



LeMarchant St Thomas
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Minutes
February 21st, 2019, 4:30pm

Members Present

Moira Cavanaugh	Principal
Graeme Gunn	Chair/Parent Rep
Daniel Makhan	Secretary/Parent Rep
Michael Zhang	Parent Rep
Steven Beyea	Parent Rep
Adele Beaton	Teacher, 4 French
Emily Thompson	Teacher, 5/6 English
Karyn Harrison	Fine Arts Specialist, HRCE
Claire McParland	Community Rep

Members Absent

Lynne MacKinnon	Vice Principal
Lily Gosine	Community Rep/Formal Student
Carina Rolfe	Community Rep/Formal Student
Nancy Beck	Community Rep

Participants/Observers/Guests

None.

1. Additions to Agenda

None.

2. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes

January 19, 2019 Minutes. Approved by Council.

3. Old business

- a. E-Transfer Possibilities: MC explored with HRCE. Not possible at this time.

- b. Update on SAC budget expenditures: Given the student population, LMST SAC budget is \$5452. Expenditures allocated to date:
 - \$1794.50 Art teacher for 10 days, 2 sessions/class, \$179.45/session
 - \$1369.00 Dalplex, 10 sessions, 5 classes, 2 visits, (\$164 x 5) x2, March 7 & 14
 - \$525.00 Zumba, December & January
 - \$3688.50 Total. Remaining SAC budget of \$1763.50

- c. Art Project Floor Motif. Artist connected with Department of Education and with the builders MARCO on needed specifications. Butterfly/tree Design shared in Newsletter. Kids will be engaged in the build.
- d. Representatives from the Green Space & Garden committee will be invited by MC to share progress and plans with SAC. \$240k raised through various corporate and government grants, seeking the final \$100k from community donations (tax deductible for donations over \$25)

4. Administration Update

Admin Report for February 2019

- February is African Heritage month.
- Our theme for February is Kindness. Students/teachers are focusing on this important value throughout the month. Along with daily announcements and our LMST Lion's Pride Wall
 - Some classes (P-3) created jewelry and sold it with proceeds going to IWK (\$121)
 - Random acts of kindness. A few classes created little treat bags and passed them out to folks in the neighborhood
 - Several classes went to Hope Cottage to deliver baked goods and learn about how Hope Cottage helps the less fortunate in our community.
- Disney's The Little Mermaid Junior. Students, teachers and parents are putting a drive on for our musical on February 28th at the Spatz theatre.
- Battle of the Books. Our battle of the books team has won the first two matches against Sunnyside and Sackville Heights Junior High. We will find out soon if we advance to the next round.
- Professional Development to support student success. Teachers are attending PD on new software for reporting student success. Our tech lead teacher went to training on our DASH Robots and will share learnings with peers.
- Read-a-thon. A fun way to celebrate literacy week. Great student engagement. \$2000 was raised which will pay for drumming workshops with Chris Kennedy of Goat Works Drumming.
- Music Night was a resounding success, featuring strings, band and choir. Another will be held in June.
- Greg Morrison has completed 2 weeks of integrated art workshops and it was a big hit with the children and teachers. Many teachers focused on our African Heritage month theme, some on ancient civilizations and others on animal habitats.
- February 20-22. Drumming workshops for all students.
- February 28. Grade 5/6 musical 'The Little Mermaid Jr'. 6:30pm at Spatz Theatre
- March 8. Assessment and Evaluation Day 8. No classes.
- March 29. Report cards go home.
- March 30. Regional Concours d'art oratoire. Grades 5-6 public speaking.

6. New business

- a. Review and feedback on draft SAC Handbook

The document provides guidance on SAC governance, roles and responsibilities. Templates are provided to support the refreshing of SAC Bylaws, SAC Annual Report (by end of school year) and the School Advisory Council Agreement (April 1st). GG to forward prior SAC documents. Feedback is sought by April 1st. Further discussion at upcoming SAC meeting.

7. Any other business

- a. MC to explore considerations to enable a possible electronic school sign in the future
- b. Strong interested from community groups is anticipated for the new school facilities after 6pm. The gym will be used by both HRCE and HRM and made available to community groups.

8. Dates for next meetings:

- March 26, 2019, 4:30pm.