



School Advisory Council Meeting
January 2021
Minutes

- Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Kate Hendry-SAC chair at 6:33pm

- Approval of Minutes

Minutes of last meeting held in December 2020 were approved.

- Student Report

Liam Skinner reported first, February is African heritage month. Upcoming theme days are being looked at to highlight African heritage month. Every class has chrome books now. The girl's bathroom was painted so it is looking much better. Mentioned the gym floors are really dirty and dusty. Would like to have that addressed.

Jesstine Suewirotnjanakun also mentioned about the possible upcoming theme days.

- Principal Report

Between the SAC grant and student success grant. Lt has purchased 33 chrome books which arrived during the first week in January. LT now has enough technology for every class as they received an additional 40 chrome books from the government. Still not enough chrome books for every student but one class has access to technology as their classroom is in the previously used computer room which means that all students have something to use. Due to the numbers it allows for a few chrome books to be held back in case something breaks on one that is in use which is great news.

January 4-8 was a learning week when only staff were present and it was spent on learning with the freshly acquired chrome books to be able to teach students more effectively virtually. Thanks to the SAC for the purchase of the chrome books.

Virtual parent teacher interviews happened in December and the report cards went home as well. Both were done online. Parents can request hard copy of the report cards but administration only had a couple of families that needed to do that. The parent teacher system worked well and the interviews went great too. December 3rd was half a professional development day and it was spent on anti-racism work for all staff. Looked at identifying aspects of the education policies to see where LT was on the spectrum. LT (like similar schools) seem to be on the basic and emerging side of things, LT staff recognizes they have a long way to go.

The rewards from the October version of Mi'kmaq Kahoot's have been completed. Each winning class did something different (like playing outside for an hour etc) right before the break they held a holiday kahoots and it was enjoyed by all.

New staff, Abigail Fraser is coming on this week at LT, LT guidance is on a 6 week leave and her replacement is Eva Rudderham.

Plan C for at home learning is continuously being worked on. If we do get to that point it will look differently with staff being in the building to teach and the students would be home. Jr. High and elementary would have much longer expectations for daily time commitments of at home learning than what was expected in the spring of 2020.

African heritage month is upcoming so different things are happening. Classes are looking at decorating bulletin boards with a focus on a different person or event that would highlight topics surrounding this important month. It will be a contest and the winning class will win a pizza party.

Colleen Parsons and Principal Ferguson have held monthly virtual meetings with African students at LT where they discuss topics of importance to this group. They will be hosting a kahoots challenge in February and they are continuing to work on t-shirt design for anti-racism LT shirts.

An African dance group called Perform came in the first week when students returned to school. It is a husband and wife team and they zoomed into each class during gym. Grade 6's ended with an extra gym time because they only get ½ hour instead of 1 hour that was required for this activity. It was very well received by all.

Student of the month November/December

Grade 6

Finley Steele
Ethan Davis
Sarah Martin
Emma Miley

Grade 7

Jorja Vincent
Owen Nelson
Mei Jennings
Liam Skinner

Grade 8

Olivia Boutilier
Skie Marshall
Alyson Rogers

Kiara LeVasseur

Principal Ferguson is looking at getting further guest speakers in for February and for the rest of the school year. This would be done via virtual format.

Student success planning continues to focus on math, literacy and student well-being. Students did a mini survey in December and had a longer one last school year about student satisfaction. Staff are looking at the results from those surveys. There will be a greater focus on looking at student well-being. In line with that is the focus on Black lives matter and anti-racism at LT. As well as general delivery of programming for all students

Chair, Kate asked if anyone had anything else they wanted to bring up.

Jesstine mentioned the graffiti on bathroom walls. One homophobic word was written on the doors and that was quickly painted over. Principal Ferguson mentioned that greater diligence will be happening to make sure this doesn't occur again.

Principal Ferguson also mentioned that the swing set installation has been completed. It started before the holiday break and completion happened after the holidays. Thanks to all who made this happen.

Michelle- Walks a lot by the school and wanted to mention the number of disposable masks that is littering the walkways behind the school is excessive. While not sure if it is all coming directly from the students at LT it appears likely given the proximity to the school. Michelle was wondering if we can have a garbage outside of school and reminder to the students that these should not be disposed of this way. Principal Ferguson will continue to educate the students on proper use and disposal of the masks.

Kate suggested a reminder to be put in the newsletter that parents should also be educating at home with students about the proper disposal of masks.

- Meeting adjournment

Chair, Kate adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.

Next Meeting February 22, 2021
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Roy