

Lockerby School Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Principal: Ryan Lafreniere
Vice Principal: Brad Smith
Teacher: Meghan Baggs
Parents: Diana Millett, Gilberto Ciulini, Erin Holloway

Regrets: Carla Delabbio, Ameline Menard

Date: April 28, 2025
Location: Boardroom
Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Item	Description	Discussion/Comments	Action
1.	Welcome/Introductions		
2.	Approval of Agenda		Moved: E. Holloway Seconded: D. Millett
3.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None to declare	
4.	Approval of Minutes		Moved: D. Millett Seconded: G. Ciulini
5.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes		
6.	Principal's Report	<p>Lockerby took home 8 gold medals in 8 different categories at the Skills Ontario annual technology competition including robotics and architecture. 14 students will be going to Toronto for further competition.</p> <p>RDSB and regional science fairs have taken place with three of our grade 9 students moving on to the Canada wide science fair.</p> <p>Our STEP fair where students displayed projects of their current interests was well attended.</p> <p>Our STEP grade 9 students will be going to Cambrian tomorrow for further learning in coding, engineering and computer science.</p> <p>Mid Term reports have gone home today.</p> <p>Our last parent/teacher conference went smoothly and was well attended.</p> <p>Currently our enrollment is at 531. Ryan has submitted a projected enrollment for the fall of 586. We will receive 2½ additional teachers for next year. Timetables have been finalized for the fall as of today. Mr. Watson will be retiring so we will have a new social worker next year.</p> <p>We will likely have six sections of STEP and two sections of traditional programs in the fall. We will have to create a new house for the new grade 9 students. Integration days will be in the afternoons for grade 10 students. Their houses will be mixed between classes now. We have submitted our application to offer a Foods and Culinary SHSM next year.</p>	

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		<p>We had visitors touring our school from the CTMA Grant program in hopes of receiving investments to upgrade our tech machinery and purchase new equipment.</p> <p>None of our suggested capital projects were approved this year, but we will be having our roof and crawl space fixed this summer.</p> <p>Upcoming events include prom, graduation, Education Week, end of year concerts, Emergence Art Exhibition at the art gallery, summer sports, and Free to be Me conference.</p>	
7.	Chair's Report		
8.	School Council Presentation School Improvement Plan 2024-2025	<p>Lockerby has won the Go Green Globe award for the most environmentally sustainable school. Only one secondary school per year is chosen for this award. It will be accepted by students at the board awards night May 20th in the Sheridan Auditorium. Karen Augenstein will be receiving her 25 year pin. Dr. Courtin, who has been very involved in our school's programming over the years, will receive the Community Partnership Award.</p> <p>Our second group of writers will be completing the grade 10 literacy test. There are around 20 that will write. Dates for grade 9 math EQAO will come out soon.</p> <p>Three more teachers have been trained in mental health first aid.</p> <p>Our indigenous support worker has started the Blue Ribbon Project where female youth will make scarves that will be offered to moms and grandmas in a celebratory event.</p>	
9.	PIC Report	<p>Both the February and April Parent Involvement Committee meeting themes were Mental Health (part 1 and 2). Board administration and PIC members had previously explored the book; "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt, which discusses topics such as how social media is rewiring the brains of young people and increasing mental health issues. We had a presentation about the prevalence of anxiety in students. We looked at the Anxiety-Avoidance Cycle and discussed the importance of increasing independence and confidence in young people to combat anxiety. There was an organization suggested by the book called the Let Grow Project (letgrow.org). It is a program that schools and families can be involved in that helps promote independence, new skills, and confidence in students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 by having them try new activities on their own. The board wondered if we thought there could be a benefit to adopting the ideas of this program. We discussed the merits of the program and we could adapt it to suit our unique student population. It was decided that we would like to go ahead with an</p>	

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		adapted program that could perhaps roll out in the fall, maybe in conjunction with the Parent Involvement grant money that we apply for in September. These discussion findings will go back with the school board to come up with a suitable program that can be used with our families.	
10.	Student Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Kart tournament starting soon • Administration professionals recognized last week by student council • Next week they will be recognizing teachers • Eat like a Viking, Play like a Viking - Hot dog day and outside games on May 30th • In May we will have a visit from the Pet Therapy dogs 	
11.	Committees/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Porketta Bingo final numbers not yet received ▪ Event was successful, very well attended ▪ Lottery account will sit at around \$8500 after all outstanding bills have been paid ▪ Half of grad costs that students did not have to pay through their grad fees would be around \$2625 ▪ We had ear-marked profits from Porketta Bingo to go toward offsetting grad costs ▪ Breakfast Club budget is currently healthy, lots of donations ▪ We are hoping to host a class of 2005 reunion at the school in July. Ryan has been in contact with the individuals who are planning the event 	Discuss disbursement percentage of profits at next meeting
12.	Parent Involvement Fund	We reviewed the list of criteria we would need to meet to receive grant money from the Parent Involvement Fund. Ideas for how to spend the money in ways that would benefit our school community included a new scoreboard, microwaves for the cafeteria, replacement of the flooring on the stage in the auditorium, new logo painted on the auditorium wall, outdoor classroom materials, bike repair stations, and etiquette classes for families, perhaps in conjunction with a spaghetti dinner. We decided to go ahead with the purchase of the microwaves to start, and discuss the other options further at the next meeting.	Motion to purchase three microwaves for events in the building that support students and parents (similar to our BBQ purchase) was made by Diana and seconded by Gil and unanimously passed.
13.	Question Period		
14.	Next Steps	Ryan will speak to Christine about getting quotes for our cafeteria microwaves.	
15.	Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.	
16.	Next Meeting	Monday, June 9 th at 6:00pm in the boardroom.	