

LeMarchant St. Thomas Home and School (H&S) Association

Meeting Minutes – Nov. 15, 2022

Opening

Monthly meeting of LeMarchant St. Thomas Home and School Association (in person) was called to order by Mary McHenry.

In attendance: Vanessa Bruce-Little, Brett Bundale, Moira Cavanaugh, Mary McHenry, Kirstin Weerdenburg, Erin Wyand, Heather Himmelman, Laura LeDuc, Jill Hartlen, Jeff Bigger

Previous Minutes

Oct. 2022: motion to approve by Mary McHenry, motion seconded by Brett Bundale

Principal's Report (Moira)

- Our theme for November is Respect. Students/teachers are focusing on this important value throughout the month. Our grade 6 poster club leaders have created beautiful posters under the guidance of Mme Hagerman to display throughout the school. Mme Chiasson and Mme Jordan are working with their classes, and they are created quotes and pictures for display and the announcements.
- Report cards: teachers are busy gathering assessment data and will be using November 21 to work on writing report cards for term 1.
- Read/dance-a thon: huge success. Children had so much fun! Thank you to all families – we raised over \$12,000. The list of prize winners has been sent to families in an email.
- SAC budget \$5576.00
 - \$1380 for Symphony, \$300 for Mi'kmaq Stories Past & Present, \$3896.00 will go towards a science class for each homeroom class.
- Remembrance Day: Each class created a wreath/ Choir/4B and 2C presented along with virtual clips of veterans explaining the importance of the day.
- Adaptations have gone home through Edupost
- Report cards: Edupost will be used once again this year. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact info in Powerschool.
- **Concerts**
P-3 Tuesday, December 6 - Dress rehearsal 1:15 pm/Concert 6:30 pm

4-6 Wednesday, December 7 - Dress rehearsal 1:15 /Concert 6:30 pm

Due to fire regulations will hand out 2 tickets per family.

- **Upcoming dates**

November 16: OPTIS online scheduler opens to book interviews with teachers

All parents/guardians are encouraged to come

November 21: Assessment and Evaluation Day - no school for students

November 29: report cards

December 1: PD Day in the morning – no school for students

December 1: Parent/guardian teacher interviews 1-4 pm and 6pm-8pm

December 2: PD Day – no school for students

December 6: P-3 Holiday concert 6:30 pm

December 7: 4-6 Holiday concert 6:30 pm

December 15 & 16: Shopping Under the Stars

December 19: Lost and Found not claimed will be donated

Treasurer's Update

- Adult event ticket sales, clothing, hot chocolate and wreaths brought in \$4657 so far (net of outflow for adult event float and DJ)

- Profits:

Adult event: \$11,725

Clothing: \$600

Coffee: \$250

Wreaths: TBC

Woozles: \$1073

- Account balance is now \$11,001 but once we add auction profits, bar sales and remove clothing costs, we'll have about \$17,000

Past Events – Feedback, Next Steps

- **Adult event**

Went well with a great turnout. Raised over \$11,000. Following up on processing payments for a few auction sales.

Suggestions for next year: have a QR code for auction site; put food closer to the bar with a dressed-up table; have quieter music at the beginning so people can chat at the beginning; start at 8pm

- **Nourish Your Roots**

Proceeds: \$1472

- **Woozles**

We made over \$1,000 (on \$5,000 in sales); book again for Oct. 2023

- **Fall Clothing Order**

Sold 155 clothing items (less than the past but we didn't offer as many items due to spring order); 22 embroidered items; made just over \$600 (easier on school cash online despite lower profit); look into how we can add embroidery requests to school cash online next time so it doesn't have to be emailed separately

- **Wreaths, coffee, hot chocolate**

Pick-up is Nov. 25 from 3-6pm

133 wreaths have been ordered

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- Family skate booked for Feb. 20, 2023 from 10am - 12pm at the Forum; grade 6s to do hot chocolate and bake sale for year-end (Kirstin will organize this with the other grade 6 class parents)
- Bingo March 2
- Food drive – March (TBC)

Other

Funding ideas

- Look into installing 4 sidewall basketball nets in the gym
- Consider topping up the teachers' budgets for extra class activities/supplies
- Seek input from greater parent community on what to support/fund - ask for ideas to be sent to H&S email

- Tupper Pre-Primary Program asked for a donation from LMST H&S for a storage unit for outdoor equipment, Christine to gather more information from them about this and the amount requested
- Garden Committee Update – hosted a successful fall clean up on Oct. 30; 8 families are responsible for weeding throughout the school year - thanks for your hard work garden volunteers; garlic has been planted in an empty garden box; committee will plan spring planting and harvest meal for fall of 2023
- Green Space Committee – looking for more volunteers for the committee to secure funding to replace the oldest (but most used) playground structure; will call a meeting once we receive next steps from HRM

Next Meeting

- January 17, 2023 at 6pm (in person)

Recorded by: Erin Wyand