

Laurelwoods Parent Council Minutes
April 27th, 2022 via Hybrid Model (In Person and Google Meet) 6:30pm

Attendance: (Virtual)Lori Shilvock (Principal), Marrie Ferguson, Allie Artuso (In Person) Kate Bryan, Katie Bryan, Cassandra Bryan, Sylvie McPherson, Amanda McCallum, Andrea Nicholls

Approval of Minutes: March 30th, 2022 minutes motion passed to approve by Marrie Ferguson, seconded by Amanda McCallum

Presenter: Travis Greenley from Family Transition Place

Showing presentation, details on workshops for grades 5-8. Classes parallel school work and learning, and can be implemented into classroom curriculum.

Stereotype busters, Inspire (empathy), Power (relationship building), I am (self-esteem and Mental Health).

Uses group work, role playing, activities game, relevant music, game- always new items.

Affirmation keepsakes, very interactive

\$575/class(30 students) 8 lessons

Principal's Report:

- Continuing to work with the Board on yard/ grounds concerns as they arise
- Update: the worm to be removed during the summer
- area around the three hoops basketball post needs to be built up with soil, more pea gravel needed
- We have submitted a proposal to have a sidewalk/ walkway installed on the south side of the main parking lot (that would connect the lot to the yard). This alteration would mirror the sidewalk/ walkway to the main entrance. We are waiting to hear if this project will be approved
- As a school we celebrated Office Coordinator day and Custodial Appreciation Day
- Parent Council Bar B Q is to happen on Thursday as part of Mental Health & Education Week! PIC money to be used to support school engagement. Community Use has been booked, staff have been invited
- EQAO is coming up for grades 3 & 6. This year the EQAO platform is digital.
- Mental Health & Education Week May 2-6th each division has come up with activities throughout the week, Monday is a whole school spirit day, Thursday is the Bar B Q, book fair and basket raffle
- Laurelwoods Reads continues to follow the Umbrella Project, focusing on Mental Wellness. The theme for April was authenticity
- Grade 8 graduation photos happened this month

Staff Report:

- Sharon Johnson passed along that the Grade 8 Grad will be Monday, June 27th.
- 6:30 pictures, 7:00 Ceremony- reception to follow

- Only for 2021/2022 Laurelwoods students
- June 26th will be setting up day- Asking for help- 1.5 hours, decorations will be all ready
- There will be Ice Dawgs for sale at the BBQ for Fundraising for Grad
- Allie Artuso- Forest of Reading- 57 Blue Spruce voters, 102 for the remainder of the program- voted on their favourites
- Voting stations were created
- There was a Party upon completion, with treats and decorations
- The virtual results will be in June, can watch online
- Open House and book fair- Book fair will start on Friday (teacher preview) set up will be on March 31st
- Purchasing can begin shortly- Monday there will be an email with a link to the online shopping for the Book Fair
- Volunteers are needed for the Open House
- Students from older grades will help the younger grades with their “wish lists”
- Parents can come in during the day
- Allie will check on the Book fair setup and class hours/staffing to see past practices

Parent Council/Fundraising Report:

- BBQ preparation is going good- can provide 1 hotdog or 1 hamburg per person at the Open House
- Food can be picked up from Sobeys that day
- Raffle of the Classroom baskets can be done that night, with ballots that have a name for later pick up if winner is not there
- Email with details for BBQ to be sent with information about raffle draw ticket prices, and bring your own drink
- Staff meeting has been moved from that night, so staff may attend
- Volunteers needed from about 3:15 for setup- should be basic
- Make it Sow fundraiser made \$150

Breakfast Club Report:

- Student nutrition will remain the grab and go for the remainder of the year

Other Business:

- FTP school based programs- would be approximately \$2300 for all grades (5-8) as each grade is \$575
- Laurelwoods is booked for 2 classes of grades 6s, 7s and 8s
- Motion made to help fund FTP Programs for 2022/2023 with proceeds from Basket Raffle - approved by Sylvie McPherson, seconded by Cassandra Bryan
- Next Meeting June 9th, 2022 at 6:30pm via Hybrid model- in person with Google Meet option