

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

04 April, 2017

Le Marchant St. Thomas classroom, 4:33 – 5:49 pm

Members Present:

Jeanne Boudreau	Principal
Monica Stoilov	Vice Principal
David Jakeman	Chair, Parent
Judy Obersi	Co-Chair, Parent
Laura White	Secretary, Parent
Andrew Boyne	Parent
Kim Gallivan	Teacher
Gina Jones	Educational Program Assistant

Members Absent:

Nancy Beck	Community Representative
Claire McParland	Community Representative

Participants:

Graeme Gunn	Parent
Liz Wozniac	Parent, green space committee member

1. Review and Approval of 02 March, 2017 Minutes: 2 typos to be corrected

Motion to approve: DJ

Seconded: LW

2. Additions to Agenda:

None.

3. Old Business:

a) Naming or Renaming Schools Policy and Procedures

-A draft letter/ballot to parents/guardians was discussed and revised (DJ).

-It was discussed that if the majority of parents/guardians wish to change the school name, up to three recommended names for the school will be submitted in order of preference per the Naming or Renaming Schools Procedures Section 4.1.5. The intention of the Procedures (Sections 5.0 and 6.0) is that the Governing Board will select one name from the three submitted. No extra names would be submitted by the Governing Board as options (JB).

-The official name if the school is "Le Marchant St. Thomas School" (no "ecole" in front, JB).

-An electronic survey vs. a paper one was discussed. A (coloured) paper survey was chosen. One survey will be sent home per child.

-GG questioned why it is necessary to complete the survey as no one has come forward that wishes to rename the school per the Procedures Section 2.2. The SAC agrees that we should do our due diligence and conduct the survey to make sure that we understand the wishes of the parents/guardians.

-An email will be sent home to parents/guardians introducing the survey. The paper survey will be sent home in the agendas on Monday, and will be due back Thursday before the Easter long weekend.

b) School Steering Team (SST) (DJ):

-The SST met on Monday, 27 March.

-Four parking options were discussed including the one discussed at the last SAC meeting (limited parking at LMST, most of the parking at the Annex site where the playgrounds are now).

4. New Business:

a) Logo for new school (JB)

-All HRSB elementary schools have one (MS).

-\$800 to digitize a design (MS went through this process at Crichton Park).

-Logo will go on the gym floor (marmoleum).

-The SAC agrees that the current logo is outdated.

-The SAC will delay the logo discussion until after the school naming survey is complete.

b) Art work for new school (JB)

-We have \$5000 from the new school budget for an art project (ex. mural, mosaic).

-LW described the tile mosaic project executed at another school. A local artist led the project with participation from the older students.

-JO will approach a few artists that she knows to see if they are interested in leading the project for the new school.

5. Administration Update (JB):

a) Parent/teacher interviews are Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. The PD day for teachers on Thursday morning is on how to create documented adaptations in TIENET (Technology for Improved Education Network), and Seesaw student driven digital portfolios.

b) Book Fair is in the gym at the same time as the interviews.

c) April 25th - Home & School meeting

d) April 25th and 26th - home alone and babysitting training for 11 year old children.

e) April 27th – movie night at Gorsebrook

f) Lego for Kids for every classroom took place last week and this week. The children loved the kits.

g) The bowling trips are complete. All participants loved the outing.

h) A magician was in the school today for children in grades P-3.

i) May 3rd - children in grades 4-6 will go to the Canada Games Centre.

j) PERFORM! will return on a future date as the performer was ill on the originally scheduled date. The performance will be African Dance.

h) There are 56 Primary French immersion students registered (including 6 out of area students) and 4 English Primary students registered. There were 18 French out-of-area requests in total, and 7 English out-of-area requests.

-AB: Will out of area students have to leave the school when the new school is built? (We currently have 428 students at LMST, and the new school is designed to hold 409.) JB must plan for the current space available for September 2017, and not the future space available at the new school in September 2018.

6. Items moved to next meeting's agenda:

a) Logo for new school.

7. Actions:

a) (from November/16) DJ/All: Update the LMST by-laws such that a parent from the English student body be included on the SAC in time for the next SAC election (September, 2017).

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16th 4:30 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: DJ. Seconded: AB. Meeting adjourned 5:49 pm.