

Lanor JMS School Council

MEETING MINUTES

Wed. March 3, 2021
Virtual ZOOM - 6:30-7:32pm

1) In attendance

Marian Wall-Ryel (Principal)
Rebekah Warner (co-chair)
Jaclyn Carere (co-chair)
Trish Launt
Suman
Bryony Lewicki - Grade 4, Charles
Allen Attard
Amreen Allam
Yuliya
Sonia
Athina
Rebecca Ratz
Anny Richter
Michele S
GPolanco
Seema Panchal

2) Co-Chairs

- a) Welcome!
 - Our mandate is to support learning and connect families in the Lanor community. This year, we decided to step back from all fundraising and plan for 2021-2022 school year. If there is anyone who would like to start a sub-committee to develop fundraising ideas for next year, please contact us.
 - Everyone is welcome to join the school council and we are always looking for new members to share ideas and support initiatives. Other positions can include secretary, treasurer, community liaison, communications. We can create a role based on your particular skill-set or area of interest if it helps the council meet its mandate.
 - Please email lanorschoolcouncil@gmail.com to be added to the School Council email list or if you have specific questions for the council. Note: all important information will be sent in BLASTS by Ms. Wall-Ryel.

- b) PRO Grant (Parents Reaching out) **pending approval - Meaningful Inclusion Workshop*

- RANIA EL MUGAMMAR - Date TDB, Evening before June 1, 2021 6:30-8:00pm
<https://www.raniawrites.com>
Rania El Mugammar is a Sudanese Canadian, Artist, Arts Educator, Equity, Anti-oppression, Liberation, and Meaningful Inclusion Educator & Consultant, performer, speaker, and published writer.
 - Rebecca described EarlyON - free weekly sessions
 - We hope to develop a survey for families in the Lanor community to connect and learn
 - School messenger school council accounts are available but we will continue to communicate with the community via Ms. Wall-Ryel
- 3) Morning Munch Program - update
- Amreen Alam - Program Coordinator Morning Munch Program feel free to email if you have any questions about Morning Munch
- 4) Principal's Report
- 288 students
 - Ms. Wilson and Ms. Jackson remain on leave, Mr. Head has returned
 - New screening measures mean more absences are likely and various plans for coverage discussed
 - Windows update - primary hall to be finished in a few weeks, new front doors to come during the April break
 - Increase in school-yard behaviours discussed. Students are out of practice with socialization and possibly testing the boundaries but there is some rough play, shoving/pushing, comments, possible bullying behaviors in older grades. This is being addressed in partnership with students, parents, and teachers using a preventative, proactive, and collaborative approach.
 - Ms. Wall-Ryel to look into ideas for Spring outdoor implements (jump ropes, chalk, balls?)
 - Athina can see what's available through her discount if not available from TDSB vendors (Walmart)
 - Robotics - new programs purchased at a discount
 - Dwayne Morgan will be reading his poetry reading live to students!
 - Stronger than Hate Event was so popular they exceeded 10,000 log-ons but we have been provided a link to the recording to use in-class discussion
 - Budget discussed line by line
 - Photo day likely canceled - Athina to connect with Ms. Wall-Ryel about a possible backdrop with Lanor border or something similar
 - Gauss Math contest coming to Lanor! All Grade 7 and 8s can choose to take it, optional.
- 5) Community Questions
- Suman (child in Grade 4) asked about Safe Schools - at what point are incidents communicated to parents?

- Rebecca Ratz asked about ventilation and if classrooms have HEPA filters. Lanor had the entire ventilation system upgraded last year and new windows installed. Windows are encouraged to remain open especially during eating - no talking. Teachers are encouraged to take more outdoor breaks and students can take extended masks breaks as long as they are 2m away from another person.
- Possible fundraising ideas: Chromebooks (follow up on statistics or a goal such as as "we have one device for every 4 children and we would like to have one device for every 2 children)

Upcoming Dates:

Wed, May 26th

The Lanor School Council email is lanorschoolcouncil@gmail.com