



Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting members present:

Andrea Makowiecka
Mikela Evans Pilipovic
Rececca Warner
Sarah Marriott - *Chair*
Sonia Mistry
Terri-Lyn F - *Treasurer*
Tonya Belle

Voting members regrets:

Gladys Jekecha
Jaclyn Carere
Karmen Pestotnik
Natasha Ministry
Patricia Ocampo
Stacy Laliberte
Steve F

Admin: Bill Mah

Guests: Rose Butler

1. Introduction & Welcome

Sarah Marriott welcomed everyone to the meeting and each attendee re-introduced themselves and provided information the grade(s) of their children.

2. Chair Report

Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2023 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2023 were distributed via email prior to the meeting. **ON A MOTION** duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes of the SAC meeting held on November 21, 2023 be approved.

School Clothing

78 items purchased, approximately \$220 raised. Delivery Friday, January 26th, will be sorted for distribution the following week. Items will be sent home with the students.

School Council Innovation Grant

Lanor Parent/Caregiver Engagement Night proposal, offering multiple workshops, was approved. Max amount received of \$1500. Need volunteers to help coordinate the event. The hard part will be to find a date that all the vendors are available to host sessions on. Sarah will send a survey to the school to determine top choices to focus on, as well as to gather date & time preference.

Paul Davis

Internet and social media safety presenter Paul Davis has been tentatively scheduled to come to Lanor on Tuesday, February 27th.

Two options were proposed:

1. 3 in person sessions: Grade 4/5/6, Grade 7/8, & Parent/Caregiver - \$1,550+hst
2. 2 in-person sessions: Grade 7/8 & Parent/Caregiver, and 1 virtual (pre-recorded) session to be viewed in class with teachers - \$1,350+hst

Sarah put forward a motion to approve the full \$1550 expense for Paul Davis to come to the school and do 3 in-person sessions – 2 for students during the day and a parent session in the evening. **ON A MOTION** duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the Paul Davis expense for 3 in-person sessions was approved.

We will ask people to register to get an idea of numbers. If it is determined that numbers will be quite low, we will open it up to surrounding schools. If possible, we will also consider asking for contribution toward the expense from other school councils should we open it up for them to attend. If we open it up, Bill will reach out to the Principals at other schools and Sarah will reach out to the School Council Chairs.

Sarah will do up draft messaging to send to the group for review to ensure it is enticing. Along with emails, we will also hang posters around the school and post to the Facebook group. Terri indicated she hasn't found the Lanor facebook Group... linked here!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/981163868600781>

PIAC Conference

The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) conference will be held Saturday, February 3rd at Earl Haig SS. 10:00am until 3:00pm. The registration link can be found in the meeting agenda, and below:

[Ready, Set, Engage Conference Registration: Empowering School Councils](#)

3. Fundraising

No report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Teri reviewed the report provided, see below.

Jan 25, 2024 Meeting								
Category	Event	Date	Credit (Income)	Debit (Costs)	Net Change	Bank Balance	Budgeted	Allocation To
Opening Balance		2023-08-01				\$ 5,812.16	\$ 5,812.16	Co-Curricular
Fundraising	Curriculum Night	2023-10-05	\$ 2,060.90	\$ 1,745.55	\$ 315.35		\$ 200.00	
	Halloween Dance	2023-10-27	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 309.64	\$ 859.36		\$ 800.00	
	Lunch Lady	ongoing	\$ 113.75		\$ 113.75		\$ 100.00	
	Pizza (Includes Estimated Pending Expenses)	ongoing	\$ 17,503.93	\$ 9,742.66	\$ 7,761.27		\$ 17,000.00	
	Purdy's Chocolate	2024-01-15	\$ 1,106.70		\$ 1,106.70		\$ 200.00	
	Mabel's Labels	2024-01-15	\$ 55.27		\$ 55.27		\$ -	
	Spirit Wear						\$ 350.00	
	TDSB Innovation Grant							
Fundraising Total			\$ 22,009.55	\$ 11,797.85	\$ 10,211.70	\$ 10,211.70	\$ 18,650.00	
Approved Spending	K-3 Bus to Carnival of Munsch	2023-12-05					-\$ 104.00	Co-Curricular
	\$100 per class	2023-11-21					-\$ 1,400.00	Co-Curricular
	Music Program - 1 music stand cart	2023-11-21		\$ 672.35	-\$ 672.35		-\$ 672.35	Co-Curricular
	Debate Club	2023-11-21					-\$ 100.00	Co-Curricular
Approved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ 672.35	-\$ 672.35	-\$ 672.35	-\$ 2,276.35	
Unapproved Spending	Music Program - 1 music stand cart, 24 stands						-\$ 1,992.35	Co-Curricular
	Library Furniture						-\$ 1,339.20	Furniture
	Library Speaker						-\$ 179.00	Furniture
	Scientist in the School: Energy - Grade 1 (x2)						-\$ 498.00	STEM
	Parent Workshop - Paul Davis	2024-02-27					-\$ 1,469.00	Co-Curricular
	Grade 8 Grad						-\$ 250.00	Co-Curricular
	Gr 4-8 Chromebooks						-\$ 4,650.00	STEM
	Gr K-3 iPads						TBD	STEM
	Gym Pinnies & Jerseys						-\$ 2,500.00	Co-Curricular
Unapproved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 12,877.55	
Overall Total						\$ 15,351.51	\$ 9,308.26	
Total Monies Available To Date for Spending is approximately \$13,750								



The bank balance is just over \$15K. The numbers for pizza (in yellow) will be updated as they are underestimated due to incorrect classification of accounts. Terri is working with Donna to ensure funds are allocated correctly. Sarah inquired about the School Council direct donation account, which Terri will also ensure is accounted for.

There were several proposed expenses that were discussed, the outline of those expenses is below.

Music Program – 1 music stand cart, 24 stands	\$1,992.35
Grade 1 - Scientist in the School	\$498.00
Library – Furniture - Chairs	\$1,339.20
Library - Speaker	\$179.00
Graduation	\$250.00

Discussion on whether the music program will stay at the school or not. Music program for 7 & 8 will always be there but the other class programs are not guaranteed.

Graduation: Sarah suggested considering a graduation committee so parents can help with the planning and execution so that information is clear and sent out in advance and preparation is done with ample leeway.

ON A MOTION duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the proposed expenses outlined above be approved.

Other expense proposals in the works:

Chromebooks: Sarah indicated there was a proposal for Chromebooks for about \$4500 that is being worked on, which is with the PORs for review currently. It was raised that the Chromebooks do not have longevity, and the idea was discussed about whether the school could get an extended warranty, or consider purchasing re-furbished items. The matter will be discussed further when the proposal is received.

Pinnies: The quote for pinnies has not yet been received from the school. The best quote Sarah received - ballpark was about \$20 for reversible pinnies with 3 colour logo and approximately \$15 for wicking jerseys.

5. Committee & Initiatives Updates

Caring & Safe Schools

Visitor Policy: Sonia reported that the visitor policy has been implemented with success. Volunteers are signing in at the office and receiving lanyards. This success has been especially noticed with the pizza lunch volunteers.

Graffiti and damage to the girls bathroom: This is currently a big issue. The soap dispensers are being torn off the wall, toilet paper is being stuck to the ceiling, and graffiti messages are being written on walls and stalls. Mr. Mah is working with teachers to identify graffiti culprits based on writing samples. He is also having a bathroom sign in sheet to know who is coming in and out which is helping the issue. It was suggested to consider removing the mirrors, as this removes the ability for them to watch and video themselves. Other suggestions included having make-up or TikTok sessions at lunch.

Cell phone incidents: There have been fewer issues with cell phones. New policy being discussed at the board level.

Violent incidents: The number of incidents have been less frequent in the new year.

Next Caring & Safe Schools meeting is to be held Monday, February 26th.

Parent Survey

Rose provided a copy of the draft survey for the group to review. Clarification on the purpose of the survey was sought in order to be clear with the questions and ensure the data gathered will be used for constructive purposes. The group reviewed and discussed. A few suggested edits were agreed to, and Rose will amend the survey accordingly and send to the group for a final review.

Girls Extracurricular Basketball

The girls lunch time basketball program will be starting tomorrow – Friday, January 26th. 16 girls have signed up.

6. Principal's Report

Winter Clothing Drive

TBWest basketball, who has a Friday evening permit, is organizing a winter clothing drive, and are happy to donate winter clothing to Lanor students in need. Staff have been asked to identify any students who might benefit from this program (parents are encouraged to contact myself directly, as well).

Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards – go home February 14, interviews granted to parents who request, or whose children are not achieving at or above the ministry standard (level 3 / B), these take place Thursday evening (Feb 15) and Friday morning (Feb 16). PA Day on February 16.

More Feb Events

Early February – Black History, African Heritage Assembly

Feb 19 – Family Day

Pink Shirt Day and International Day of Pink

The TDSB officially participates in the International Day of Pink April 10th (anti-bullying, anti-homophobia). There is also Pink Shirt Day February 28th (anti-bullying). At Lanor, we have participated in the International Day of Pink. This doesn't mean we are discouraging participating in Pink Shirt Day (and what it stands for), but our emphasis and messaging will be focused on International Day of Pink.

Future Events

Grad photos – March 27

Middle school concert - June 3

Gr 8 Grad trip – June 12-14

Gr 8 Grad – Tues June 25

7. Teacher & Staff Reports

No report.

8. Any Other Business

Brightpics: Brightpics is an approved TDSB photo vendor. A representative came and presented their materials and reviewed all that they have to offer as a school picture vendor: Students photos, class photos, family photo shoots @ school (possible fundraiser), yearbooks. Prices come in lower than competitors for class photo packages. Over 100 backgrounds for student pictures. Small family run business located in Etobicoke since 1989. Vendors cannot be switched mid-year, so consideration can be given for future years.

Donating to Morning Munch: Rose inquired about the ability to donate directly to Morning Munch. An email was to go out about that, however it is included in the Newsletter which hasn't gone out yet. Sarah will send out the details for donating in a school wide email.

Athletic Committee: The idea of an athletic committee was discussed and Andrea will look to coordinate.

9. Next Meeting

See everyone via Zoom or in person on **Thursday, February 22.**

Minutes reviewed by:

Bill Mah

Sarah Marriott

Minutes approved by Council February 22, 2024