



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

November 20th, 2023, 4:30pm

### Members Present

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Last Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### 1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

None

#### 2. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from October 2023 meeting.

#### 3. Discussion of New Business

The committee welcomed new SAC member Hannah Cusack to her first meeting.

#### 4. Updates on Old Business

##### a) SAC Budget Spending

A survey was sent to all of the staff to get input on options for spending the remaining SAC budget. 10 responses were received, and the options were ranked. The top option was a Symphony NS performance with a modern twist. The following top options were a Discovery Center visit, a Neptune theatre visit and Science in schools. Moira has emailed Symphony NS to see if they would be going back on tour and is waiting to hear back.

##### b) Update on photography packages

Moira confirmed with Liam from Pineapple photography that there is an option for purchasing individual photos. Given it was hard to find this option on the website, and the purchases have been lower than usual, Moira will ask Liam about re-issuing the paper with the QR code.

#### 5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

The theme for the month of November is peace and respect.

Grade 6 leaders putting up posters for stuff a bus on December 1<sup>st</sup> for Feed NS. Will be looking for food donations.

The read and dance a thon was a big success and they have started to distribute prizes to the winners. Garden Harvest week went very well. Food was purchased to represent garden items. Older kids did some of the cutting of the vegetables, grating etc. Information about harvest week is on the LMST twitter account.

The Remembrance day assembly was held. Poems were read and the choir sang.

The holiday concerts are to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> for primary to grade 3 and December 7<sup>th</sup> for grades 4-6. There will be afternoon shows at 1:15 and you do not need to purchase tickets.

There will be no school on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Shopping under the stars will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Moira may look into setting up school cash online for shopping under the stars next year.

For the student success plan, staff are looking at the 3 goals for student success and seeing where we are based on observations from term 1. Looking at where we are and where we need to go. A librarian has been hired and are waiting on approval to hire another core French teacher.

**6. Set date for next meeting**

January 16 @ 4:30pm