

LeMarchant St Thomas Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2016

Opening

The monthly meeting of the LeMarchant St Thomas Home and School Association was called to order by Sarah Boyne

Present

Sarah Boyne, Jill Duncan, Sharon Cheng, Janice Eddington, Tara Macaulay, Ines Rei, Gabriela Taylor, Marshid Hamidkhoo, Siamak Mahmoodi, Ashika Jayawardane, Lekshni Visayabalm, Duane Malone, Krissy Keech, Rod Sterling, Piia Lintunen, Monica Stoilov, Rosalyn Hayman, Jeanne Boudreau, April Stroink, Leah Rimmer, Nancy Bloom, Amy Mallory and Denis Dyer

1. **Welcome** by Sarah and introductions around the table.

2. **Approval of agenda** - Additional items added to agenda: a) cross walk at Walnut, b) fencing at playground and c) Teacher Appreciation lunch.

Motion to approve the agenda by April, second Rod, carried.

3. **Last meeting minutes** - The minutes from the June 2, 2016 were reviewed.

4. **Fall Activities and Fundraisers** -

a) Movie Night - being organized by Jen LeBlanc. Date set for Thursday, October 27 at Gorsebrook. 6:30 start. Student child care will be available for \$5.00. Come dressed up. Send Tara Macaulay options for old or new movies. Student vote on choice. Send out requests for volunteers.

b) Fall Fest – Green Space committee handling it with proceeds from Fall Fest going to Green Space. Wine tasting event. Student Photo/Art Auction event to be put on hold. Feedback is it is a lot of work. Need to define what is needed. More time for teacher/student input. Maybe use Art Auction for Spring Fair. Options for Fall Fest: 1) Silent Auction Proposal – offer services for bid. 2) D J, any closet DJ's around – put out a call for it.

c) Nourish Your Roots – Sharon chairing. Gave explanation of program. Proceeds from sale will go to Green Space for edible garden.

d) Wreath Sales – Gillian Latham handling this again this year. Communication to go out late November.

e) Breakfast with Santa – At Gorsebrook on Saturday, December 10. Breakfast provided by H & S. Photographer booked. Need a chair person. Organizing book available to assist chair.

5. Treasurer's Report – Jill Duncan

Final year end bank balance of \$21,573.27.

Over \$11,000.00 made from Spring Fair.

Classroom startup – Motion by Janice: Every teacher and specialty teacher receive \$300.00 from H & S. Seconded by Jill. Approved.

Sarah would like a brainstorming session on how to spend the money wisely. Tara suggested thinking of the future of the new school. Jeanne commented that technically not allowed to save money for future considerations as has to be spent in the year of. Need to specify if thinking of the future.

6. Green Space Committee – Parent group working on wish list for new school, tending toward natural things for example an outdoor classroom.

7. School Clothing – April organizing LMST clothing. Small surcharge added to cost as fundraiser to H & S. April asking if this was wanted to be done again. Consensus was yes. And as a fundraiser with again a consensus of yes. Will put samples out for sizing. Order needs to be in before the end of November. Add \$2.00 to cost for fundraising.

8. LMST Memory Books – Made \$1,400.00 on them. Will order more books if interested. Suggested to reach out to kids from LMST.

9. Principal's report – Jeanne Boudreau

Sept 29 – Terry Fox Walk – 1pm - \$2.00 donation from those wishing to

Sept 29 – Curriculum Night – 6 to 7pm

Sept 30 – PD – Math – Technology in morning, Literacy in afternoon

Oct 5 – Bus Evacuation practice

Oct 13 – Picture Retake

Oct 27 – Movie Night at Gorsebrook

Oct 31 – Walk-a-Thon

Misc:

All drills and practices for Sept. Completed – Only Hazard Inspection left to do and submit.

Today, Picture Day – all classes done

Opening went smoothly

Students know their way around the school, routines are in place

430 students registered for this year, 19 classrooms

Choir rehearsal have begun

Ukulele workshops were given to grades 4 to 6. Possible after school program

Discussion by Jeanne on "Safety of Entrances". Email to go out to all parents.

10. **SAC Report** – Jeanne Boudreau

New school – After parent meeting there is a new design. To meet with administration and then the teachers.

Lobby decor – Jeanne looking for ideas on how to make current lobby more inviting. Rosalyn will take this project on.

11. **New Business** –

a) Cross walk at Walnut – email to go out from Jeanne

b) Fencing at playground – Fencing allows access to 1 playground at old school. Jeanne explained that at a meeting concerning Jubilee residents, it was explained that it was thought that the construction equipment would be too close to the one that is now fenced off.

c) Teacher Appreciation lunch – Needs new date. Tabling this item to next meeting with H & S executive to choose date.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm.