

**Parent Council Meeting**  
Thursday, December 3, 2020  
3:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Sara Marshall (Vice Principal), Lisa Posthumus (Secretary), Kylie Etmanskie, Tara Beers (Teachers), Kayo Murakami-Wood, Angela Macauley, Judy Gerber-Van Vliet, Peter Van Vliet (Parents)

**1. Approval of meeting minutes**

Minutes were approved with a few corrections.

**2. Principal and Teacher Reports**

Tara gave an update of recent activities: Indigenous Education Month included a Metis fiddle and dance workshop, Corn Husk doll making with Bridget, and more indigenous teachings will occur monthly with Judi Montgomery. Debbie Lajoie led a service for the school on Remembrance Day. In December, students can look forward to the gift exchange and a virtual holiday celebration.

Sarah expressed thanks to all who completed the board census. The information gathered will be incorporated into the board's Equity Plan, which is a living document. It can be found on the LDSB website.

**3. School council financial update**

There is \$5190 in the account currently.

**4. Fundraising update**

The poinsettia fundraiser was a great success again! We sold \$3000 worth of plants and \$700 will go to the school. Thank you to Lisa for organizing and to all the staff and students who helped to sort out the plants, as parents were not allowed in the school to help this year.

**5. School Yard Improvement**

Jen will provide an update on Evergreen's yard project in the future as she was unable to attend today. Peter brought stumps from Jamie's, which are being used as seats for the kids. We could use a few more so that everyone in the senior class can have a seat. Peter will try to get 3 more stumps. Other ideas discussed:

- White board or chalk board - Jen to inform us of where we are with mounting a white board on the south side of the school.

- Additional gate in the fence to create a better flow to the Kinder yard. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.
- Walkway that is planned to go from buses to school: Tara feels that we should have a path cleared of snow to decrease current tripping hazards and make it easier for kids to come off buses in winter.
- Loose Parts - Kayo shared the following link, which includes ideas for using loose parts, such as tires and natural and other materials to enhance play outdoors. Some schools store items in a garbage bin with wheels. It was noted that because of COVID, all loose items are being sanitized after recess, which means it might not be a good time to introduce more items to the school yard. Parent Council will continue to look into these ideas for the future.  
<https://ecokids.ca/outdoor-play-and-learning-opal/>

#### **6. Hot Lunch**

Sara explained that hot lunches are not happening this year, although schools with food sharing projects are allowed to use grab and go type snacks. Prepackaged snacks are welcome at MPS for kids that may have already finished their lunches and are still hungry. Snacks are kept in the kitchen. Nothing can be brought that was prepared in private homes.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 3:15 PM**