



LeMarchant-St. Thomas SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Minutes

January 17th, 2023, 4:30pm

Members Present

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Regrets

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Last Meeting November 15th, 2023

1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

Website input survey was added to the agenda by Moira.

2. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from November 15th meeting.

3. Discussion of New Business

HRCE is looking at revamping the website. There is a survey available until January 30th (one per school) for SAC to give their input about the website, what can be changed and what works for the website. Survey will be sent to the SAC members for their input.

4. Updates on Old Business

Following the SAC's last meeting, a firmer email was sent to Darryl by Lindsay regarding the roof issue. Darryl responded quickly with a promise to follow up in December. Contractor lined up, presently waiting for materials due to supply chain issues. Last email sent this week, Darryl is waiting on pricing from contractor. Will keep the issue on the agenda to continue follow ups. Request information on going forward from Trish, may need to draft another (firm)letter.

5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

Theme for the month of January is *Empathy*. What's empathy vs sympathy, imagining walking in someone else's shoes and how they may feel to explain empathy. Janine has been working with the poster club each month and with the grade 6's. Poster club enjoys making posters, and will be taking over the kindness board in February.

Shopping under the stars was successful! \$1872.70 was raised and will be used for the end of year trip and ceremony for grade 6s.

Holiday concert was a success as well. Students worked hard and had fun, positive feedback from parents.

Jan 16-20 *Perform* is coming (hiring artists at a reduced rate ie: dancers) there is hip hop dancer working with the kids and the kids are learning a lot and having lots of fun.

January 16th is Martin Luther King Jr day, with art work and stories to explain his legacy and honor him.

January 26th is primary session for French immersion interest, starts at 6pm

January 31st-Feb 1st workshops will be offered for French educators

February primary registration month: Encouragement for new families in the neighbourhood to register at LMST. Pre-primary students are at Tupper and Inglis but expect some to transfer to LMST for Primary English and French.

February is African history month. There will be a special presentation on February 8th with 2 different performances that include drummers and dancers and history.

February 15th is the performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Mary Chisholm has been working with the grade 6s on the sets (embossing and stained glass for the sets) it's a fun and informative art project. Tickets will be through school cash online for the play.

Mr. Rose gave an update on the Student Success Plan from the last year. Highlights include:

- Teacher led PD initiative
- School based data approach

- P-2 Literacy initiative (target all students reading by end of grade 2)
- Targeted time to read with students (substitute teachers)
- PD small group instruction and inquiry based learning

January 11th staff meeting focus on reading and oral language

January 20th P-2 teachers will be entering data to help inform practice (where the students are and what are next steps).

6. Set date for next meeting

February 21st at 4:30pm. There will be no meeting in March