



LTJH School Advisory Council Meeting Summary- April 25th, 2023

Summary prepared by, Jenn Robar

- Call to order

Jennifer Roy called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

In attendance:

Derek Ferguson, Jennifer Roy, Cheryl Harnett, Jenn Robar, Krystal Denney, Parker Hillier, Justinian Martin, Jesstine Suewirotijanakun

Regrets: Colleen Parsons, Kathy Sturge, Kaelyn Hardie, Michelle Wright

- Approval of SAC meeting minutes from February 28th, 2023.

Justinian approved, Cheryl seconded.

- Student Report

Presented by Jesstine & Parker:

- An Omnikin Ball team has been selected.
- Track & Field tryouts started after school today.
- The students are enjoying using the field outside now that the weather has warmed and the ground has dried up.
- Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion students' field trip will be at the Discovery Center. They will go tomorrow (April 26th). Grade 7 English program students also attended their field trip at this location.
- Grade 8 English program students all went to the Museum of National History to see the Body Works exhibit as a field trip.
- Students really enjoyed the canteen at the last dance. The third and final dance will be held on May 11th.
- Matthew Hughson, our Indigenous Support Worker has been making presentations to Grade 8 students regarding the ongoing issue of concern surrounding missing and murdered indigenous women.

- Principal's Report

Presented by Derek Ferguson

- Student Support Planning (SSP) continues with PLC meetings happening around improving well-being which includes various opportunities for students to be exposed to presentations, field trips, and the arts on varied topics.
- Grade 8 preparation for provincial assessments at the end of May. Based on Grade 6 data received, Mr. Martin indicated he has already modified his teaching/lessons.
- Grade 6's participated in Clean Foundation Presentations whose goals are to inspire environmental change through education and engagement.
- A high school band from Ontario entertained the students in a concert for the whole school to enjoy.
- Our third and final dance of the year will be held on May 11th. There is a possibility the school will consider four dances per school year in the future.
- The Grade 6's enjoyed a trip to the African Heritage Center on April 5th and 6th.
- The development of an "Honour Roll" was brought up and members of the SAC were asked for feedback. The proposal is for students to be celebrated/acknowledged for academic achievements in three categories: Gold (above 90 average), Silver (above 80 average), Bronze (above 70 average). This would include an average of all subjects. Jennifer Roy was in approval indicating it is a great goal to work towards for students and that certain places of employment recognize this for their young employees. Krystal Denney and Jenn Robar also agreed that this would be a great motivator and important for recognizing individual efforts of students. Derek Ferguson indicated that with the positive feedback, the school would continue to pursue this for next year.
- Congratulations and recognition to the January Students of the Month:
 - Grade 6: Riley MacMillan, Petra Rankin
 - Grade 7: David Hayford, Jack Ramsay
 - Grade 8: Matthew Roy, Lucy Burke
- Congratulations and recognition to the February Students of the Month:
 - Grade 6: Chloe Arnold, James Lane
 - Grade 7: Emma Boutilier, Ava Leaman
 - Grade 8: James Clark, Hanna McDonald

- School Picture Contract

LTJH's school picture contract was up. This is a 3 year contract. There were three companies for the SAC to review in terms of their products and pricing to decide on who to award a new three year contract to. These were:

1. Photomaster (local)
2. Life Touch (national)
3. Adam's Photography (local; our current company)

After considering the packages offered (pricing, products, positive feedback), it was decided and approved that a new contract will be signed with Adam's Photography.

- Student Fees (for next year)

Derek Ferguson brought forward the consideration of student fees. There have not been student fees charged for the last few years. In previous years, fees were charged at the rate of \$25 per student (or \$40 for a family with two or more students).

The SAC Grant which is \$5000 (+1.00 per student), the Healthy Living grant, and Student Support Grant all work to subsidize school trips (with a \$10 max cap per student), school supplies, and the breakfast program. School fees have been covered by the various funding available. Derek Ferguson and the SAC members recognized that with inflation and rising costs of food, it would be a good idea to try and cover student fees for 2023-2024. Currently, we have 327 students and 330 are projected for next year.

Jennifer Roy suggested that the coverage of student fees through school funding should be put in the school newsletter, to notify parents as to our consideration of family needs during these continued challenging times. Additional SAC members agreed that this would be a good idea and ensure families are aware as to how these fees are being covered.

- SAC Records

Derek Ferguson reported that records are to be retained for 7 years (digital or hard copy). Derek keeps records in a shared folder in the Admin drive in Google Drive. Records will be kept publicly for 3 years.

The i) Meeting Agenda, ii) Meeting Summary, iii) The Annual Report will be posted online on the school website for the current school year.

- Budgeting/Monetary Asks

Funds remaining/available: \$

Two requests:

1. Mark Hulshof would like new uniforms for volleyball (\$1500) & track (\$760);
2. Katie Parsons requested two convection ovens for Family Studies (cost per oven is 150-200 plus tax, so \$500 approx).

- Motion #1 was put forward by Justinian Martin re: uniforms. \$1500 for volleyball uniforms was approved for purchase with current remaining funds and track uniforms will be considered for the budget in the new school year. Cheryl Harnett approved, and Krystal Denney seconded.
- Motion #2 was put forward by Cheryl Harnett re: convection ovens. \$500 for two convection ovens was approved for purchase with current remaining funds. Krystal Denney approved the motion and Justinian Martin seconded.

- Remaining Discussion

Jennifer Robar inquired about any additional things that can be done by the school to celebrate/acknowledge the Grade 8 graduates this year. Jennifer Roy suggested a clap out. Other things suggested were purchasing lanyards or an item that each student could leave with as a memento with any remaining SAC funds.

Jennifer Roy advised that a SAC member be available at the May 25th parent orientation for new Grade 6 students.

Our next and final SAC meeting will be on June 6th, 2023.

- Meeting Adjournment

Jennifer Roy adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.