

**Le Phare School Council
Meeting Notes
June 2023**

Here are the notes from tonight's meeting. Thank you all! for everything you do!

Board trustee comments:

Passed budget for two years and strat plan for 3 years.

Special Ed is a top priority; and protect program offerings. And refresh some policies. Pilot project for green bins starting in West End, but we flagged Le Phare as a willing candidate. Staff morale.

Questions-

Is green bin for food waste? Or boomerang lunches. And want to integrate education to the program.

Will circulate strat plan and motion for green bins.

Yes the Trustees are a bit divided. Next year how we want to work together. Good intention.

Boundaries? For high school feeders; Yes can apply for a cross boundary transfer. But OCDSB doesn't decide.

For staff moral. No there's not new/incremental funding. This year was focussed on strat plan and hiring new trustee.

Better opportunities for COuncil to feed into her as Trustee. Add her to invite reoccurring.

Trustee departed.

Discussion on Board.

Principals update:

Green bins: Le Phare is trying. It isn't on the custodian roles but Zack is turning them out weekly. Trying compost. Council will try to follow up with the Trustee.

Eco schools- we're getting a nature nook!

Jump rope for heart Friday!

Luv 2 Groove - successful! Assembly, all the classes performed for each other.

French readers. One collection arrived of two. Save it until Fall.

Phone calls from parents, concern about pride month. What does that look like at our school. We had some email content to share from the Diversity and Inclusion lead. Pride month is about Diversity and Inclusion. Being allies for a minority communities. Developmentally/age appropriate. Safe environment. Anxiety among some families. Important to respect and understand.

Discussion on Pride Month and ensuring Council reflects views of all families. Outreach to families is key.

Will we get back to class photos next year? Yes that's a good aim.

Financial:

Grade 5 grad pizza? Can Council pay? The school is short on funds.

Decision: Chairs will connect with Admin to determine cost needs and will prepare a rapid Money motion for Council's vote asap.

Financial discussion on agenda deferred offline. **Chairs will send Treasurers' update via email shortly. This will inform money motions.**

There is about \$8000 in the bank account but some invoices are not yet paid. Council will need to decide if the \$3K carried year-over-year for outdoor play yard would continue to be saved.

Lunch program:

Yes we approve to launch it in the Fall.

Yes **Bonnie** will confirm with Lunchbox that we will continue, ideally starting the first week of Oct. this will leave important time to re launch the program, set prices, seek volunteers, await the final class re-org, and get orders in place.

Yes we will prepare Council handouts for Sept including lunch info sheets. Info sheets could/should include student unique class numbers.

Forward Plan:

Yes a good approach. Will act as a forward agenda.

Better to plan with Admin in advance.

Members will add/adjust items to the doc. Plan will need to include a planning launch date, plus an eventual event date 2-3 months later.

Next year's Council will refine and ratify the plan.

Some discussion and tentative approaches on next year's activities, to be reflected in the plan.

Next year's Elections

Most current members in attendance do plan to continue in some way.

Mutual desire to strengthen planning dialogue/process with Admin.

Admin responsible for monitoring elections.

Marianna stepping down as co chair. Jaya will continue and is seeking a new co chair!

Marianna can continue as Secretary.

Hopefully Treasurers (not in attendance tonight) can continue.

Sam will lead lunches! :)

Farewell Bonnie!

Conclusion:

A massive thank you to everyone. We've all contributed so much to our school this year and we should be proud!

Marianna
Co-Chair