

LAKEVIEW ELEMNTARY SCC AGENDA

Date: March 7, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Lakeview Elementary

1. **Welcome: meeting started at 7:02pm**

Attendance: Bridget Richardson, Karla Hanson, Glen Winkler, Brenda Pollock, Jessica Martodam, Jocelyn Neufeld, Nancy Stevenot, Ashley Oystrick, Kelly Lay and Nadisha Meyer (arrived late).

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Jessica made a motion to adopt, seconded by Kelly.

3. **Review of January Minutes**

4. **Report from School/Wellness Coordinator**

- "I love to read" month went well. Over 500 books read.
- Focus on kindness for the month of February.
- Winterfest with lots of fun activities and hot chocolate.
- Dog sleds- kids had lots of fun and staff collected kids' thoughts on what they had learned during the session.
- School survey done and provided great data and students' comments regarding school and areas that they love.
- French immersion kindergarten registration starting
- Sask Express performed in school
- Michif kindergarten heading to Kopperud land to do some land-based learning and games
- Going back to lunch time activities- lego, fit kids
- Marafun- lunch time runs and end with event in Saskatoon. Starting lunch time running on March 21st.
- Budget- money was spent on staff appreciation lunch, RCMP appreciation snacks, and a donation to Carpenter high school.

5. **Glen Winkler from the NWSD board:**

School division's priority is to do school visits to increase connections with SCCs, other parents, staff and students. They appreciate the work done by SCCs. Concerned with maintaining current student:teacher ratios as we have one of the lowest in the province. Rising maintenance costs are a current issue with many school buildings aging in addition to the expected wear and tear from being used by so many people.

6. **New Business**

a. **Fundraising specifics – Growing Smiles.**

Money raised through students selling different kinds of plants which are then delivered and sent home. Karla to find out if Jonas Sampson is also planning on running this fundraiser as well to make sure we don't overlap.

b. Teacher Appreciation

Motion made by email to pay for a teacher staff appreciation lunch. Emberstone provided lunch and went well.

c. Outdoor classroom/gathering area

Ashley reported on further conversations with Janine and DJ – current idea is to have a cement pad shaped like a medicine wheel with bench seating around the edge. May include some cedars as they are a traditional plant and will provide some shade. Ideally with a portable fire pit for a wood fire. We need to get quotes for composite wood versus concrete to build it. DJ, Nadisha and Ashley to be on sub-committee to explore idea further. Everyone interested in joining this sub-committee to email Nadisha.

d. Volunteers for bookfair and/or snack-size soup and bannock for parent-teacher interview evenings

Ashley, Amy Campbell and Dawn met and came up with this idea to enhance parent teacher interactions. Need volunteers for the 21st and 23rd from 4:00-6:30 pm to help with food or in the library. Gordon and Bridget volunteered for the 21st; Karla has volunteered for the 23rd. Everyone else to check their schedules and email Dawn Paylor with availability.

e. Multi-cultural evening

Karla made a poster and presented it at the meeting. Purpose of event is to increase family engagement by asking families to highlight an interesting part of their culture and present it in a way for other students, staff and parents to engage in and learn about. Poster needs to be sent out to determine interest. Aim is to use individual classrooms as it will decrease congestion in the gym, decrease set-up time which would be required if using a larger area like the gym, and also be a less intimidating prospect for individuals to highlight aspects of their culture in a more personable way (rather than through a big presentation). Dawn and Jocelyn expressed concern that the poster may need to communicate more details about the night to explain how the evening would be structured (e.g. small groups versus a large presentation). Karla to make share further iterations of poster with SCC members who can then provide more feedback before sending it out to students and families.

f. Parent questions:

1. What happened to milk day: stopped due to price and time. Brenda's time has been re-allocated to Kindergarten, also cost of milk has gone up.
2. Request made to have hot lunches at school more often. Brenda and Dawn said it would be too complicated to hand out food and collect all payments so they are not inclined to have these on a regular basis. Also Brenda is quite busy preparing meals for students who don't have food.
3. Why was there no Christmas concert last year: Dawn stated that teachers had met to discuss what the purpose of the Christmas concert was and weighed that up with the amount of time required to get it going as well as the complication of the high rate of student absenteeism. They decided to do a family engagement night rather than have the concert. Also, a lot of students have anxiety around performances and the general feeling is that large performances that place these students in difficult situations may not be the best idea.

4. Why no class photos- School staff voted not to do to group photos because it takes too much time to line children up and take a single group photo. Also, they would need another photo day to get group photos done and was another reason not to have group photos. A composite photo would be a good solution- Dawn Paylor will look into it.

Meeting ended at 8:23