

Leslieville School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 2020

23 attendees



Item	Notes
Agenda and Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Acknowledgement• Agenda was circulated electronically via Mr. Yee.• Minutes were approved
Principal's Report	<p>Reorganization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In reorganization lost one teacher, Mr Rayis. They held the least amount of seniority at the school.• Currently 15.5 teachers on staff <p>Covid Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Did have covid case in the school in primary grade. Everyone is back and no other cases.- Have a case worker that belongs to our school and the daycare. Checking in – active cases, how people are feeling- Continuation of no playground activity for students after school.- Windows are open, kids out outside as much as possible.- Notice about dressing appropriately is coming- Discussing with TPH about using the gym. How to clean and use the space is being discussed. <p>Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Looking into what they can do in the schools- Reg. masks must be worn and can't replace other masks. School parades and dances are not allowed. Looking at how they can do something outside. Looking at Friday, October 30th.- Kids can definitely still wear costumes.

	<p>Virtual curriculum night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently in planning phase. - Shorter evening 6:30-7pm. - Discussion on how this will be delivered virtually using google classroom or bright space. A Q&A will be held at the end. <p>School photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently on hold, tentative date for November 25th. - Would be individual photos only, no classroom photos. - Would happen outside <p>Report cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coming out Nov 17th. - Interviews are Nov 19th evening and 20th during the day. - These will be virtual - <p>Lost and Found</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around the idea of having a portable bin for lost and found items. This would allow the bin to be rolled in and out and would give parents a chance to take a look when the bin is outside. <p>Teacher Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are teachers communicating with parents? Google classroom and bright space. We should run a test to ensure everyone has access before virtual curriculum night. <p>Key Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 11th – Remembrance Day. Looking at some type of presentation for the kids. • January 29th – another opportunity to change your child from in-person to virtual school or vice-versa. This was originally Nov 6th but TDSB has pushed back to January.
<p>Teacher Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cremer provided microphone information to Julie and Amy prior to meeting. 7 or 8 teachers that are interested • Eight teachers said they were interested in having their recess bags replenished. • Ms. Cremer did not mention anything about the \$150 available to teachers. It was confirmed that this was approved

	<p>out the last meeting. Email went to teachers from Mr. Yee. Half time teachers get \$75.00</p>
Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handful of parents have signed up for every committee • Introductions were sent out to all parents on October 19th • Committee updates will be provided at next meeting • Communication committee will be added to the list of committees • Literacy Committee– looking at moving read a thon online. • Mental Health Info session – committee last year are being looped in with new committee. • Patient Engagement – working on setting up a warm hat, mitt and gloves drive. Teachers can draw on this if they notice someone is in need. • Covid Support – Hanna, hosted webinar online, lots more to do in this area.
Covid Webinar Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had small Q&A for online webinar. • 10 – 15 parents attended an organic, open discussion • Discussion was based on how to keep our school safe. Key piece was the need for transparent communication to parents. • How to do this? Beyond Mr. Yee • SLACK group created share link? • Equitable – how can we ensure accessibility for all families. Perhaps newsletter in backpack. Work with communication and DEI to make sure we are reaching all families. • Slack – also an opportunity to support parents. Drop off groceries or take another kid to the school. • Parents really wanted to understand the structure of the class for day. How much no mask time? Lunch time – how long? Are windows opened and closed. What outdoor initiatives planned. • Discussion about how to use outdoor space
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few teachers have bought some LIPS merchandise • No cheques have been written. Believes once reorg is done and everyone settled, we should see more requests for \$150. • Moving away from cash and towards online booking. • Microphones through amazon are \$70.00 (7 teachers that are interested plus 2 or 3 that have already purchased something similar) \$650-\$700 range to purchase and reimburse. Microphones are to help amplify voices through masks and outside.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plexiglass can't be funded by parent council
Roundtable – Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindie chalkboard – teachers interested in an outdoor chalkboard. Kids can play with it and it can be used for instructional purposes. Priced outdoor wood (4X8) \$80, 3 coats of paint (\$50). Kindie parents will pick up wood and paint the wood. Kindie class covering the costs. Fronted by Amy and another parent. May come back to council to help the remaining the cost. Ray, caretaker, has approved and will assist. • Garden – Holly spearheaded the garden. She did a wonderful job. Thank you. Would like to donate the food next year to Eastview Community Centre food bank. • Picnic Tables were suggested for under the canopy. Mr. Yee will check with facilities team leader. Under the canopy is where gym class can occur or regular classes on rainy days. Therefore, it can't have permanent fixture. • Discussion on seating options for students as we move into cold wet weather. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there small, inexpensive items that parents can contribute? (e.g. tarps) - Milkcrates are being used at other schools. - Sit upons – from girl guides. Kids could make their own. - Beach towels

Decisions

	<p>Motion was made by Amy to approve funding of 7 microphones for the amount of \$750 and clarify the reimbursements. Motion was seconded by Stephan.</p>
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Actions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2021 we need to put together a list of what is being planted in the Garden. Send to everyone in the school so we can use as a learning tool. • Follow up with teachers and parents on communication strategies through google classroom and bright space. Ideally have everyone test the login. • Follow up to ensure that virtual classroom parents are getting Mr. Yee's emails.
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Future Agenda Items

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Future Meeting Schedule

2020-21	<p>The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 20, 2020• November 17, 2020• December 15, 2020• January 19, 2021• February 16, 2021• March 16, 2021• April 20, 2021• May 18, 2021• June 15, 2021
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