

LeMarchant St. Thomas Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2018

Opening:

Monthly meeting of LeMarchant St. Thomas Home and School Association was called to order by Lisa Sanderson.

In attendance: Lisa Sanderson, Piia Lintunen, Melissa Shakespeare, Kirstin Weerdenburg, Moira Cavanaugh, Martha Beyea, Jill DiPenta, Lizzie Moore, Suzanne Lacroix

Introductions of Executive & Meeting Attendees

Principal's Report

- Theme for the month is Gratitude, many ongoing activities related to this
- Student Success Plan – continuing work on this, workshop on reading comprehension during last PD Day
- Teachers are working on their Professional Growth Plans
- Staff had culture responsiveness training recently
- Next PD Day has many different workshops that the teachers and administrators will attend
- Several extracurricular activities ongoing right now (ukulele, running club, musical, etc), mostly for older grades, lots of participation
- Terry Fox Walk/Run raised almost \$500
- Walk/Run/Ride to School Week ongoing this week, suspect increased participation this week
- Halifax Waste information sessions occurred for the students, having some litter-less lunch initiatives ongoing
- Halloween Walk-a-Thon coming up
- Moira will be more involved in the new school planning from now on
- Student musical is in the works – Spatz Theatre is booked, date is **February 28, 2019**
- Holiday Concert planning happening, date is **December 13, 2018**
- Would like to do magazine fundraiser, will send out information tomorrow to students/parents
- Will consider Mabel's Labels as a fundraiser in near future

Principal's Wish List

- Drumming workshop \$1500, Halloween drumming presentation \$450 (already booked)
- Discovery Centre Science Lesson for each class \$1560
- Choir Director \$750 (funds matched by Perform Grant)
- Creative Movement Class \$650 (funds matched by Perform Grant)
- Battle of the Books \$500-600 (1 set of books, school buys other set)
- Grade 6 Trip \$1000 (already in the budget)
- Approval for the following to be funded by LMST H&S at the above amounts (Motion by Melissa Shakespeare, Motion seconded by Piia Lintunen):
 - o Halloween drumming presentation

- Choir Director
- Creative Movement Class

Treasurer's Report

- Presented by Melissa Shakespeare
- Explained report design to showcase where funds raised go

Recap of Movie Night & Nourish Your Roots

- Well received fundraising events
- 205 Nourish Your Roots boxes sold

YRS Update

- Email sent by Leah Rimmer
- "We came in 3rd in the participation points for the most recent race on October 14th at OnTree with 11 participants running for LMST and we stand in 3rd place overall. There is one more race to go, this Saturday, October 27th. Springvale has 1st place overall locked up, and Armbrae will likely stay in 2nd. The real race is between us and Bois Joli who are 10 points behind us. We will be promoting participation through our regular channels and we look forward to winning a cash prize to go towards our kids' physical education."
- "One idea I would like to bring up to H&S is to increase participation in YRS. I know for my family and others it is such a positive and cost-effective way to promote whole family fitness and school and community spirit. I know for Springvale they all have shirts that they keep and run in and they are all very engaged. I would be interested in organizing a family fun run for the LMST population, likely in the spring. We could raise funds for shirts and also promote YRS at that event. Please let me know if H&S would be interested in this activity."

Spring Fair

- Would like to bring in some new games, need some help from handy/crafty/creative people to help develop these
- Bank sponsorship of event – 2 years ago this was done, Melissa Shakespeare will look into this for this year

Upcoming Fundraising Activities/Events

- Adult Event – booked, located at 2 Crows Brewing, date is **November 17, 2018**, 1st part of event from 6-8pm for 20 people, paired with food, 2nd part of event after this at 8pm-12am will get ticket for 1 beer and appetizers; music – some LMST parents are opera singers; will include silent auction, 10 items already provided, want to make a call for more items
- Holiday Wreathes – will be in November, \$1 more than usual (cost went up)
- LMST Clothing – new coloured logo, Yvette is asking if the athletic shirt can be one colour so that it can be used for athletic events
- Breakfast with Santa – date is **December 8, 2018**; Lisa pleading for people to help with this, need to contact class parents to help get more volunteers involved, to be located at Saint Antonios Church this year, will do ornaments again, will not do pancakes this year, instead will do croissants, bagels, bread

Next Meeting

- November 20, 2018 at 6pm

Recorded by: Kirstin Weerdenburg