



LeMarchant St Thomas  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Agenda  
October 17th, 2023, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

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### Members Present

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### Regrets

None

Last Meeting October 17th, 2023

#### 1. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

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

No additions to the agenda

#### 3. Discussion of New Business

Discussion began with how to spend the \$5000 LMST received from the province (\$1 for every student). Members discussed the past use of this money e.g. used for Science/Art workshops within classrooms and other activities and workshops for students. Members decided to refer to the teachers for what they would prefer.

Concern brought up by parent rep Juan regarding the traffic congestion in front of the school during drop and pick up, suggestions made for walking to school, taking alternative routes. The parking and drop off zones were discussed at length before the school was built and installing a garden in the front of the school and omitting a drive-in drop off zone was deliberate decision to minimize traffic and congestion during drop off

and pick up. School has taken an active role in directing parents during school drop off and pick up times, the hope is when SJ school leaves, it will decrease the number of cars in the area. State of the pavement on Le Marchant Street also brought up by parent rep Juan, Moira explained that the city has been notified of the number of potholes and work will hopefully commence in the summer.

#### 4. Updates on Old Business

School pictures: option for purchasing has changed, only option now is for packages starting at 3 photos for \$40. Pineapple studios will be contacted for clarification.

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

Theme of the month is *Gratitude*.

October is Mi'kmaq history month.

School bus safety awareness week October 16th

Walk a thon October 31<sup>st</sup> and dance a thon fundraising notices will be sent home.

LMST Librarian has taken another position, Moira and Gabe are doing interviews for replacements.

A new Core French teacher hired today!

Choir director will be Amelia McMann with Mr. Bert as a choir liaison.

LMST and Gorsebrook had over 90 kids attend the cross country meets.

Grade 6 assessment completed last week, students had 2 days of math and 2 days of language arts.

Grade 3 assessments done last spring were sent home today.

French immersion students did not do English section of the assessments only the math portion.

Safety drills are ongoing along with bus safety drills.

Frozen jr musical practice has started along with battle of the books and intramurals.

For Halloween students can come dressed up, they must be already dressed and avoid masks and swords.

Need for new community member, will be posted in upcoming newsletter.

New staff member joining SAC, Hannah Cussac.

#### 6. Set date for next meeting

November 21<sup>st</sup>

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

No meetings march

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024