

Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday September 19, 2024

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

Time: 7:00 p.m

**Voting members
present:**

Andrea M (chair)
Terri F (treasurer)
Yuliya Y
Steve F
Michaela E
Patricia O
Candice Z
Katie C
Jaclyn C
Tonya B
Karmen P
Gladys J
Natasha M
Toli A
Seema P
Tamara C
Leah P
Philina C

Staff:

Bill Mah (principal)
Amreen Alam (staff)

Parents:

Shantal S
Melissa F
Smita S
Himansho P
DAniel J
Kristen D
Ranjan G
Antionette E
Hinal S
Talon S
Lillian S
Deborah C
Joanna K
Chayne J
Adam P
Bhavin

**Voting member
regrets:**

Sonia M
Rebekah W
Ghazia W
Angel M

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgment was read by Andrea.

2. Introductions (last council)

Members in attendance introduced themselves

3. Approval of June 13, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes approved.

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4. Nominations & Elections of Voting Members and Executives

- Council by-laws allow for up to 25 members; 21 nominations, all acclaimed (names in attendance). Future council member nominations to be brought to council meetings for voting/acclaim.
- Discussion regarding various council roles and responsibilities including executive positions.
- One nomination for Chair - Andrea M - Council voted in favour of Andrea as Council Chair for 2024-2025 school year.
- One nomination for Treasurer - Terri F - Council voted in favour of Terri as Treasures for 2024-2025 school year.
- No nominations for secretary.
- Council to further consider interest in Secretary and committee/lead roles (i.e. fundraising, communication, events, engagement, safe and caring schools, etc.) for further discussion and assignments/voting at next council meeting

5. Chair Report

Learning from 2023/24

- Attendance at meetings varied greatly and created challenges with meeting quorum.
- Various formats were used (virtual, hybrid, in person) and different meeting nights made it difficult for members to attend all meetings.
- Need more methods and formats for communication with parents to encourage attendance at meetings and participation in council activities/events.
- More presence of parental council representatives at school events would be beneficial. List events early in the year and review them at meetings. A sign up sheet should be established. i.e. Lion King spring 2025.
- Need to set council priorities early in the school year to help guide decision making (i.e. spending approvals, events, etc.) and resources allocation (i.e volunteer time). Council was ambitious, but did not have the support (volunteers, buy-in) needed to be successful resulting in some events being put on hold or not done.

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6. Treasurer's Report

- Starting with \$11,601.48 which includes \$9,660.84 of allocated spending from last year. Total monies available to date for spending is approximately \$2.0K. Other monies allocated to items approved with last year's budget.

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Category	Event	Date	Credit (Income)	Debit (Costs)	Net Change	Bank Balance	Budgeted	Allocation To
Opening Balance		2024-09-01				\$ 11,601.48	\$ 11,601.48	
Fundraising								
	Curriculum Night						\$ 300.00	
	Halloween Dance						\$ 800.00	
	Lunch Lady						\$ 300.00	
	Pizza						\$ 15,000.00	
	Mabel's Labels						\$ 50.00	
	Purdy's Chocolate						\$ 1,000.00	
	Spirit Wear						\$ 200.00	
	TDSB Innovation Grant						\$ -	
	2023/2024 Parent Donation		\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00	
	June BBQ						\$ 1,000.00	Morning Munch
Fundraising Total			\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 18,770.00	
Spending								
Spending Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Approved Spending								
	2023/2024 Gr. Rm - HorseshoeTable Credit						\$ 887.73	Furniture
	2023/2024 Gr. Rm - HorseshoeTable Repurchase						-\$ 887.73	Furniture
	2023/2024 \$100 per class Balance						-\$ 50.01	Co-Curricular
	2023/2024 Grade 8 Grad						-\$ 250.00	Co-Curricular
	Gr K-3, 6 x iPads						-\$ 2,514.00	STEM
	Gr 4-8, 5 x Chromebooks						-\$ 1,545.45	STEM
	Green Room - 1 Chromebook						-\$ 400.26	STEM
	2 Keyboards						-\$ 451.98	Co-Curricular
	Lion King Musical						-\$ 1,130.00	Co-Curricular
	PA/Sound System (1 mixer/2 speakers)						-\$ 2,356.05	STEM
	Recess and DPA Equipment						-\$ 1,283.09	Co-Curricular
	Recess and DPA Equipment (funds owed from Cash Online)						\$ 320.00	Co-Curricular
Approved Spending Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 9,660.84	
Potential Spending Ideas								
	Eco Club						-\$ 230.00	Co-Curricular
	Grade 8 Grad						-\$ 250.00	Co-Curricular
	Grade 8 Grad DJ Loan (refundable)						-\$ 650.00	Co-Curricular
	Grade 8 Grad DJ Refunded						\$ 650.00	Co-Curricular
	Green Room Resources							Co-Curricular
	Document Cameras/Speakers/Whiteboards							STEM
	Smartboards							STEM
	Gr 4-8, 5 x Chromebooks							STEM
	PA/Sound System (1 speaker)							STEM
	Field Trip / Event Transport							Co-Curricular
	Agendas							Co-Curricular
	School Workshops / Events							Co-Curricular
	Kindergarten Bikes/Trikes							Co-Curricular
Potential Spending Ideas Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 480.00	
Overall Total						\$ 11,721.48	\$ 20,230.65	

Total Monies Available To Date for Spending is approximately \$2.0K

7. Fundraising and Events

- The Lunch Lady
 - Questions regarding how the program operates and is promoted. Council has not been actively involved but classroom teachers are updated in the system. Ms. Alam to ask Ms. Lilli if she provides information.
 - Concerns regarding price increases over the last few years. School now gets \$0.35 per order (last year \$0.25). Discussion regarding looking at other options to replace or in addition to The Lunch Lady such as a program using Cash Online. Ms. Alam to share details with Steve to investigate and bring back to council.
 - Council to promote school as an option once more program details are shared.

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- Pizza Days - Steve will continue with pizza days every other Friday (or Thursday).
- Curriculum Council Pizza Dinner - Steve and Terri to take lead and will need help from volunteers.
- Halloween Dance - Jaclyn will consider planning and running this event with the help of a few other parents and volunteers the night of.
- Other ideas to be discussed at next meeting.

8. Nutrition Program - Morning Munch

- Melissa Fagen - Lanor parent and program coordinator -provided details to council on the daily snack program; how it works and how it is funded (grants and donations).
- Program is short \$10k due to a grant not coming through for this year.
- Goals for the year:
 - Increase awareness of our program (FB, monthly/quarterly email updates)
 - Fundraise - suggested donation of \$10/month/student, alternative fundraisers in the Winter/Spring as needed, looking for community support as well
 - Volunteer recruitment - regular & encouraging micro-volunteers

6. Principal's Report

- Welcome SAC & new school year
- Thank you to Andrea and all of SAC for their work and dedication to our students/school
- Parents should have (by now) heard from their classroom teacher, how to communicate with their teacher
- TDSB disconnect from work policy for staff
- TDSB Parent Concern protocol
- Update on TDSB Cell Phone policy
- Extracurriculars at Lanor (Cross country, ECO team, crochet/knitting, soccer, borden ball, flag football, choir, leadership, morning announcers and more!)
- Lanor will not be going through a reorganization process

6. Next Meeting

- Thursday Oct 3, 2024 at 7pm. Offer an online option for those that cannot attend in person.
- October meeting council will discuss setting the meeting schedule for the year (set day(s)?) and the format (online, hybrid, in person?).

Minutes reviewed by: Andrea Makowiecka and Bill Mah
Minutes approved by council: Oct 3, 2024