

**Lisgar School Council (LSC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2008**  
**Library, Lisgar Collegiate Insitute**

1. **Present:** Sid Witiuk, Liz Melanson, Lianhua He, Lillian Chow, Elaine Wong, Karen Gledhill, Sanjay Srivastava, Mark Goebel, Bruce Warnock, Tina Hogue, Lynn Honsberger.
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** – approved as circulated.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2008/Business Arising**  
Under Regrets: Sarah Witiuk (spelling correction). On p. 1, item 4. co-presidents, not co-chairs. On p. 3, the Synervoice message hasn't happened yet. June report cards will be available at the end of the first week of July. Principal Gledhill pointed out that if no permission forms are sent home for an activity, that activity is not a school-sanctioned activity. School-sanctioned activities will be on the LSC website. The minutes were approved as amended.
4. **Students Council Representatives' Report**  
Lisgar's first annual Penny Drive to benefit CHEO raised \$589.74. The Grade 9s won overall, and Mr. Derry dyed his hair bright pink for the occasion. CTV Ottawa came by and some students were featured on the News at 6. Attendance was great at the final dance of the year last Friday. The Goodwill Committee led by Sarah Witiuk is organizing teams for the Ottawa Cancer Society's Relay 4 Life on the last day of class, Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the non-school sanctioned graduation dinner will be held at the Hilton Lac Leamy.
5. **Invited Presentation(s)**
  - a. **Volunteer Coordinator's Update – Elaine Wong**  
Ten volunteer students were given a set of cue cards and trained today as tour guides for Doors Open Ottawa. Adult supervisors for the event are Elaine Wong, Lillian Chow, Sidney Witiuk, and Lianhua He. LSC will sell beverages to raise funds for the staff appreciation luncheon, music CDs for the music department, and books for the alumni association.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on June 23. Notices were handed to parents attending the Spring Jazz Night and Music Night. An email notice will also go out one week prior to the event to request donations of food and supplies. Some donations have already been committed. New for this year is a theme, Festival of International Flavours, to reflect the diversity of Lisgar's families and to encourage participation. Recipes will be requested at the time of donation.

The next events will be the Grade 9 Welcome Barbecue. An email will go out for volunteers to staff that event.

Elaine closed by conveying her desire to step down as Volunteer Coordinator at the end of her term, and she expressed her best wishes to next year's Volunteer Coordinator. Sid thanked Elaine for taking on this inaugural role and expressed his hope she might consider taking on the position for another year in order to train her replacement.

**b. Trustee Motion Follow-up – Liz Melanson**

At the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) meeting of April 22, 2008 Trustee Getty's "motion to rescind" a previously passed motion requiring Trustees to give final approval on the location of system-wide Special Education classes was deferred until the Chair's Committee meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for community input. However, this item was subsequently moved to a new Chair's Committee meeting set for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

At its May meeting, the LSC did not support the passing of Trustee Getty's "motion to rescind". An email outlining LSC's position went out today (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). LCI's Trustee Jennifer McKenzie confirmed it is important for schools to speak on this issue via a delegation to the Chair's Committee. Sid suggested that LSC could put the word out to other school councils about this and see if they would like LSC to mention that other schools also share LSC's view. There was a general consensus tonight that the LSC should go forward with its delegation to the Chair's Committee meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Transfer Policy Review – Lynn Honsberger**

At an upcoming business meeting, staff will outline the process for discussing changes to the OCDSB's cross-boundary transfer policy. Our Trustee will keep us informed.

LCI will not be included in the Eastern Secondary Review, but LSC should remain aware of the impact of the review because a significant number of LCI students come from the Eastern area identified for review.

The Gifted Secondary Review is now reviewing under-subscribed programs at all secondary schools offering gifted programming. The OCDSB is one of the few boards that offer congregated gifted at the secondary level (at Lisgar, Merivale, Gloucester, Glebe, Bell). LSC must also monitor this item over the summer.

**d. Outreach and Parent Engagement Expenditure Plan – no report**

**e. LSC Constitution Review Committee Update – Bruce Warnock**

The Committee will subdivide into sections for final wordsmithing. Currently they are eliminating overlap and inconsistency among sections. Sid thanked the committee for their considerable work on this item already and encouraged them to bring something back to LSC before next year's elections (2008-2009).

**6. Chair's Report – Sidney Witiuk**

Sid handed out brochures entitled, "More Ways to Succeed in High School. A guide for parents and students" to be kept in the office for distribution. The website for the Lisgar School Council is up and running and wonderful. Sid expressed his appreciation to Sylvie

Couture, LSC's past co-chair for stepping in and chairing the May meeting in his absence. He also thanked Phil Italiano for serving as Staff Rep this year.

#### **7. Staff Representative's Report – Phil Italiano**

Ruth Crabtree announced Patrick Liao earned the 4<sup>th</sup> highest score in the Great Canadiana Geography Challenge national finals. Lisgar's Reach for the Top team finished second in the province, and won the national title last week (to be televised on TVO).

#### **8. Principal's Report – Karen Gledhill**

a. Four of our students placed first (medals and a trophy) at the Algonquin College - School of Advanced Technology - Programming Olympics. The students were Edward Zhang, Jamie Wong, Terrence Lei and Tim Hsiung.

b. On Friday, May 9, our team (Grade 11 students Edward Zhang, Anna Du, Terence Lei, Hongwei Liu) became the Math Horizons 2008 champion in the team competition, during the University of Ottawa Math Horizons Day. The award is in the Math office. .

c. Reach for the top Team – won the Nationals last week in Edmonton! Team members are Nevin Hotson, Chris Greenwood, Jeff Gao, Celia Byrne and Patrick Liao. Watch for the TV recordings on TVO in the fall

d. Also, Patrick Liao competed in the national finals of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge.

e. The top 5 Lisgar students on the U. of T. Biology Contest were: Hao Li (28th out of 5927), Lee Liu (42nd), Tina Yang (68th), Hao Shi (93rd), Fei Fei Shao (182nd). These students did well enough to place Lisgar 6th out of 415 participating schools from many countries.

f. Two students have qualified for the OFSAA Provincial Track and Field competition – Daniel Anderson (100 and 400M) and Julia Stille (80M hurdles). The Rowing Team was featured in an Ottawa Citizen article this week.

g. Valedictorian – Grade 12's requested that they participate in the selection process this year (just the staff in the past). Today and tomorrow, June 2 and 3, grads will be voting for their choice when they pick up their commencement tickets. Final three are: Lauchlan Gale, Chelsea Murray, Anand Srivastava. The winner will be announced at the grad breakfast on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

h. EQAO results are in – counsellors will see the students who failed and a plan to address the areas of concern will be discussed. All students writing the Grade 12 Literacy test passed.

i. IPRC meetings were last week – Wed. to Friday.

j. Athletic Banquet – last Tuesday evening.

k. “Music for a Cure” was presented by Lisgar student Silvie Cheng and Friends, including teacher Richard Arrigo and the Lisgar Senior Orchestra last Saturday afternoon at First Unitarian Congregation Church on Cleary Ave. Combined with matching contributions from Scotiabank and the Province of Ontario, they raised over \$20,000 for the new Ottawa Cancer Treatment Centre (Ottawa Hospital Foundation).

l. Alumni Contributions - \$2,500 to the Senior Boys’ Soccer Team (going to the OFSAA Provincials this week); \$6,500 for a renovation of a language room (Mr. Derry’s classroom) for art classes.

m. CAPPIES Nominations (for excellence in school plays and musical productions) include: Critics Team (Mrs. Isaac), Male Critic – Jacob Scott, Orchestra (Mr. Arrigo), Female Dancer – Cindy Ma, Male Dancer – Evan Campbell, Female Vocalist – Jessie McCloskey, Supporting Actor – Graham Irskine, Lead Actor – Lauchlan Gale. The awards will be presented at a Gala on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the NAC.

n. Looking at using our website more effectively next year – up to date info, course outlines, calendar, school planner, assessment and evaluation policy. All suggestions are welcomed!

o. Timetable – Counsellors will be seeing students with conflicts next week.

p. Thanks to members of LEAF and our Dual Diagnosis class for planting the flowers around the trees in the mall. They look great!

q. Many thanks to all parents who have supported us throughout the year – meetings, sub-committees, word of mouth, presentations, etc.

r. Special thanks to our outgoing Chair, Sid Witiuk, for his enthusiastic leadership and hard work on behalf of School Council and Lisgar!

9. **OCASC Report** – no report

10. **SSC** – no report. Minutes are available on their website, linked from Lisgar’s.

#### 11. **Other Business and Discussion**

All executive of LSC retain their positions until a new LSC is elected in September. Sid will try to canvass members for interest in executive positions for LSC 2008-2009.

Sid suggested LSC hold two meetings in September, with the first one for a “meet and greet”, maybe with wine and cheese on September 17<sup>th</sup>, with a second meeting exclusively for elections on September 24<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, it was agreed that two meetings in one month might be a burden for parents. Instead, LSC agreed to have the wine and cheese “meet and greet” at 6:30 p.m. on September 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to a regular meeting for school council elections to start at 7 p.m. (the same night).

## 12. **Round Table**

Lianhua He's son single-handedly collected funds from Lisgar staff and students on behalf of the Red Cross's China Earthquake Victims' Relief efforts. Principal Gledhill commended him for his worthwhile effort and initiative.

The Ottawa-Carleton Educational Space Simulation (Space Sim) group sent another winning team to the University of Toronto Design Competition for the second year in a row. This year the team was led by Daisy Wong.

## 13. **Adjournment** – 9:00 p.m.

## **ANNEX**

Meeting dates for the 2008-09 school year

September 17 (elections)

Tuesday, October 7

Monday, November 3

Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, January 7

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, April 8

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, June 2

ad endum to Principal's report: Anand Srivastava was selected as valedictorian.