secretary, forward necessary

	<p>information and updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter down to four times/yr (Sept, Dec, March, June); attach to LGMS newsletter • secretary urgently needed • PC mtg dates and other important dates on LGMS website • Create FB page: allows engagement and easy updates 	documents to Brian to post on LGMS website, and create FB page
4c	Secretary; PC is looking for secretary	Kat to update Week at a Glance with request for Secretary, also bulletin board at LGMS
4d	iPod use at school: PC concerned about kids using iPods inside during recess; historically students were required to go outside at 12:15, now 7 & 8s may stay in; socialization occurs at lunch in Gathering Area; Brian collected data—saw that 10-20 students using technology; also available during lunch are intra-murals, clubs, ping pong tables, band, DPA equipment; Brian suggests screen-free days sometimes/occasionally/regularly?; activities could include student council/leadership during lunch	
5	Regular Updates	
5a	Treasurer's Report: approx. \$22,000 total	-No Action Required
5b	Principal's Report: will be attached to minutes	No Action required
5c	Communication Education Network (CEN): criteria set for designing new calendar. More conversation to be had with Administrators with input from parents, council, and students from gr. 7+. Next meeting planned for January.	Give feedback to Michelle, read FAQs, read criteria
5d	Fundraising; middle of December for more news	No Action Required
5e	Chairperson – agreed to use new agenda, meeting extended to 75 minutes; parent council brochure;	Michelle moved to eliminate brochure; Adrienne 2nd

6	Business Arising from Past Minutes	
6a	Welcome Package (Michelle) – package will be given to new parents to Bow Valley	-Welcome Volunteer to be added to PC
6b	Stream of Dreams fence decoration: Adrienne has created task breakdown; some parents have indicated volunteer interest for this project; looking for coordinator for this project (Earth Day deadline); Adrienne will send details to Rhona Griffin, who will think about taking this on with help of volunteers who indicated their interest at beginning of year; ask for scraps or cut offs/use recycled materials	Adrienne motions to do project with grade 6s (\$10 cost approx 10 per fish); Andrea 2 nd
6c	Casino: Andrea asks, what do we want to spend the \$ (approx. \$40,000 every three years) on? Important to be clear so we can sell the idea to parents; it's a 3-year process to get Casino; Cheryl will review 3-year plan (which ends in 2015), and PC needs to create next 3-year plan; ask staff for input on Casino \$\$ use; Brian says look at school initiatives, sports, activities (we're looking at); upgrade technology? Perhaps more microwaves	Adrienne will circulate current 3-year plan
	Parking Lot: Who wants administrative sign in for Facebook page? Discuss three-year plan and plan for next three years.	
7	Next Meeting: January 15 @ 6:30 Cheryl will chair	