

Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022

Events

- First in person assembly - awesome!! Group picture using a drone - so cool!
- Middle School Mental Health Awareness day - various activities, sidewalk chalk drawing on BB court, lunch provided for whole school

Staffing update

- Ben Paskal = Edwin Parr nominee - banquet coming up
- EA position posted for remainder of this year & possibly next
- CYCW position posted to add to current CYCW staff
- Office Administration position posted (Monica leaving)
- Learning Commons position posted (Sherri Terpstra will move into Grad Coach position)

Outdoor Development

- Phase 2 has been approved
- Ordering equipment
- Planning installation on west end of school
- Next phase will be outdoor classroom & possibly more seating (picnic tables)

Athletics update

- Badminton just wrapped up with zones last weekend
- Baseball program starting up - exhibition games
- Rugby well underway
- *Parent Question - How is registration for the upcoming WINGS program?
Response - staffing in place and interest appears strong; working on the timetabling
- *Do you have enough student interest to run the WINGS program?
Response - numbers appear enough to offer all sports we are planning
- *Concern about students missing band option in grade 7 because of WINGS?
Response - plan is to not run band and WINGS at the same time

Important Dates:

- PATs = May 16 = grade 9 ELA, May 18 - grade 6 ELA
- May 20 = PD Day
- June 1-3 = Band Trip
- June 7 = Band Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
- June 7 = Wilderness Run
- June 8 = year-end assembly
- June 10 & 11 = Grad Banquet, Prom, Feather Blessing, and Cap & Gown
- June 15 = Blue & White Extracurricular Awards

General Information

- School Logo & the “W” of Walshe:
 - The “W” is being utilized to design various Walshe wear re Pride day, Orange Shirt day, We Are Walshe day, etc.
 - Proposal that Walshe logo officially changes to a common “W” template that can then be “added to” or “personalized” to best reflect Walshe’s “personality &/or atmosphere”

FNMI

- Niitsitapi day = May 30
 - Speakers, activities, whole school participation

Trustee

- Amazing presentation from student leadership group(s)
- Colony schools are thriving; even some students enrolled at the high school level
- Division office building property has a tentative offer??
- “École des Grands-Vents” - board sending representatives
- Crowsnest property will officially be named “PEAKS Campus”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

1) Board Presentations – The Board of Trustees had two amazing and informative presentations today, the first being the Livingstone Leaders and the second, the Hutterite Colonies update.

(1) Livingstone Leaders - Every student making a difference every day. Teacher Advisors Eliza Grose and Mitchell Duram with their executive members Jasmine (JTF), Topher (CCHS), Lydia (FPW), Mackinley (Livingstone), Abi (MHHS), Kyra (Granum) and Anastasia (WCCHS, unable to attend) gave a very informative and insightful presentation. Each school executive gave the Board of Trustee information as to what their individual schools are doing to inspire students and provide student voice in their school. This information included 1) Who we are: leaders who strive to make a difference in our schools and in our communities! Five students from each of the seven middle and high schools in LRSD and one advisor from each school 2) Our Purpose and Vision: is to inspire and champion student leadership in our schools; to make an authentic, positive impact on school culture; to help to create confidence and a sense of belonging; to promote ownership for learning and leadership; to empower students to create a supportive, safe school environment; to build staff leadership capacity and to capture & honour student voice. The Board of Trustees would like to congratulate each school for their innovative and fun ways they have found to develop student leadership skills, inspire, and embrace student voice within LRSD schools.

(2) Hutterite Colonies Update – Mr. Nick Beer, Colony Principal presented and update to the Board of Trustees on the 13 Colony schools that are in the Livingstone Range School Division. Colony schools are a unique situation. Each colony is different and so although they share similarities, no two schools are the same. Most schools are more traditional than community schools. They can be one or two room buildings and house between 9 and 30 students. Some of these buildings are shared with the German teachers from the colony. Our division colonies are spread throughout the school division boundaries. Colony teachers work closely with the German teacher. Currently in the 13 colonies there are 226 students, 13 teachers and 9 educational assistants. This year they have 5 students enrolled in High School courses in two different colonies and next year they are hoping that this growth continues and students expand their schooling beyond grade 9. All colony schools provide literacy and numeracy resources to facilitate intervention with grades 1-3 students. Some of the colony schools have also participated in many activities such as pumpkin carving, building leprechaun traps, having RCMP visits, Terry Fox walks/runs, hand painting and writing letters to their favorite sports teams/players. Even as each colony may have differences, they are incorporating fun and inventive strategies for their best learning experience.

2) Conditional Sale of the Claresholm Division Office Facility – The Board of Trustees moved that the Board of Trustees deem the former Claresholm Division Office Facility and Land surplus to the School Boards needs and request for Ministerial approval to sell the property. As part of the process and in accordance with the Disposition of Property Regulation: 2 or more appraisals were acquired, the property was put out to tender, no reasonable bids were received, a procurement process was utilized to acquire a realtor, the former Claresholm Division Office Facility property has been listed since April 2020 and has now received a conditional offer to be considered.

3) Trustee Representation –

(1) FrancoSud Grand Opening Invitation - The Board of Trustees moved to approve the Board Chair and Trustee Gimber to attend the FrancoSud official opening of Ecole des Grands-Vents.

(2) Land Based Camp – The Board of Trustees moved to approve a delegation to attend the Land Based Camp on May 2nd, 2022 at Castle Resort with Trustee Long and Trustee Gimber as the representatives.