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## Calvin Park/LCVI School Advisory Council Meeting

**Date:** Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Present:** Betty Betts, Yanina Kanevsky, Melissa Hudson, Mark Foster, Suche James, Margaret Connelly, Ali Darrach, Haley Somerville, Christina Demerling, Sara Wellwood, Bibhian Caraballo, Tazreen Zannatin, Catherine Tang

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### Minute

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement:** Margaret Connelly.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** social media follow up postponed until January.
3. **Approval of Minutes From October Meeting:** Melissa Hudson
4. **LCVI Student Report:** Shail & Hannah
  - **Past events:** Haunted Hallway, Pumpkin Painting, Ballowe'en, Indigenous Education Month, Weekly Meetings, Remembrance Day Assembly.

**Upcoming Events:** Transgender Day of Remembrance, Matilda the Musical, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

- , Winter Wonder week: Winter Fun Activities. January: Duck Hunt.

#### 5. Teacher Report

- **Calvin Park C. Tang:** Eco Club has 60 students in CP. Projects:
  - Habitat Garden, year 4, raising money for a new plant bed. Composting food waste for growing plants.
  - Hydroponic Tower, year 3.
  - Plant a Seed, year 2.
  - National Geographic Slingshot Challenge. New this year.
  - BCG Presentation, Thursday Game Visit, Music Instrument Lending Library (performance on Wednesday).
- **LCVI C. Demerling:**
  - Remembrance Day Assembly done by Senior Students and Guests. Mathletes Competition. PA day: 650/700 people were hosted that day successfully. Musical well under way and finishing touches. OSSLT being written this week and next.

#### 6. Calvin Park/LCVI Admin Report - Margaret Connelly & Suche James:

- Clubs in full swing. Pink Shirt Day coming up
- Midterm reports LCVI coming out soon. Progress reports for CP came out Thursday.
- Anticipation for Matilda. Tickets still available \$15. CP will be able to have a preview
- Dec 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- Dec 9 Choices at 7 Information Evening and application process to follow. Applications for students now in grade 7 wishing to go into the special programs in grade 8 are also possible.
- Dec 13 Robotics competition hosted at CP. Many other students involved (cooking program, studio program, student MCs). Open to members of the public.
- Jan 13 Grade 8 info night (choices at 9)
- Coffee House Evenings Jan 21 and 22.
- Yearbook Cover design competition open

- Ms. Wilma Pettingill standing in for Ms. Gladu (on leave)
- PA day had a focus on AI and critical skills + Social Media issues
- Looking into a Grade 10 information night to help parents with course selection and strategic planning.
- Focus on attendance. 5-10-15 communication system. Letters going home sooner. Focus on supporting families and students.

#### 7. PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Update –Melissa Hudson, Mark Foster.

- Presentation on Land Acknowledgements
- Presentation on Elementary Daycare, Before and After Care: very few spots. Mostly provided by the City, BGC.
- Pro Grants

#### 8. New Business:

- **Pro Grants:**

New cycle in December. Tentative Date Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Attendance and family engagement are a concern. **Offline Night** (Things we can do offline with our kids) - board games, crafts, Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader / Family Feud night, maybe a speaker that talks about Screen Addiction. Yanina to email Sara to create a google doc with the pro grant presentation. Including parent engagement money to add food to the budget.

- **Fundraising, Technology Graduation (CP):**

Possibility of starting Pizza Lunches at CP. Proposed: Make a sustained effort Weekly on Tuesdays. Engage parent volunteers. Find a coordinator to place the order for the whole month and line up parent volunteers. Letter to parents: should explain the goal is to *offset costs* of Graduation and also for technology acquisition. As a start-up action item, Haley is to set up a google sheet for parents to sign up as volunteers it will be shared with Admin Staff to reach out to parents through the school newsletter.

#### 9. Next meeting

**Date:** Jan 19th, 2026

**Agenda Items:**

Parent Engagement

Next Steps

Update on Fundraising

Social Media