

LeMarchant St Thomas Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes- September 10, 2015

Opening

The monthly meeting of the LeMarchant St Thomas Home and School Association was called to order by Eileen Kilfoil.

Present

Eileen Kilfoil, Glenna Campbell, Megan Meeds, Jill Duncan, Monica Stoilov, Janice Eddington, Shannon Black, Mary Beath Tighe, Gabriela Taylor, Piia Lintunen, Nancy Bloom, Jeanne Boudreau, Leah Rimmer

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Agenda Item

1. Introductions –

- The executive and all present introduced themselves. Executive for 2015-2016 are:
 - Sarah Boyne/Eileen Kilfoil- co-chairs
 - Megan Meeds/Communications Liason
 - Glenna Campbell- Secretary
 - Jill Duncan- Treasurer

2. Upcoming Events –

- Halloween dance – chairs: Shannon Black, Ines Rei, Tara MacAulay
 - Date: October 22
 - This event was discussed. Shannon Black wondered if there was a binder outlining procedures for past years; no one had knowledge of one. Jen Leblanc said she would check with Joe Morrison.
 - It was suggested the main doors not be used in order to reduce congestion in the stairwell.
 - It was also suggested that adults not be permitted to wear masks. Glenna said she thought masks were not permitted in any event.
- Adult Event – chair: Sarah Boyne
 - Date: November 20
 - The venue is the Dal alumni club

- Leah Rimmer mentioned that the committee is looking for a silent auction lead.
- There was discussion about having an art auction instead of the silent auction. It was thought there could be two canvases per class and the parents could bid on the piece done by their child's class. Nancy Bloom was going to look into this.
- Movie Nights – chair – Jen Leblanc
 - Dates: TBD
 - It is unknown who would provide the equipment for this year. Eileen Kilfoil was to check with _____

3. Other 2015-2016 H&S events

- It was agreed that the ice cream social went very well. Eileen looked after having a thank you sign made for the Quinpool Superstore by in grade 6 girls.
- It was noted that the grade sixes helping was a great idea and worked very well.
- It was suggested that it may have been too long this year and next year perhaps one hour would be long enough, with the preferred time being 6 PM to 7 PM.

4. Principal's report

- The ice cream social went very well.
- This year, there are 408 students, 19 classrooms, 5 of which are in the annex.
- There are many new teachers; their names are on the website.
- Anti-bullying day was today.
- Curriculum night will be September 17 with two sessions again, probably from 630 to 730.
- Photos will be on September 22 the photographer should be able to do it all in one day. If he doesn't, calls will be made to let the parents know.
- September 21 will be the first lock down. Two are mandated by the province.
- The provincial assessments for great three literature/English and Grades 4 and 6 take place September 28 - October 2.
- The grade 6 and parent meeting for band is September 28 at 7 PM.
- The strings meeting for parents is September 16 at 6:30.
- September 29: Photo retakes.

5. SAC Report

- Shannon Black provided the SAC report, which met tonight.
- They're looking for three new members and will hold a vote on curriculum night.
- Jeanne will send a call for names via e-mail.
- We are expecting an announcement regarding the new school this month; it is speculated that the new school will be built on the current site and the students will be displaced to the annex with portables.
- Jeanne had requested no upheaval for the current school year.
- SAC meetings will be held on Wednesdays for October and November.

6. Treasurers Report

- Glenna provided treasurers report (attached).
- We are in very good financial shape for the start of this year. Jeanne may request teacher allotments at this point. The question was asked what allotments were for; with the answer being for resources, games, baskets, books, posters, science, and anything required for the classroom.
- Last year, Eileen and Shannon organized a grant proposal to Wayne Mason and were successful in obtaining a \$20,000 grant for a playground for the new school. Eileen will follow up with Wayne Mason regarding these funds.

7. New Business

- **Lunch room volume**
 - Priorities for spending this year were discussed including whether it was feasible to do some soundproofing for the lunch room. Shannon recalled the quote for sound panels being in the \$7000 range. It was agreed if these could not be moved to the new school this would be somewhat of a waste and therefore it was decided to wait to next month when we might have an announcement regarding the new school to discuss this further.
 - The suggestion was made to have split shifts in the lunch room, with the younger grades eating lunch from 12 to 1230 and the older grades eating from 1230 to 1 PM. Jeanne would be looking into this.
- **Twitter**
 - The school now has a twitter account.
 - Jeanne will be sending home a media release form, before any tweeting happens. She will also add twitter to the website.

- Monica will be managing the account and the home and school account as well.
 - It was noted that we should send a shout out to the Superstore.
 - Send tweets along to Monica or Mandy.
- **How to recruit new members was discussed.**
 - Meghan suggested sending home an information sheet.
 - She also suggested having a coffee meet and greet for parents and offered to organize it.