

Lawrencetown Consolidated School

Advisory Council November 22, 2016

In attendance: Kim Foster, Earl Acker, Jamie McCorry, Chandra Toole, Paula Shehata, Linda McKenna, Steve Baskwill

Guest: Tina Young

Regrets: Sue Ritchie, Natalie Tringle, Nancy Vanasse, Jen Ringette

1. **Call to Order:** Jamie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** the minutes were approved as circulated
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** No additions
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **After School Program:** Paula reported that the After School Program is doing well. They need 8-10 children each day to break even, today there were 20, the average is 12-16. Paula is working to have the After School program available on half days. They hope to have it available for the half day in January.
 - b. **Cafeteria:** The cafeteria is currently up \$190.00. There was a reimbursement from the Board for the broken cash register. There is now a volunteer for salad days, but another is needed for other special days. A sub is still needed for Merillee's planned absence.
 - c. **School Purchases:** The \$500 for library books has been spent. Thanks from the staff were sent. The current Teachers' Wish List includes a projector, Art Drying Rack, Laminating Film, Hole Punches, Hogie Stool, Wireless Mike, Number Talk Books, Privacy Screen and Big Books. Jamie requested that estimates for each of the purchases be obtained so we could decide on the purchases at our next meeting.
There was also discussion of the possibility of taking on a large project such as a piece of playground equipment for the east field. This is only a preliminary discussion. Paula will try to find more information about costs for a future meeting.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **School Board:** There was no report this month due to Sue's absence.
 - b. **Principal's and Joint Occupational Health and Safety Reports:**

STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN GOALS 2016:

- **Gr. P-1 Math:** Develop student understanding of concepts and skills around partitioning of numbers and how to represent them concretely, pictorially, symbolically, orally and in writing.
- **Gr. P-5 Literacy:** Increase student reading comprehension focusing on the non-literal and "about and beyond the text" comprehension of the text. **Math:** Increase student understanding of various forms of patterning and how this assists in overall development of number concepts.
- **RCH Goal:** To clearly define culturally responsive teaching and learning and implement those strategies in our classrooms.

After – School Program:

- We have 1 substitute for the extra time we need for the after-school program.
- We have, on average, 3-4 days a week that we are over in our numbers and require an extra person. In consultation with Family Matters, we are going to hire a person and if we don't need them we will call to let them know. They will be paid \$11.00 an hour.
- LEC students have been contacted and have been down to our school on a trial basis.

Cafeteria:

- The cafeteria is currently up about \$190. We got reimbursed from the SBO for the cost of the cash register repair.
- Still in need of volunteers throughout the month on salad day and ham/chicken dinner days.
- Merrilee will be out on medical leave soon and we still do not have a replacement substitute.

School Purchases:

- The \$500 for books – The order has been finalized and we have received the books. Thank you!
- Teachers created a wish list as requested by the SAC.
- New sign on Hwy 1 for LCS, LEC, Family Matters, and Bright Beginnings

School Initiatives:

- New RCH goal: To be able to clearly define culturally responsive teaching and learning and implement those best practices in our classrooms.
- Mr. Baskwill asked about the recycling program at school and we do have a recycling account. Was it earmarked for something in particular in the past?
- Display case in the front lobby is being organized to showcase who we are as an LCS community.

Continued throughout year:

- PALS has started and runs on-Tues and Thurs at recess gr. P-2. It is run by the grade 5s with Mrs. Simms overseeing it.

Extracurricular activities:

- Skipping club has begun for students in grades 3-5. It is organized by Mrs. Simms and runs on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm.
- Robotics club continues every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in the computer lab.
- Art club starting soon. It will be once a week for students in grades 3-5 and Mrs. Beckett and Ms. Reid will be organizing it.

School events:

- Halloween dance was very successful. We had 81 children at the dance. We asked for a free will offering and we raised \$187.00.
- Our Remembrance Day Assembly was November 10th @ 1:45 pm and members from the legion were in attendance.

Maintenance Updates:

- The heater in the P/1 entrance way has been fixed.

Emergency Management:

- Fire Drill Oct. 31 – 2min 49 secs
- Hold and Secure Drill – Nov 3

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Report

- School Safety Assessment was submitted on October 31st.
 - We had a meeting October 26th.
6. **Financial Report:** There were no changes to the financial statement this month.
 7. **Correspondence:** Paula reported on an information sheet sent out from the Department of Education. It answered some of the questions parents might have about the possible disruption to service. (A copy is in the SAC file and on the website)
 8. **New Business:**
 - a. Breakfast with Santa: Jamie reported that everything is proceeding well towards the event this weekend. She mentioned a nice donation from RIGL Insurance in Middleton. They have agreed to purchase a breakfast ticket for each child in the school. At the time of the donation, there were 115 children, so the donation became \$230. Very nice indeed.
 9. **Preparation of next Agenda:** Our next meeting will be Monday January 9, 2017.
 10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by: Steve Baskwill, Secretary