

### LOCKVIEW SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 Meeting- 6:30pm – Lockview Virtual

SAC Executive Members Present: Trisha Houtby, Kerri Runcan, Kim Browning, Ann-Marie Zammit

Parents/Guardians/Students Present: Ellie Belanger, Tiffany Derksen, Brittany Diamond, Christina Donley, Ede Ediger, Ken Egan, Jenn McKenzie, Sarah Prsa, Debi Ramsay, Melissa Shaw, Rylie Gibbons & Kallista Wijnands

Staff Members Present: Principal-Miss Findlay, Vice-Principal-Shanna Steenhuis

Teaching Staff: Mrs. Muir & Mrs. Lowden

Secretary: Ms. Allison

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

#### 1 Welcome

Meeting came to order at 6:3 pm with 21 virtual members

#### 2 | Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval of the November 22, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion made to accept the November 22, 2022 minutes made by Kerri Runcan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann-Marie Zammit.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 3 **Students' Report**

Rylie and Kallista are both in Mr. Elia's Grade 8 class. They are happy to be here to represent student voice at the Parent School Council.

Here are some updates for the month of January:

- January has started off with lots of clubs and activities, recently our Intermediate Boys Basketball Team has gotten 2 wins. The Girls Team is also doing a great job of showing the Lockview Leopard's spirit as the season continues.
- The Chess Club sign ups were on January the 17th and there were lots of students who showed up. They eventually will have a small tournament just with our students.
- Last Wednesday, January 18, Therapy Tails started in our FSP class, students have the opportunity to practice reading skills with the dogs. The first dog's name was Jazzie and apparently there are more different ones to come.
- Our milk program is available for students in grade 1-8. Our milk program is run by the FSP and is a work in progress right now. Because we have not had this program in three years. We might try to start a ticket system, so students can trade in tickets for milk, but we are open to suggestions.

- Our student council continues to meet and plan. They've recently brainstormed some fun ideas for Valentine's Day and Bell Let's Talk Day.!
- Grad Photos occurred today, I hope everyone showed their best smiles, I know I tried to!
- This Wednesday is Bell Let's Talk Day. Their theme is "Let's Create Positive Change" and we want to share that positivity at Lockview. Please write down on the label 1 thing you like about yourself. It can be your appearance... my smile, my curly hair or my height. Or about you as a person... kind, risk-taker, creative, I'm good at basketball or drawing. We are also going to wear blue. Our social worker, Tina Sartor-Fry, has given us some nice blue "Bell Let's Talk" toques to hand out to continue to raise awareness about mental health...
- On Friday, January 27th, we are celebrating Literacy Day and the theme is "Celebrate your Heritage." We are also having a spirit day where we are wearing something that you are proud of. Some ideas could be a jersey, jewelry that was given for a special reason or it could be an item that shows us your culture or heritage.
- Another exciting thing on Family Literacy Day is every grade 1 student will be receiving a book sponsored by TD bank! The book is called "Fast Friends" by Heather O'Connor. Here is a summary of the book: When Suze, a non-verbal student, is introduced to high-energy Tyson's class, everyone is tentative about being around her. However, while the other students and even the teacher do not understand Suze, Tyson does. And Tyson and Suze might have more in common than anyone thought. Children all across Canada are bound to love this story about taking the time to listen to every child's voice.
- We also have new SPHERO Bolt robots from Mr. Elia on a cart. Morgan and Joel from our class have shown some of the younger classes how to use them.
- Also in Mr. Elia's class, we have started creating our Lightsabers! The Gr.8s from Mrs. Paice's/Mr. Wiebes class have joined us and once the project is over, Mr. Elia's class will be filming a dramatic reenactment of some lightsaber battles for our dance mark.
- The Grade 7s in Mrs. Paice's/ Mr. Wiebe's class will also be working on a "toonie arcade games" and the students are involved in promoting mental health. Stay tuned to hear more from the students. (Miss Findlay: this is a very exciting project the grade 7s are doing...they are taking on all the roles including advertising, writing information for the newsletter etc).

Here are some updates for the month of January:

- February, we have a Kindergarten Open House on the 2nd and we will be encouraging students to wear their Lockview Spiritwear to show our school's pride and it is a great chance to make families feel welcome and want to join our school. The Open house will be running from 10 o'clock am to 6 o'clock pm and will be our first in-person open House in what feels like a long time. They will have a tour of the school by our staff.
- We also are offering a Smash Art and a Sewing Club that will begin in February for 8 weeks.
- Six students in Grade 6 and 7 have had an amazing opportunity to be part of a choir which will perform at the Performing Arts Centre on Monday, February 6 at 5 p.m. They are participating in the Niagara Children's Honour Choir, which is a partnership between DSBN, Chorus Niagara Children's Choir, and the Brock University Vocal Program. We are happy to be included in this special event this year.

- The grade 3s will also be going back to Swim to Survive for three lessons in February. It's completely free and EFN will be donating the buses! The students are going to the St. Catharines Kiwanis Pool.
- The 100th day of school is on Friday, February 10th. The younger kids love celebrating the 100th day of school!
- Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday this year, and the student council has decided to do a Door Decorating Contest that will also be tied into Kindness Awareness Week. Kindness Awareness Week starts on the 14th and runs until the 20th.
- We are receiving Term 1 report cards on Thursday, February 16. We encourage parents to reach out to their child's teacher if they have any questions.
- We have a PD day on Friday the 17th, and Family Day on Monday the 20th, we get a 4 day weekend!
- On Wednesday, February 22 we will be doing another Pink Shirt Day to continue to bring awareness about being kind.
- And one of our biggest announcements, running from February 27th to March 3rd, **JUNGLE SPORT**! Thank you very much to the school council for your amazing contributions to us as students! I'm very excited as well as my classmates.

#### 4 | Principal's Report

#### January 2023 SAC Meeting

**Lunar New Year** 



## **Staff Updates**Robyn Parry, Paul Wiebe, Jill Teske, and Brittany Jackson. Welcome Myle

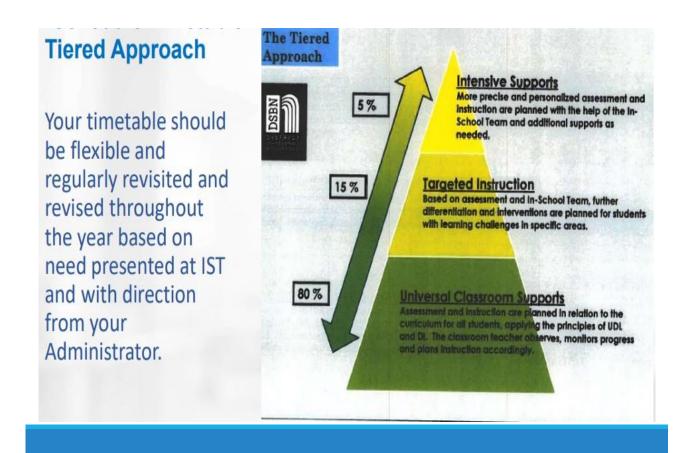




- Robyn Parry, Paul Wiebe & Jill Teske are all off on a leave.
- Brittany Jackson (EA) has left to pursue other opportunities.
- We welcome Myle in the Yellow Team
- Mrs. Paice will continue to teach in Mr. Wiebe's class.

#### **Instructional Program**

- ★ Volunteers in the classroom/school
- ★ Parent dance program (Hip Hop Club)
- ★ Dina special slide show to support teachers Unlearn, Bell Let's Talk Day
- ★ NEW: WITS. WITS is a literacy based bullying prevention program for students in K-3. The acronym stands for Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help and the program uses reading and literature to initiate discussions about peer conflicts and bullying. It includes lesson plans written for WITS books with suggested questions and activities that educators can use to explore WITS strategies with students. The program will be coordinated by our youth counsellor (Dina) and they will support classroom teachers in the delivery of the WITS program.
- ★ Grade 3 and 6 EQAO mid-year. Staff are receiving PD tomorrow and the teachers will be doing a mid-year practice with their students before the March Break
- ★ School Improvement Plan



Early Reading: To systematically develop foundational early reading skills within purposeful, meaningful, and inclusive contexts that support student growth as confident and proficient readers who enjoy and understand what they read.

The implementation of an impactful phonics program in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 which includes: Heggerty, Jolly Phonics and using decodable books.

Math: To nurture a love of mathematics, while developing thinking and reasoning skills, confidence and perseverance, and mathematical understanding that empowers students to solve problems in their current and future lives.

To increase student achievement through whole class and small group instruction, using intentional and evidence-based decisions to plan next step(s) using the new curriculum.

Inclusion: (Equity/Indigenous Education/Special Education). To respect and uphold the importance of sovereignty, equity, inclusion and human rights of learners so that individuals from social realities and lived experiences are valued.

For the staff to be engaged in learning and challenging their own thinking around equity and inclusion PD sessions (3 PD sessions) and self-initiative learning (2 or more - Knowing yourself, Knowing your student, and creating an inclusive classroom).

School Climate Survey (Lockview's Healthy School Team and School Climate Committee)

-working on: Reaching Out to an adult,, Verbal Bullying, Mental Health, Inclusive - gender, ...



# THE WAYS WE LOVE

- Who We Love
- Friendship



King and the Dragonflies by Kaen Callende

Themes. Grief, live, family, friende/sp, racism, sexuality, an coming-of-lage.

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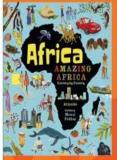
Genie Meanie by Mahtah Narsimhan

Themes: Diverse characters, magical realism, bullying friendship, problem solving Level: Primary

When eight-year-old Kiara discovers that her recently deceased grandmother left her a genie, trapped in a bottle of garam-masala, she's elated.

She'll be a modern-day Aladdin and have someone to do her bidding. And Klara could really use a little magic. Third grade is just about to start and she's spent the summer worried about being in class with Matt, a bully who seems to have nothing else to do but make Klara and her best friend Bai's lives miserable. Unfortunately, the genie has decided he's or vacation after working for ten thousand years and is looking for someone to do his bidding. A battle of wills ensues, and Klara realizes that you don't really need magic to solve your crobleage.

Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country by Atlnuke



Themes: Geography, history, resources, cultural diversity Level: Primary/Junior

Atinuke's first non-fiction title is a major publishing event: a celebration of all 55 countries on the African continent! He beautifully-written fext captures Africa's unique mix of the modern and the traditional, as she explores its geography. Its peoples, its animals, its history, its resources and its cultural diversity. The book divides Africa into five sections South, East, West, Central and North, each with its own introduction. This is followed by a page per country, containing a delightful mix of friendly, informative text and colourful illustrations. The richest king, the tallest sand dunes and the biggest waterfall on the planet are all here, alongside drummers, cocoa growers, inventors, balancing stones, salt lakes, high-tech cities and nomads who use GPSI



LAm Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brow

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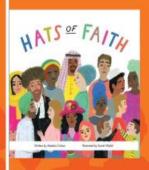
This book looks at the loving relationship between a father and son. It talks about how kids should be able to share their feelings with family and they should always know that they are perfectly designed to be the way that they are. This book explores the bond between family members and how not only is there an impact on the child, but also the parent or guardian. I am perfectly designed is a feel-good book that reflects on this family's time together.



ha Year Wa Leamart to Fly by Sacropaline Wondson

Thernes: Imagination, perseverance, overcoming adversity
Level: Primary

On a dreary, stuck-inside fond of day, a brother and sister head their grandmother's advice. "Use those beautiful and brilliant mind of yours. Lift your arms, close your eyes, take a deep breath, and believe in a thing. Somebody somewhere at some point was just as bored you are now." And before they know it, their insignations lift them up and out of their boredom. Then, on a day full of quarrels, it's time for a trip outside their minds again, and they are able to leave their angar behind. This proclous skill, their grandmother tells them, harkens back to the days long before they were born, when their ancestors showed the strength and resilience of their beautiful and brilliant minds.



Hats of Faith by Medeia Cohan

Themes: World Hijab Day, Celebrating our Differences Level: Primary

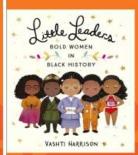
Hats of Faith is a simple and striking introduction to the shared custom of religious head coverings. With bright images and a carefully researched interfaith text, this thoughtful book inspires understanding and celebrates our culturally diverse modern world.



Ruby's Chinese New Year by Vickie Lee

Theme: Chinese New Year, Celebrations Giving Level: Primary

In this picture book celebrating Chinese New Year, animals from the Chinese zodiac help a little girl deliver a gift to her grandmother. Ruby has a special card to give to her grandmother for Chinese New Year. But who will help her get to grandmother's house to deliver it? Will it be clever Rat, strong Ox, or cautious Rabbit? Ruby meets each of the twelve zodiac animals on her journey. This picture book includes back matter with a focus on the animals of the Chinese zodiac.



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Hamson

Themes: Black History, Achievements, Joy

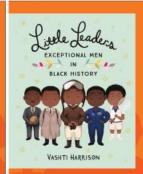
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ABCs for Girls Like Me by Melanie

Themes: Black History Month, Joy Achievements Level: Primary

ABC's for Girls Like Me is a book dedicated to sunshining the achievements of Black Women who are breaking barriers today. The book goes through 26 girls, A to Z, whose accomplishments should motivate and inspire not only black girls but all girls to change the world.



Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison

Themes: Black History, Achievements, Joy

An important book for reacters of all ages, this beautifully illustrated and engagingly written volume brings to life true stories of black men in history. Among these biographies, readers will find aviators and arbsts, politicians and pop stars, athletes and activists. The exceptional men featured include writer James Baldwin, artist Aaron Douglas, filmmaker Oscar Devereaux Micheaux, lawman Bass Reeves, civil rights leader John Levis, dancer Alvin Allay, and mussician Prince.

The legends in Little Legends. Exceptional Men in Black History span centuries and continents, but each one has blazed a trail for generations to come.

#### Februay calendar

- ★ Black History Month
- ★ The Ways We Love (Who we love, Friendship)
- ★ Wednesday, February 1: World Read Aloud Day and Urban Cravings Lunch
- ★ Thursday, February 2: Kindergarten Open House from 10am 6pm. Lockview Spirit Day It is a great chance to make families feel welcome and want to join our school; The library will be used for registrations.
- ★ Monday, February 6 Choir perform
- ★ Wednesday, February 8: Pizza Lunch
- ★ Thursday, February 9, 16 & 23: Gr. 3s Swim to Survive from 10-11 a.m. & Gr. 8 Human Trafficking Prevention
- ★ Friday, February 10: 100th Day of School
- ★ Tuesday, February 14: Valentine's Day and Kind Doors
- ★ February 14-20: Kindness Awareness Week
- ★ Wednesday, February 15: Pita Lunch
- ★ Thursday, February 16: Report Cards Go Home
- ★ Friday, February 17: P.D. Day (No School)
- ★ Monday, February 20: Family Day (No School)
- ★ Wednesday, February 22: Pink Shirt Day and Pasta Lunch
- ★ Week of February 27 to March 3: JungleSport....Thank you School Council:)

#### March calendar

- ★ March 6, 7 and 8 Dental Screening for all grades
- ★ Tuesday, March 21 World Down Syndrome Day: Wear Colourful and Fun Socks #Lots of Socks
- ★ Dance-a-thon DATE TBD

#### Safe and Inviting

- ★ Lock and Learn (name change, student unregulated)
- ★ We are having more staff trained for First Aid and BMS (Behaviour Management Systems)

#### **Family Community**

- ★ Term 1 Report Cards are coming out February 16. Reminder that families can always reach out to the teacher to do a "check-in"
- ★ School Calendar 2022-23 Draft

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1st Week					2 <sup>nd</sup> Week					3 <sup>rd</sup> Week				4 <sup>th</sup> Week						5 <sup>th</sup> Week				
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School Year Calendar 2023 - 2024

#### Here is some further information:

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- ★ This is the draft proposed DSBN calendar for 2023-2024
- ★ Boards have some flexibility in the layout of their calendar each year and can decide to modify the calendar provided by the Ministry of Education, to support board/community initiatives or needs. Therefore, not all school boards will have the same PA Days, winter break etc. The proposed calendars are all submitted back to the Ministry for final approval.
- ★First day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- ★ Last Day of school for students will be Thursday, June 27, 2024 for elementary and Wednesday, June 26, 2024 for secondary.
- $\star$  The winter break will run from December 25<sup>th</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup> (students last day of classes would be December 22<sup>nd</sup>) and aligns with the recommendations from the Ministry.
- ★ Elementary Calendar provides for 194 school days, with 187 instructional days and 7 PA Days
- ★ Secondary Calendar provides for 194 school days, with 177 instructional days, 10 exam/culminating task days and 7 PA Days
- $\bigstar$  PA DAYS Notes: 3 PA Days are mandated by Ministry of Education, and boards can add up to another 4 (for example, two of these are added for elementary teachers to complete assessments and evaluations for  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  term report cards January  $19^{th}$  and June  $7^{th}$

#### **Financial Report -** Prepared by Kerri Runcan, Treasurer

#### BINGO ACCOUNT

November ending balance \$21,801.89

November Bingo distribution \$1,578.79

December Bingo distribution \$1,215.84

Total incoming funds +\$2,794.63

Expenses cleared <u>- \$0</u>

Current Bingo Balance \$24,596.52

#### **CURRENT BALANCES ALL ACCOUNTS**

SAC General Account balance \$3,839.58 SAC Playspace balance \$227.08 BINGO account balance \$24.596.52

Total actual balance on all accounts \$28 663.18

#### **EXPENSES PENDING**

Carpets - \$6,000.00 Junglesport, March 2023 - \$4,000.00

Bingo shirts (passed Jan 2023)-\$500.00 (approximate)

Total Expenses Pending - \$10,500.00

#### PLAYGROUND RESERVED FUNDS

2021/2022 - \$5,000.00 2022/2023 - \$10,000.00 Total Playground Reserved Funds - \$15,000.00

Total actual funds available as of January 24, 2023 \$3,163.18

#### 7 | Bingo Report

November Bingo distribution \$1,578.79

December Bingo distribution \$1,215.84

Total funds +\$2,794.63

We currently have enough men's size Lockview Shirts but we do not have enough of the women's size. We will need 2 of each woman size Small, Med, Large, Extra Large

Motion Made to purchase Bingo Shirts by Ann-Marie Zammit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiffany Derksen

#### **Motion Carried**

- Permit for Bingo renewal is up, and Bev is working with the city to get this renewed for the April 2023 to March 2024 business date. Bev has prepared all the information we will need for the permit as well as the suggestion to add **Special School Programing** and make the change **Physical Education Resources** for future funds to be allocated. Any funds needed from Bingo for the year must be added to the permit to be used throughout the year.
- Once the renewal is processed the new bingo shifts will be posted. As always, we do not get to pick the days/times and we are required to fill them.

- We still have the Bingo sheet at the front door for any families that would like more information. Suggestion to make a poster to go with the scanned sheet at the front door to get more parent/guardian volunteers.
- We did have 3 new people sign up from the table set up on meet the teacher night. We will do this again next year if we need to reach out and get more volunteers.
- Will continue to get the message out to our community using the Lockview Facebook page as this will get us credits that are mandatory for Bingo.
- Volunteers can have a free coffee/tea/pop while on their volunteer shift.

#### **Effective Immediately:**

Any organization written up for any compliance infraction will receive a ¼ share deduction for non-compliance. This means we would lose ¼ of the distributed funds for the month. Three non-compliance strikes will result in the Bingo Association to recommend our license be revoked.

Training: <a href="https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training">https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training</a>

Sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4eada929a0fa7-bingo1

#### 8 Discussion/Ideas Brought Forward

#### **Old Business Discussion:**

- Fundraising for Future Playground Equipment we will not have any other school fundraisers this year. We will focus on the Dance-a-thon for this year. We will need a plan for the next school year to set up school fundraising.
- Find out if we can get local businesses to see if they can make donations for the playground fundraising
- Rosemary confirmed that the new playground equipment will be accessible to everyone.
- Nutrient program school cash online received a total of \$1,536.30 in December from the school community. Obligated to raise 10% at the school level.
- Providing Math Games for the classes/school (18 home rooms) staff and student counsel are currently checking inventory to see what they have, Lockview would love any donations of new / gently used math and literacy games (Some examples are Gravity Maze, Q-bitz, Snakes and Ladders, Uno, Racko, Blockus, Connect 4, Jenga, Sorry, Make 7, and 24 Game).

#### **Bew Business Discussion:**

- LLI Kits cost \$7,000.00 for a new kit as Lockview only has one. Rosemary has ordered a new one for grades 4, 5 & 6. We will discuss the fee/cost at the next meeting to cover some of the cost.
- Grade 8 Graduation funds in previous years donated was \$250.00 and the school covers the cost. We will discuss what the grade 8 students would like to do for graduation and if we need to increase this amount as things are costing more. The grade 8's would like to do the same idea as last year with having this in the gym with some fun activities. Funding should be consistent to be fair. Will discuss further at the next meeting.
- OWL meeting Pro Device This is a device used for the library/gym for virtual/hybrid meetings. 360-degree tool that can track movement/noise during the meeting. The device costs \$1,325.00. The PIC counsel is looking to offset the costs. Fill out and survey for cost support for the other half.
   Mr. Lowden has made a generous donation of \$500.00 towards the cost of the OWL. A big thank you to Mr. Lowden.
- Dance-A-thon Date April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meeting in the school library on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss donations, activities, new glow bracelets etc.. A couple of grade 8 kids will be the DJ for the event. Need parent volunteers for various jobs during the day with help of students.

#### 9 **Closing Remarks**

Next Meeting - Tuesday February 28th, 2023, to be held Virtually

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm