

PLR School Council Meeting

April 3, 2023

Attendees:

- **Voting members:** Areej Ghazal, Fawzia Poonah, Michelle Stockton, Laura Tuck, Marcy Lackey,
Online: Mahwish Agha, Anum Waqas.

Voting Members absent: Lama Hodhod (vote passed to Areej Ghazal), Prat Mistry (vote passed to Fawzia Poonah), Amjad Qalawi (vote passed to Areej Ghazal), Sami Juma (vote passed to Areej Ghazal), Nikki Whalen, Daubaras Mathew, Rida Usman, Malar Kribakaran, Khadija Sikander, Rianne Lacey, Suzan Shreim (vote passed to Areej Ghazal), Maisa Juma (vote passed to Areej Ghazal), Lila Skeik, Nikki Borge, Sehrish Saeedi, Kim Langille.

P.L. Robertson Staff: Sean McCarthy (Principal), Navneet Singh (Vice Principal), Kristine Luckwakey, Rachel Woods (Grade 5 Teacher).

Meeting Start time: 6:01pm

Land acknowledgement – Kristine Luckwakey

Welcome and Review of Operating norms – By Areej Ghazal and Fawzia Poonah

Upcoming Events:

- **Social Media and social media safety presentation** by Chris Vollum on 13th April 2023 at 6:30 pm.
- **Move a Thon** is planned for May 4th 2023, we need volunteers for this and further details need to be finalised.
- **Magic show** on 18th May 2023 (Details will be shared soon).
- **Second Movie Night** on May 25th 2023 (Details will be shared soon).
- **PLR Spring Open House/Equity Night**, June 8th 2023. PLR students and classes will showcase their work.
- **Book Fair** from June 6 to 9 2023.
- PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) has their first Conference for the year 2023 at Elsie McGill on April 29th 9 am to 3 pm.

Financial Update – By Sean McCarthy

- Adjusted Balance currently after all the adjustments and grants approved is **\$23,360/-**
- It was decided we will continue with our Pizza Days till June.
- Pizza days bring in approximately \$1200/- per week .

Teacher report:

Teacher report was presented by Ms. Rachel Woods for the months of February and March.

- ❖ **Across the grades**
 - o Staff learning about “grading for growth,” math monitoring for grades 4-8

- o Transgender flag is on display in the front foyer in recognition of March 31st Transgender Day.
- o Ramadan Food Drive on March 9-10.
- o Eco-Club shared presentations about **Environmental Literacy** in mid-March (Thank you to Mme Murphy for organizing this event).
- o Library space: green artificial plants have been added to warm the space and a couple volunteers are donating beautiful prayer mats for the afternoon prayer time.
- ❖ **Kindergarten + Primary Highlights**
 - o JK, SK and grade 2 dental screening
 - o March 31 Transgender Day of Visibility - Thank you to Ms. Carson-Foster and both the primary/junior and intermediate GSA clubs for sharing resources and activities
 - o Love of Literature Presentation - Danielle Norris for Gr 2-4 in the gym
- ❖ **Junior + Intermediate Highlights**
 - o Junior basketball tryouts
 - o Senior basketball games
 - o Grades 3-5 Rubik's club
 - o Clay exploration in the art room (grades 6-8 and grade 5)
 - o Grade 6 band
 - o Beyblade club, Paper airplane club
- ❖ **Upcoming Events:**
 - o Grades 3-8 Junior and Senior track and field days
 - o Grades 5-8 Digital well-being presentation (rescheduled)
 - o Grade 7-8 Skills Ontario presentation
 - o Grade 8 Big Brothers/Sisters presentation
 - o Forest of Reading voting (April 10-14)
 - o Book Fair June 5-9
- ❖ **Grade 2 and Class 8-1FI Collaboration**

Ms. Forbes-Bunsie's class completed a large collaborative project focused on learning about water with the help of Mme Dempster's grade 8 class. Throughout the unit they centred indigenous voices.

Principal/Vice Principal Report – By Sean McCarthy, Kristine Luckwakey, Navneet Singh

● Updates in Library:

Kristine discussed and updated the Council regarding updates in the Library "The Shift". The library has been using existing resources which have been kept away during Covid.

Financial Requests:

Furnishings - \$8,000/-

- Whiteboard Flip Tables \$2400
- Soft Seating \$3500
- Reading Chairs \$1000
- Library Book Rack \$600
- Lap Desks \$300
- Artificial Plants \$200

Robotics - \$3200/-

- Ozobots \$2200
- Microbits extensions \$1000

Data Projector - \$7,000/-

Fixing cost for Front garden - \$8000/-

Total Cost - \$25,000/-

Motions:

- **Motion #1:** Motion presented by Areej Ghazal to approve February 6, 2023 School Council Meeting Minutes.
1st Areej Ghazal; **2nd** Mahwish Agha, **all in favor:** Yes. ***Motion #1 approved***
- **Motion #2:** Motion presented by Areej Ghazal to approve funding of \$10,000/- for school Library Shift project (to purchase furnishings and robotics).
1st Areej Ghazal; **2nd** Laura Tuck, **all in favor:** Yes. ***Motion #2 approved***
- **Motion #3:** Motion presented by Areej Ghazal to approve funding of \$7,000/- for technology purchases (replacing projectors).
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1st Areej Ghazal; **2nd** Marcy Lackey, **all in favor:** Yes. ***Motion #3 approved***
- **Motion #4:** Motion presented by Areej Ghazal to approve funding of \$8,000/- for school garden (revamp/fix existing structure).
1st Areej Ghazal; **2nd** Michelle Stockton, **all in favor:** Yes. ***Motion #4 approved***
- **Events at PLR**
 - o Chris Vollum - Digital mindfulness & well being.
 - o There is a survey on the School website, where families can share their thoughts about Inclusiveness, Racism, discriminatory practices by PLR School or any feedback and concerns.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 pm

Reminder: PLR council email: plrschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Future Meetings:

May 1st, 2023