



Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting members present:

Andrea Makowiecka
Mikela Evans Pilipovic
Natasha Mistry^z
Patricia Ocampo
Stacy Laliberte
Sarah Marriott – *Chair*
Steve F^z
Terri-Lyn F - *Treasurer*

Voting members regrets:

Gladys Jekecha
Jaclyn Carere
Karmen Pestotnik
Rececca Warner
Sonia Mistry
Tonya Belle

Guests:

Allen Attard^z
Michelle Acres^z
Seema Patel^z

Admin:

Bill Mah

Staff:

Amreen Alam

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sarah Marriott welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the land acknowledgement. Sarah noted there was still a need for a Secretary and her and Terri would take notes for today’s meeting.

2. Chair Report

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2024 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held January 25, 2024 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 January 25, 2024 be approved.

School Clothing

At the request of staff and parents, reopened the store. Will close on Sunday. A few previous orders had some missing items, so waiting on those currently as well.

School Council Innovation Grant

Scheduled for Monday, March 25th 6:30-9:00pm. Scheduled based on survey results showing Monday and Friday as top choices, both with 22 and 6:30pm as top choice to start with 24. Availability of vendors solidified Monday as the date.

Survey of parents & caregivers garnered the following results:

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| 1. Art Workshop – Painting (34) | 4. Combat Science - Self Defense (16) |
| 2. Yoga & Mindfulness (18) | 5. Dancing - Hip Hop (14) |
| 3. Rythm Works – Drumming (17) | 6. Code Ninjas – Coding (11) |

Booked the top 3 choices. Combat Science was unavailable on the same dates, and the price would have put us over budget.

Costs:

- Art & Mindfulness - Natalie Very B - \$355+
- Yoga & Meditation – Andra - \$220
- Rhythm Works – Troy - \$300
- Food, beverages & advertising – TBD
- Lanor swag takeaway – TBD (Stickers & custom cookies suggested)

Blurbs:

Art: Join artist and art therapist Natalie Very B. in an experiential workshop where you will have a chance to reconnect with your inner child. Learn practical techniques to enhance the emotional bond with your own kids and learn new non-judgmental approaches to their creativity. Participants can expect mindfulness, art making exercises, and discussion.

Drum: High energy drumming and comedy performance with a message of inspiring youth to follow their dreams. Lead by former cast member of STOMP and members of The Six Stix, the official drummers for the Toronto Raptors. 50 participants bucket drumming.

Sarah put forward the idea to do Rhythm Works whole school show (1 hour) &/or workshops (45min-1hour with 2-4 in a day). The group discussed the options and thought the smaller group sessions might be more fun and engaging. Whole school show was not thought to be a great idea as it might not be engaging for kindergarten through to grade 8. Could also look to coordinate workshops with the music and band teacher on the same day. Could also consider doing an evening show for students and families. Sarah will define this plan more and come back to the group with a proposal. Sarah will share youtube videos of the groups work.

Paul Davis

Online and social media safety presentation on Tuesday, February 27th. @ 6:30pm. Registration is at 50. Sarah revisited the idea of opening the session up to other schools. It was decided to open it up to Sir Adam Beck, as it is a feeder school. Sarah will provide messaging to Mr. Mah to send to the SAB Principal and she will reach out to the School Council Chairs.

Agenda's

Sarah put forward the idea that School Council could pay for agendas for the students for next year, ordering via TDSB approved vendor. It was suggested that School Council buy them, and then sell them at a minimal cost so that people will appreciate them more. It wouldn't be mandated for teachers to use them, however they would be made available for all so that students would have the ability to use them independently or with teacher support, depending on each individual's needs. Many agreed that the use of agenda's is a good skill set for kids to learn. Probably for Gr 1 to 8. PIQ is one of the vendors that Mr. Mah has worked with. He will connect someone on School Council with them so that research may be completed. Once the costs associated are determined, Council can determine if/how to proceed.

Staff Appreciation

Not a lot of funds raised – about \$100-\$200, so will do something small before March Break. It was suggested to do the Booter Juice smoothies as that was well received by the staff last year. Stacy & Sarah will coordinate. It was also pointed out that the request for donations for Staff Appreciation may have been lost in the long email, so it was suggested to resend. Sarah will do so.



3. Treasurer's Report

Teri reviewed the report provided, see below.

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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	\$ 241.00		\$ 241.00		\$ 100.00		
	Pizza (Includes Estimated Pending Expenses)	ongoing	\$ 21,273.49	\$ 9,645.16	\$ 11,628.33		\$ 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			\$ 25,906.36	\$ 11,700.35	\$ 14,206.01	\$ 14,206.01	\$ 18,650.00		
Approved Spending	Bus to Carnival of Munsch - K to Gr 3	2023-12-05	\$ -	\$ 104.00	-\$ 104.00		-\$ 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						-\$ 100.00	Co-Curricular	
	Music Program - 1 music stand cart, 24 stands						-\$ 1,953.77	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	
Approved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ 776.35	-\$ 776.35	-\$ 776.35	-\$ 7,965.32		
Unapproved Spending	Gr 4-8 Chromebooks						-\$ 4,650.00	STEM	
	Gr K-3 iPads						TBD	STEM	
	Gym Pinnies & Jerseys						-\$ 2,000.00	Co-Curricular	
	Badminton Racquets and Birdies						-\$ 300.00	Co-Curricular	
Unapproved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 6,950.00		
Overall Total						\$ 19,241.82	\$ 9,546.84		
Total Monies Available To Date for Spending is approximately \$12,050									

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

Badminton equipment	\$300.00
Paul Davis Snacks & Beverages	\$200.00
(from Parent Council Engagement Fund)	

Badminton Equipment: Racquets and birdies proposal was received from Mr. Heim, for \$300 for 4 racquets and birdies. Amreen had sourced a vendor for the same equipment and same price, however it would include 6 racquets for same cost. This will be for the Gr 6-8 Badminton team that is having a tournament in April. The group agreed it would be more prudent to get more equipment for the same cost and approved such.

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:

Pinnies & Jerseys: Mr. Heim is gathering quotes for pinnies & jerseys. Sarah provided samples & the quote she had previously received for the same. Once all the quotes are received they will be presented to the group to decide.

Chromebooks & iPads: The technology needs of the school were discussed in order to gauge whether people thought it was worthwhile to receive proposals from the school for Chromebooks and iPads. This would be to get more Chromebooks so the grades 4's (and possibly 3's) would have access to a more complete set next year (and possibly this year if ordered in time). As well, the idea would be to get more iPads to update what the school currently has. This



would allow for replacement of current technology degradation. Council agreed they would like the school to put forward proposals for Chromebooks and iPads.

Refugees Family Support: It was brought to Council's attention that there are 3 refugee families at the school who are in need of support. Although Council cannot give funds directly toward support for individual families, the group discussed ways to support. Ideas included: Asking Lanor families for grocery cards, Newcomer food drive, Student leadership Team driving a support initiative, reaching out to case settlement worker. Consideration to be given that there is also other families in need within the school community. Andrea will compose a message to post on FB to gather grocery cards, which she will share with the group in advance for review. Mr. Mah will reach out to the case settlement worker to see if they can help, as well as the student leadership team to see if they would be interested and have capacity to support.

Terri reminded the group that we need to spend the money this year or allocate it towards something specific for next year.

4. Committee & Initiatives Updates

Fundraising

Fun Fair! Stacy would love to do an end of year fun fair. More details to come.

Caring & Safe Schools

No report – next meeting on March 4th.

Parent Survey

Sarah will check in with Rose & Tonya on the status of the survey.

5. Principal's Report

Extracurriculars

- Badminton is starting soon (grade 6-8)
- Girls volleyball in the playoffs
- Ball hockey in the playoffs
- Drama Club (Mr. Bains)
- Lego club (Ms. De Verteuil and Ms Jackson)
- Student Leadership group is planning their fundraising for charities

The staff has suggested for next year that if a student quits a team, then they won't be able to be on another team for the rest of that year. This would ensure spots are not taken by students who are not committed to the team and taking spots from other students who tried out. It would support team morale as well.

Events

Black History Month student assembly on last day of the month (students only)

Class Placement Notification

Mr. Mah mentioned the staff are discussing how people will be notified of class placements for next school year. Several ideas were discussed (email, posting lists), and parents felt that giving advance notice, of at least a week, would be ideal.

Upcoming Dates

- March Break – March 11th – 15th
- Grad Photos - March 27th
- PA Day – April 8

6. Teacher & Staff Reports

No report.

7. Any Other Business

Lockers

The question was raised about utilizing the lockers in the school, with the idea of all the kids in the older student wing being allocated lockers. This would give students a place to store their coats and boots, making the classrooms less cluttered and the floors cleaner. It would also provide a better sense of school pride if people had their own space to maintain. Mr. Mah will investigate the number of lockers available to provide a starting point as to how they could possibly be allocated.

Gym Painting and Banners

The banners in the gym are not current and it was asked if the new banners could be put up, so that current students can see the banners they have achieved. This would require a scissor lift which hasn't been easy to get into the school. The gym is also scheduled to be painted, as the paint is peeling. The timelines for painting to be better understood to know if the banners can be put up while we wait. It was also raised that perhaps the parents should advocate for the painting to be completed soon and see if we can get quicker priority within the TDSB. Terri will send an email to Mr. Mah and Sarah from the School Council about prioritizing the gym painting and putting up banners.

Buses

Parents are getting upset about the buses repeatedly coming home late. Patricia will send an email template to Mr. Mah and Sarah.

Current Jerseys:

Stacy can re-press any jersey's where the numbers are coming off. Mr. Mah to advise Mr. Heim and Stacy will collect them from the school to get them repressed.

School Banner:

Stacy would like a copy of the school logo to see about getting a banner made. Sarah will send Stacy the logo she has, which might not be high enough resolution to do a large graphic.

School Council Secretary:

The position of Secretary is vacant. Please let Sarah know if you are interested in filling the position.

8. Next Meeting

See everyone via Zoom or in person on **Tuesday, April 9**

Minutes reviewed by:

Bill Mah

Sarah Marriott

