

Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

**Voting members
present:**

Andrea Makowiecka
Jaclyn Carere
Karmen Pestotnik
Mikela Evans Pilipovic
Patricia Ocampo
Sarah Marriott – *Past Chair*
Stacy Laliberte
Steve F
Terri-Lyn F – *Treasurer*
Yuliya Yurchenko- *Secretary*

Bill Mah

**Voting members
regrets:**

Rececca Warner

Guests:

Admin:

Staff:

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was completed.

2. Nomination & Election of Chair

Sarah nominated Andrea. Committee chair must be named. **ON A MOTION** duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Andrea Makowiecka will fulfill the position of School Council Chair.

3. Nomination & Election of Secretary

Yuliya Yurchen put forth herself as a nominee for Secretary. **ON A MOTION** duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Yuliya Yurchen be a School Council member and she will fulfill the position of School Council Secretary.

4. Chair Report

Agenda's

Council advised to purchase (\$5 to \$8) – books to write homework in. It remains to be optional for teachers. PIQ to be contacted to get samples and determine the price. Minimum order – to be explored. Whatever the minimum order is, they can be purchased and have them on hand. Agendas can be coordinated with teachers. **Patricia Ocampo** volunteered to be the lead for this project.

Lanor Clothing Update & Grad Hoodies

Expected to be delivered on April 10, except for grade 8 hoodies (pending delivery date).

School Council Innovation Grant

On Monday, March 25th we hosted an amazing engagement evening which included dinner and socializing in the library and then people broke off to go to one of the three sessions offered: Art Therapy, Yoga & Mindfulness, Rhythm Works Bucket Drumming. 34 people registered and 32 attended! The numbers worked really well for the sessions that were offered, as it allowed for small intimate sessions. All expenses have been submitted and came in under budget. Note: gifts were bought from amazon – not paid through TDSB, but council. Reminder for recruiting for future activities: we need to ensure there is no conflict of interest with TDSB to avoid any issues (i.e. yoga instructor who is a TDSB teacher).

Parent Survey

Rose distributed the final draft of the parent survey. It is ready to go. Someone will need to take the lead on execution of this. Timing, execution, and what to do with the results to be determined. A suggestion was made to send it at the end of the year. Parent survey to be shared by Sarah with lead.

Staff Appreciation

\$560 has been raised. Sarah will transfer this \$ to whoever takes the lead. Last discussion proposed moving ahead with Booster Juice, which is an easy one to execute if someone has time during the day to pick up the smoothies and deliver to the school. We did it for morning recess last year. **Karmen Pestotnik** volunteered to lead this. Date to be discussed. There could be 2 sessions for this event depending on cost.

5. 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	\$ 25,070.63	\$ 12,214.51	\$ 12,856.12		\$ 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 (pending)		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00			
Fundraising Total			\$ 31,203.50	\$ 14,269.70	\$ 16,933.80	\$ 16,933.80	\$ 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	2024-02-23		\$ 1,281.42	-\$ 1,281.42		-\$ 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
	Badminton Racquets and Birdies						-\$ 300.00	Co-Curricular
Approved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ 2,057.77	-\$ 2,057.77	-\$ 2,057.77	-\$ 8,265.32	
Unapproved Spending	Gr 4-8 Chromebooks						-\$ 4,650.00	STEM
	Gr K-3 iPads						TBD	STEM
	Gym Pinnies & Jerseys						-\$ 2,000.00	Co-Curricular
	Leadership Club - Candy Grams	2024-02-26	-	\$ 125.38	-\$ 125.38			
Unapproved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ 125.38	-\$ 125.38	-\$ 125.38	-\$ 6,650.00	
Overall Total						\$ 20,562.81	\$ 9,546.84	

Total Monies Available To Date for Spending is approximately \$14K

Expense proposals in the works:

- Budget for Spirit wear – missing a cheque.
- Each class has a \$100 to spend. No visibility to costs yet. The principal communicated about it. Communication is needed to provide receipts to be reimbursed by June 3. Teachers have to go through an approved vendor catalog.
- No cost has come out of the account for Scientist day.
- No cost has been seen for badminton racquets and birdies
- Leadership club – candy grams – should not have come out of the council account. It will be reversed. In another account, parent donations were placed. The money will go to the classes.
- Revised spending is \$13,000.
- Chromebooks and iPads – quote is required to discuss it further.

Proposals:

- A new projector is needed for Room 3. \$200 – approved by the council. The broken projector can be repaired – a possible solution.
- Canucks shirts green pinnies and reversible pinnies were assessed for all grades. Cannuck sport was approved by council. Inclusive sizes were suggested. Youth and adult sizes.

6. Committee & Initiatives Updates

Caring & Safe Schools

Bill provided an update. The Caring & Safe School committee met on March 4th.

Reminder for staff to be on-time for their supervision

- Check the duty schedule for which areas need to be covered (particularly outdoor duty)
- Teachers were reminded to wear a bright vest (or at least hold one in your hand) when on outdoor Gr 1-8 yard duty. If you don't have a vest, please ask the office for one
- Students are to come in by the 2nd bell (when there is a double bell)
- Be present in the hall, by your class/office/area when the bell rings after each entry
- Reminder to take attendance no later than 8:45am and 12:15pm
- Plan was to host an assembly after the March Break (reminder of rules, expectations etc) – likely for grade 5&6's and for grade 7&8's. This has not happened yet.

Bill provided an update on some concerns from one class that are being addressed including the booking of a guest to speak on the Holocaust.

Removal of mirrors in bathrooms – were not discussed to be removed to prevent hanging out of students. No vandalism has been reported. No issues with phones were reported.

Fundraising

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

- Outdoor School Fun Fair: June 1 (Saturday); on Lanor school property. Duration: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 1. Photo booth – it would be contained. The camera centers around you. Cost: \$500.
 2. Raffle is not allowed. License from City of Toronto would be needed. Application and payment would be required with no guarantee we would get it.
 3. Gym would be nice to use - especially for rain back up. Note: rain plan – tarps? To be looked into.
 4. Cake walk game – requires a cake/cupcake. Nofrills cakes – \$5.99 suggested.
 5. Tuck shop.
 6. Swag shop. Ideas were presented. i.e. tattoos and stickers – get older kids to help out/ have different stations.
 7. Music – Sonia’s husband?
 8. Local vendors – to be decided who to include.
 9. Magic show.
 10. Inflatables – cost is high. Money vote for inflatables – TDSB vendor – get one that fits in the gym. \$4,000 (deposit \$2,000). A contract needs to be signed (Stacey).
 11. Volunteers from high school can be recruited to help out to get their volunteer hours.

\$5,000 was approved by the council.

NOTE: it would be a community event. Subcommittee – to be sent to the school. Sign up for volunteers – online – for all the positions.

7. Principal’s Report

Lockers

- Lockers – outdoor shoes and indoor shoes requirement recommended for next year. Lockers would assist with this. Grade 7 & 8. There is a discussion to have lockers. A count of lockers is required. A solution is underway.

Gym Painting and Banners

- Gym painting: estimate quote is provided. Plastering/restoration is also required. No total cost is known at this time. In this case, gym would be closed for some time. Banners location? (gym required or library is okay?). Bill Mah will discuss about the banners.

Buses

- Buses and delays: one particular bus is an issue (2:45 pm). Kids can be ready at 2:45 pm.

Other

- Food cards were donated by parents – great cause for families in need.
- Thank you for Sarah – we will miss you.

8. **Any Other Business**

No

9. **Next Meeting**

See everyone via Zoom or in person on **Wednesday, May 15 (Hybrid Meeting)**.

Minutes prepared by:

Yuliya Yurchenko, Secretary

Minutes reviewed by:

Bill Mah, Principal

Andrea Makowiecka, Chair