

## Calvin Park/LCVI School Advisory Council Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Present:** Betty Betts, Bibhian Carabollo, Lisa Thibeault, Yanina Kanevsky, Melissa Hudson, Sara Wellwood, Mark Foster, Suche James, Margaret Connelly, Julia Krolik, Virginia Venditti, Ali Darrach, Sarah Boughen, Jason Betts, Tessa Hanmore

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement:** Sarah Boughen
2. **Approval of agenda:** Approved unanimously
3. **Approval of minutes from September meeting:** Sara Wellwood and Lisa Thibeault
4. **LCVI Student Report:** Katie & Shail (Kris & Hannah will join us next time)
  - **Past events:** Grade 9 getaway to RKY Camp, National Truth and Reconciliation Day, Diwali, Special Olympics Soccer, Spirit Days, Haunted Hallway.
  - **Upcoming Events:** Halloweek including Ballowe'en, Black & Orange Spirit Day, Hindu Heritage Month, Remembrance Day, Matilda the Musical (Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>), Transgender Day of Remembrance
5. **Calvin Park/LCVI Admin Report - Margaret Connelly & Suche James:**
  - **Student Demographics:**
    - Calvin Park – 418 students (Gr. 7 - 222, Gr. 8 - 198)
      - 21% multilingual, 3.8% Indigenous Self-Identifying, 29% of students have IEPs
    - LCVI – 778 students (Gr. 9 – 170, Gr. 10 – 180, Gr. 11 – 185, Gr. 12 – 243)
      - 19% multilingual, 3.3 % Indigenous Self-Identifying, 29% of students have IEPs
  - **Key Updates:**
    - Grade 9 info and Parent-Teacher Night – success!
    - Student census Nov 24<sup>th</sup> (voluntary), not school specific, for the school board.
    - **Fall Events:** Honours assemblies, OSSLT (Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>), Remembrance Day (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>), City Bus Orientation (Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>), Robotics Tournament (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>)
    - Matilda performance Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, with matinee option.
    - The cafeteria is fully operational. Menu/pricing to be added to newsletter
    - Off-property lunches begin (Gr. 7 Wednesdays, Gr. 8 Thursdays). Concerns raised about cafeteria seating and lineups
    - Progress Reports go home Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for Calvin Park
    - Midterm report cards go home for LCVI on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>
    - LCVI will be hosting all Gr. 7-12 teachers and EAs at LCVI during the PA Day on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

- New staff: Ms. Phang (Challenge), Ms. Pettingill, covering Ms. Gladu who is on leave
- Career fair planned for April 2026

**6. Teacher Report – Sarah Boughen (Calvin Park):**

- Robotics & E-sports highly active. 70+ students involved
- Fundraising request for equipment (Nintendo Switch, Robot ‘brains’, Chromebooks, headsets)
- Vex IQ teams competing in Feb 2026
- Yearbook \$27.50, cover design contest soon
- Coffee House planned for Jan 2026
- Technology gap highlighted. Only seven Chromebook carts across Calvin. Council discussed possible fundraising or tech grants.
- Sarah reached out to the Legion and was hoping for a Veteran to speak at the Remembrance Day service

**7. Council Updates - Melissa Hudson & Yanina Kanevsky:**

- No update

**8. PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Update – Mark Foster & Melissa Hudson:**

- Pro Grant (\$1000) available; applications accepted monthly
- Ideas: multicultural or board game night, community booths, educational talks
- Julia & Sara to form subcommittee (separate CP/LCVI streams)
- LGBTQ2S+ and Neurodiverse family groups seeking volunteers

**9. Financial Report – Bibhian Carabollo:**

- Calvin Park - \$2866.44
- LCVI - \$1953.40
  - Includes parent engagement funds
  - Previous spending \$607 (CP), \$232 (bus driver appreciation)

**10. Other Business:**

- Social Media Presentation – Yanina Kanevsky
  - Overview of youth social media use and mental health impacts
  - Recommendation: use secure, ad-free communication platforms instead of social media
  - Julia raised the importance of a balanced, non-biased discussion. The communication plan is to be reviewed next meeting

**11. New Business:**

- **Fundraising & Technology:**
  - Explore Best Buy grant (\$400/device)

- Donations and fundraising permitted. School to manage purchases through IT.
- Plan to replace 60 Chromebooks (\$10,000 estimated)
- Bingo fundraising: LCVI has an account, Calvin Park on the waitlist
- **Graduation:**
  - Review of award criteria and request to expand recognition in the Challenge program.
  - Request to increase student involvement and develop new traditions

## **12. Next meeting**

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

### **Agenda Items:**

- Discuss the need to allot time for CP discussions as well as LCVI discussions
- Social media follow-up
- Fundraising & Tech
- Pro Grant Planning
- Teacher Input on Parent Engagement