

Lakefield Elementary School
Parent School Support Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

Present:

Michael O'Neill
Melissa Crilley
Tracey Eagles

Shannon Golding
Megan Folkins
Grace Clark

Carolyn Campbell
Stephanie Hutt

Regrets:

Kelly Blakney
Kimberly MacDonald (Chair)
Cheryl Stiles

Natalie Folster
Roger Nesbitt
Linda Kilpatrick

1. Review of past Minutes

2. New Report Cards

Parents expressed a need for further explanations from their children's teacher as there were a lot of misunderstandings with new marking system. Has been noted that once parent/teacher meetings took place many parents had a better understanding of the new system, however, there is concern that children are comparing their grades (number's) with their classmates.

3. Grade Two Provincial Assessment Results (2017)

Last year Lakefield Elementary provincial results were approx. 78%, this year, with our push on comprehension, we went up to 81.6% with the overall district at 79.2 and the province at 75.8. Lindsay, literacy mentor, will be collaborating with grade two teachers to brainstorm strategies to improve comprehension. She will also continue to put her focus on grade two students, however also work with students in kindergarten and grade one.

4. Perception Surveys- Grade Four and Five Teachers

Provincial testing for Math, Science, and Reading Comprehension for Grade Four students and reading comprehension for Grade 2 students will take place in May

5.School Wellness Survey

2016/17 Results- Grade Four and Five Students answered questions, to include home and school life, and provided feedback. 77% had breakfast, 72% are happy at school and have formed positive relationships, 43% say they were bullied at least once (it has been noted that a clear definition of 'being bullied' was not provided prior to survey), 59% eat 5 servings of fruit and vegetables per day, 73% eat non nutritious food, 94% have basic psychological needs met, 0% drive in cars with someone smoking, 18% exercise 60 mins per day, 60% spend more than 2 hours in front of a screen per day, and 94% do some leisure reading.

6.DEC Spring Symposium

The 2018 Spring Symposium will take place on May 4th-6th in Fredericton NB. Registration will be open until March 4th, with the district encouraging PSSC members to attend. Friday (May 4th) evening will be registration, Saturday (May 5th) will be a day of meet/greet, brainstorming, discussion about key issues, and presentations, this will take place from 9am- 4:30pm with snack and lunch breaks, Sunday will be a breakfast with the Minister of Education. Expenses to be paid by the Department of Education. Mr. O'Neill will send out an email with further information and instructions on how to register.

7.School Improvement Plan

Mr. O'Neill gave hand out stating 4 goals set for Lakefield for the Parent Communication and Involvement section of the SIP, along with action strategies and examples from other Elementary schools (St. Rose Elementary and Saint Stephen Elementary). It is the task of the PSSC to look over the other school examples and current goals for Lakefield and question if they need changes or just to be removed. Look at our current SIP, brainstorm how we can make these happen. At our next PSSC meeting have ideas ready to share, Mr. O'Neill will then tweak them and compile for our last meeting of the year.

8.Happenings at LES

- Kindergarten Registration: As of the first week of October registration is up to 60 students (currently room for 3 more) Sessions for new students and transition meetings are set to take place
- Demand Writing (Independent Work) has been completed, another to start February 20th. Grading process includes the student's home room teacher and secondly another teacher of the same grade who each mark the students work to ensure consistency.
- YMCA come in on Thursdays for lunch recess, all grades are welcome to participate, no expense to the school, unsure of completion date.
- Career Day was a great success
- EYE DA & First Kindergarten Transition Meeting: As of this date 53/60 students have completed their EYE DA testing. The first transition meeting for parents and professionals only has been completed.
- Art Richard: a singer, came in and performed for the students. This expense was paid for with student fee's.
- Christmas Concert and Generosity: This years Christmas Concert was another great success. The school's generosity challenge with Mrs. Julie McNamee went well, each class got their strand of lights lit on the tree, each class made donations, and 2 students were interviewed on the radio.

- School Wide Breakfast: Went extremely well, all leftovers were delivered to Romaro House.
- FI Registration: Taking place now online, unsure of numbers at this time. January 30th is the closing date. Feedback regarding online registration has been positive with claims that the process has been easy. Parent have questioned why they did not receive any confirmation after completing the registration online.
- Family Literacy Night (Thursday Jan. 25th): Luau Theme, lots of ideas for games and fun (Photo Booth, Book walk {Books donated by Home and School}, games, and guest readers). Information will be sent out to parents once everything has been finalized. This month's house team activities will also be tied into Literacy Night.
- Intensive French: to end on Feb. 2nd
- Random Acts of Kindness Week: Month of February is kindness month, this will be tied into House Teams, students will have the opportunity to give other students ballots when they witness an act of kindness.

9.Home and School

- UNB Tutoring is now completed
- Book Fair to take place during Parent/Teacher meetings
- Movie Night will be on Feb 23rd (Movie title TBA)
- Silent Auction to take place during Parent/Teacher meetings
- Santa's Workshop was a great success
- Fundraising in General- There have been complaints made regarding the number of fundraisers being sent home, Home and School to take note of most successful and tidy up. Dielman's will be done again in the spring due to huge success.
- Staff Appreciation is approaching and will be tied into kindness month
- Family Fun Day will take place on June 2nd
- February Newsletter to include Family Fun Day and Staff Appreciation

Next Meeting scheduled on March 27th (Tuesday) at 7pm