



LeMarchant St Thomas
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Agenda
September 19th 2023, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Members Present

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Observer

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Last Meeting June 20th, 2023

1. Review and approval of minutes

Members approved the minutes from June 20th, 2023 meeting.

2. Additions of any other business to the agenda

Student attendance and engagement policy.

Discussion of New Business

3. Student attendance and engagement policy. In 2017 provincial school attendance in middle and high school became a problem. The student attendance and engagement policy was designed as a framework to help students get to school. During covid it was suspended and re-instated in September 2023. At LMST there are some students that do not attend, our school works with the parents and social worker to help facilitate attendance. Support is there for children to attend school (ie.courtesy bussing, follow up with parents)

4. Updates on Old Business

Roof repairs: Repairs done this summer! Marco repaired the entranceways in July/August, there should not be any build-up of snow during the winter months.

Update on playground: LMST newest playground (only 4 years old) is fine structurally but there are some areas of rot in the natural wood space. Discussions ongoing regarding what remedies are needed. The city is responsible for maintenance of the playgrounds.

5. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

Core French teacher is still needed.

LMST has a new band teacher.

New administrative staff in the office to help Jody (part time)

New librarian has started last week and is setting up the library space.

Theme of the month of September is *Friendliness*.

Enrollment: 575 students this term. There are 24 classrooms. Last year LMST had 26 classrooms and 575/590 students. Portable is not needed currently.

Safety drills, first fire drill last week and the lockdown drill was held today with several constables in assistance.

Stand up against bullying last week.

Ice cream social and curriculum night saw a lot of parents and students in attendance.

Terry fox this Friday the 22nd, students will meet in the gymnasium and head to the field for the run.

This year's musical will be Frozen jr. Grades 5-6 will participate. Sarah Harrigan will oversee the volunteering and is the producer.

Battle of the books is starting, for grades 4-6s. LMST is the defending champions.

Strings and Band have started.

Choir hasn't started yet as a choir director is still needed.

Cafeteria is open for hot lunches.

Cross country practice has started, first meet will be October 4th. Several schools meet at Gorsebrook on October 11th.

Orange shirt day is September 28th.

No school on 30th in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation.

Student success plan: focus on student wellbeing, literacy, and math

Grad 6 survey from last year (wellbeing survey) helps teachers to know about lives of students outside of school.

School photos have been taken already; group photo not released yet.

6. Set date for next meeting.

October 17th at 4:30. The dates for the rest of the SAC meetings for the year were also set:

21st November

January 16th

February 20th

No meetings in March

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th