

# Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

## Minutes from the Meeting on September 18, 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  
Karmen P  
Leah P  
Jaclyn C  
Candice Z  
Nakul K  
Andrea C  
Brandi D  
Terri F  
Rebekah W  
Tonya B  
Steven B

#### Staff/Admin:

Bill Mah (principal)  
Sarah Saskin

#### Parents:

Amreen A (parent/staff)  
Tsering C  
Ngudup T  
Melissa F  
Harpreet J  
Simeon S  
Philina C  
Katie G  
Mary R  
Harden K  
Patricia O

#### Voting members regrets (1/15):

Steve F

### 1) Welcome, Attendance & Land Acknowledgment

- a) The land acknowledgment was read by Andrea.

### 2) Nominations and Elections

- a) All 15 nominations acclaimed and accepted as voting members
- b) No nominations for executive positions. Some members may consider this role with further discussion with council regarding role expectations.

### 3) Chair Report

- a) The 2024/25 school year was challenging for the council Chair and Treasurer. The chair also took on the secretary role and helped plan events. The treasurer was heavily involved in pizza days and events.
- b) There were several council members that did not attend meetings/engage with council and some that were inconsistent which was a challenge for council planning and voting.
- c) A council member survey will help us learn about what we want to do this school year including interests and expectations, dates and times for meetings, events, fundraising, executive positions. etc.
- d) New TDSB email for council [SC.LanorJuniorMiddleSchool@tdbs.on.ca](mailto:SC.LanorJuniorMiddleSchool@tdbs.on.ca)

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- e) The council Gmail account will remain active as it is connected to the council website and social accounts, but it is not to be used for communication.
- f) The School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) is looking for reviewers to review grant applications. If interested, please speak to Andrea.

**ACTION: Andrea to create and send survey to council to gather more information on council members interests and expectations for 2025/26 school year**

## **4) Councilor Amber Morley Update**

- a) Tonya provided an update on meetings with Amber Morley's office regarding access to Section 37 funding from new housing developments and potential support on advocating for inside school improvement.
- b) Some Section 37 funding is available and can be used for outdoor improvements that are accessible to the community.
- c) Tonya to work with Amber Morley's office to learn more about how they can support and advocate for improvements in school.
- d) Tonya to include Principal Bill Mah in the discussion.

**ACTION: Tonya to lead a subcommittee to investigate Section 37 funding further and investigate a possible application for funding, design options, etc.**

**ACTION: Tonya to contact Amber Morley's office regarding support for in school improvements. School visits to be coordinated with Bill.**

## **5) Treasurers Report**

- a) Over \$1,800 available to spend currently
- b) 2 funding requests:
  - i) Noise Cancelling headphones
  - ii) Mini-musical

**Council voted unanimously to approve both spending requests**

## **6) Fundraising and Events Discussion**

- a) Pizza Days: Terri and Steve are continuing with pizza days every two weeks until the end of January. Challenges with getting enough volunteers to help on pizza days. **They would like more help with the on-site leadership on pizza days**, so Steve and Terri don't always have to be there. They would continue to manage orders. **Frequency of pizza days may be reduced from February to June unless there is more parent involvement.**

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- b) LunchBox and Lunch Lady: Seema arranged for Subway lunches through LunchBox using Cash Online. Some confusion on the first day with late orders. Students helped with distribution. **We will continue to monitor how this is working and if we need a parent volunteer on Mondays to assist with this process from 11:20-11:45am Mondays.** Wednesday Lunch Lady will continue. **Seema is investigating whether to move Lunch Lady to Lunch Box or leave separately.**
- c) Pita Days for Grade 8 graduation expenses: Terri and Steve suggested Pita Days to fundraise for grade 8 graduation expenses. **Karmen and Seema volunteered to lead this initiative.**
- d) Curriculum Night: In the past the council has hosted a picnic with food before curriculum night. **Nakul volunteered to organize this with support from Terri and Steve.**
- e) Halloween Dance: Interest from the council in hosting this event again. With Halloween on a Friday, we will need to have the dance the night or week before. **Leah volunteered to take the lead on dance planning with support from other council members.**

## 7) Morning Munch

- a) Lanor's Morning Munch program coordinator – Melissa F - provided an overview of the snack program
  - i) Daily nutrition for every student including fruit/vegetable + grain + protein (meets official meal standards)
  - ii) 395 kids receive balanced meals each morning delivered to classrooms before morning recess
  - iii) 160 days per year\*\* = 63,200 meals annually
  - iv) Inclusive by design - Halal, vegetarian, allergy-friendly, dietary restriction accommodations
- b) Financials
  - i) Non-Profit Program. Program cost \$1 per student per day (\$160 annually per child)
  - ii) Grant funding covers approximately 50% through the Toronto Federation for Student Success. We need to raise the other 50% - about \$80 per student through Lanor family contributions, donations, and fundraising.
  - iii) Suggested family contribution: \$15-20/month per child. The additional amount helps cover costs for families who can't donate, ensuring every child receives meals regardless of the family's financial situation.
  - iv) Funding pays for the food, food safety supplies and program coordination.
- c) Parent and student volunteers make it happen
  - i) 8:20-10:30 AM: Volunteer team (2-3 people daily); prepares ingredients, pack bins, maintain food safety, supervise student helpers. Schedule can be fixed, flexible or drop-in.

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- ii) We're expanding volunteer opportunities for different skills and schedules:
  - (1) Social Media Manager (30 minutes/week from home)
  - (2) Grant Research & Writing (project-based, flexible timing)
  - (3) Fundraising Coordinator (event planning, business outreach)
  - (4) Tech Support (helping develop better program management tools)
- d) Next steps:
  - i) Communication to Lanor families to go out shortly. Asking for monthly donations of \$15-20/month per child through [TFSS.ca/donate/SchoolSites-SNP](https://TFSS.ca/donate/SchoolSites-SNP) or one-time contributions of any amount. Corporate matching - Check if your employer matches charitable donations.
  - ii) Program to start in October.
- e) Stay Connected
  - i) [MorningMunch@lanor.ca](mailto:MorningMunch@lanor.ca) for questions or volunteering
  - ii) Social media: Follow our updates and share with your networks

## 8) Principles Report

- a) Recognized and thanked our SAC Chair, Andrea Makowiecka for her dedication and leadership as chair for the past 2 years
- b) Thanked those in attendance for their participation in SAC, and for SAC's support for Lanor students and community
- c) Spoke about the smooth start to the school year, including new late policy, hall passes and washroom protocols. This has resulted in a calmer, more orderly environment in Lanor. So far, no vandalism in our washrooms.
- d) Update on Kindergarten Bathrooms/cubby area - Michelle from TDSB Design and Renewal department came to assess. Michelle supports the need to renovate/revamp our kindergarten washrooms and cubby area. She will put for a tentative plan to the TDSB, then we wait for next steps. We are competing against 100s of other proposals across TDSB schools.
- e) Spoke to the upcoming re-org, shared the current school model and that our primary classes (Grades 1-3 and the 3/4) are over the cap and we must re-org to comply. More information will be shared at a designated time (as directed by the TDSB)

## 9) Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

- a) Will be addressed in the council survey
- b) The focus of the next meeting will be on council priorities for 2025/26 school year and executive positions.

**Next Meeting: Thursday October 2, 2025 @ 7pm, Hybrid**

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