

Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes from the Meeting on October 2, 2025

Place: Lanor JMS Library, 450 Lanor Avenue, Etobicoke, ON

Time: 6:30pm Meet and Greet, 7pm Meeting

Attendees:

Voting members present (14/15):

Andrea M
Katie C
Seema P
Leah P
Jaclyn C
Candice Z
Nakul K
Andrea C
Brandi D
Terri F
Rebekah W
Tonya B
Steven B
Steve F

Staff/Admin:

Bill Mah (principal)
Sarah Saskin (teacher)
Amreen A (parent/staff)
Amy deVerteuil (teacher)

Parents:

Jen
Dave M
Toli A
Marden R
Mary R

Voting members regrets (1/15):

Karmen P

1) Welcome, Attendance & Land Acknowledgment

- The land acknowledgment was read by Andrea.
- Quorum was confirmed.

2) Approval of Sept 18, 2025, meeting minutes

- Minutes are approved.

3) Council Survey Review

- 14/15 council members responded to the survey.
- Meetings format and scheduling
 - Council meetings will be held in a hybrid format (in-person and online).
 - Hybrid meetings and Thursday evenings were the most popular choices.
 - Thursday's at 7pm were chosen as the preferred meeting time.
 - Legal minimum of four meetings per year; tentative dates set for November, February, April and June.
 - Child minding will be offered by request with a deadline for arrangements.
- Council roles and succession planning
 - No volunteers for chair, treasurer or secretary; last year's chair and treasurer will continue in the roles but plan to reduce their other council responsibilities.

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- Early involvement of the treasurer is encouraged for any event involving money.
- Spending priorities
 - Top priorities for council spending: Morning Munch program, library refresh, and other student focused initiatives.
 - Requests for items like iPads and Chromebooks will be considered based on priority ranking.
 - \$100 per classroom will be allocated with unused funds carried out from last year. Classes that spent the \$100 will also be allocated funds for this year. Unused funds will not roll over indefinitely.
- Fundraising and events
 - Multiple fundraising items and community engagement events were identified including corporate donations, art auction, movie night, Halloween dance, family skate night, and concession stands (i.e. at a school run event). Some council members expressed interest in leading or assisting. To be thought about/discussed further.
 - Andrea C to consider a proposal for a student art auction.
 - Spirit wear and grad hoodie sales will be combined for efficiency. Karmen will take the lead.
 - Terri refreshed Mabel's Labels and FlipGive programs for ongoing passive fundraising.
 - Discussion on supporting students in need with subsidized lunches (Subway, LunchLady, pizza).
 - Morning Munch program needs more volunteers, so they will need to reduce the number of days the program provides snacks.
 - Strong interest in continuing the Staff Appreciation event in the spring. Council was open to various ways of doing this and requesting funding from donations (same as last year)
- Council communication
 - Council meeting calendar invites are sent to council members only. Council website (Lanor.ca) and social media accounts send reminders and host meeting materials. Mr. Mah's newsletters always include council meeting information.

4) Fundraising and Events Discussion

- **Halloween Dance (October 23):** Discussion regarding ticket pricing, concessions, and logistics for events. Volunteer sign-ups and roles outlined for each event. Emphasis on succession planning and sharing event planning resources for future councils

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- **Curriculum Night (October 9):** Pizza and snacks for sale, cash only (no pre-order). Need volunteers to sign up to help. Having kindergarten parents lead the planning and execution very helpful as they have their curriculum night on a different day.
- **Movie Night:** license expiration date to be confirmed, then we can discuss having another movie night.

5) Principal's Report

- There will be a school reorg due to some classes being over Ministry caps
- Only one suspension this school year; overall, very positive school climate
- Bathroom limits, helping to prevent students gathering in bathroom and vandalism, hall pass system has worked well – keeping our hallways orderly and relatively quiet
- Gas main was fixed
- Budget to be received by the end of the month.
- EQAO results for the last school year expected soon and will be shared for Terri to complete another analysis (individual identifiers to be removed for privacy)

6) Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

- November 27th, 2025, 7pm hybrid
- February 5th, 2026, 7pm hybrid
- April 23rd, 2026, 7pm hybrid
- June 11th, 2026, 7pm hybrid

Next Meeting: Thursday November 27, 2025 @ 7pm, Hybrid