

# Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on November 7, 2024

**Place:** Hybrid - Zoom and Lanor JMS Library, 450 Lanor Avenue, Etobicoke, ON

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - Start 7:06pm

### Attendees:

<b>Voting members present: (10/20)</b>	Andrea M (chair) Ghazia W (online) Jaclyn C Leah P Michaela E-P Philina C (online) Sonia M (online) Steve F Terri F (treasurer) Toli A	<b>Staff/Admin:</b>	Bill Mah (principal) Amreen Alam (staff and parent) Donna Lillie Sebastian Hergott Amy de Verteuil
		<b>Parents:</b>	Natasha M Jackie D Hinal S
<b>Voting members regrets: (10/20)</b>	Angel M Candice Z Gladys J Karmen P (available via text) Katie C Rebekah W (available via text) Seema P (available via text) Tamara C Tonya B (available via text) Yulia Y	<b>Guests:</b>	N/A

### 1) Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgment was read by Andrea.

### 2) Approval of Oct 3, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes approved with 10 members present plus 3 members via text (Karmen, Tonya, and Rebekah). Draft minutes had been shared with council via email for review prior to meeting.

3) **Council Secretary** – No secretary. Natasha M volunteered to take minutes.

### 4) Chair Report

#### a) Council survey results:

##### – Meeting format:

- Hybrid is most popular option.
- 6:30 start most popular time.
- Alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Childminding by request only (utilize help from grade 7/8 students)

##### – Spirit Wear

- strong yes after reviewing results of survey

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- **Council involvement**

- Majority of council members prefer to help at an event, but not plan an event

- b) **PCCEO School Council Welcome Back Town Hall Oct 10, 2024**

- Andrea attended town hall online
- changing the way councils access e-mail – will be given MS Teams and email access through the TDSB and access to school messenger
- Principals need to approve messages/communication being shared with school community

## 5) **Treasurer's Report**

- a) **Curriculum night**

- Very successful; Event plan documented and shared with council for future reference

- b) **Update on previously approved spending:**

- iPads have arrived; waiting on Chromebooks
- Mr. Hergott taking care of PA and sound system

- c) **Spending Requests for consideration:**

1. \$100 per class for spending (16 classes)
2. Kids Lit. Quiz (Thursday at lunch) \$500 ask
3. Library furniture (It is not funded and there is no alternative funding available)
4. Lego baseplates, robots (previous STEM funding ended 5 years ago), have the staff for it, but we are lacking the equipment

**Unable to vote on spending as there are only 10/20 council members present for the spending discussion.**

**Action: Terri to send all spending options with details to council to vote via email.**

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Nov 7, 2024 Treasurer Report

Category	Event	Date	Credit (Income)	Debit (Costs)	Net Change	Bank Balance	Budgeted	Allocation To
<b>Opening Balance</b>		2024-09-01				\$ 11,601.48	\$ 11,601.48	
<b>Fundraising</b>								
	Curriculum Night	2024-10-01	\$ 1,821.90	\$ 1,327.74	\$ 494.16		\$ 300.00	
	Halloween Dance	2024-10-24	\$ 1,708.00	\$ 70.17	\$ 1,637.83		\$ 800.00	
	Lunch Lady	ongoing	\$ 99.50	\$ -	\$ 99.50		\$ 300.00	
	Pizza (Includes Estimated Pending Expenses)	ongoing	\$ 13,265.50	\$ 6,467.04	\$ 6,798.46		\$ 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
<b>Fundraising Total</b>			<b>\$ 17,014.90</b>	<b>\$ 7,864.95</b>	<b>\$ 9,149.95</b>	<b>\$ 9,149.95</b>	<b>\$ 18,770.00</b>	
<b>Spending</b>								
	2023/2024 Grade 8 Grad		\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -250.00		\$ -250.00	Co-Curricular
	Parent Social	2024-09-19	\$ -	\$ 79.67	\$ -79.67		\$ -	
<b>Spending Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 329.67</b>	<b>\$ -329.67</b>	<b>\$ 329.67</b>	<b>\$ -250.00</b>	
<b>Approved Spending</b>								
	2023/2024 Gr. 8m - Horseshoe Table Credit						\$ 887.73	Furniture
	2023/2024 Gr. 8m - Horseshoe Table Repurchase						\$ -887.73	Furniture
	2023/2024 \$100 per class Balance						\$ -50.01	Co-Curricular
	Gr K-3, 6 x iPads	2024-10-12					\$ -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
	Eco Club						\$ -225.00	Co-Curricular
<b>Approved Spending Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -9,635.84</b>	
<b>Potential Spending Ideas</b>								
	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
<b>Potential Spending Ideas Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -250.00</b>	
<b>Overall Total</b>						<b>\$ 20,421.76</b>	<b>\$ 20,235.65</b>	

Total Monies Available To Date for Spending is approximately \$5.0K\*

\* Holdback for pizza days not completed and unexpected fees related to last year spending

Money Available To Spend	\$ 10,785.93	
Bank Balance	\$ 22,185.73	School Council Account
Parent Donations	\$ 120.00	Cost Centre 10610135
TDSB Innovation Grant	\$ -	
SAC Float	\$ 550.00	cash

## 6) Communication and Engagement Updates

### a) Newsletter:

- Newsletter sent in October
- Weekly may be problematic, prefer monthly or quarterly
- don't want to duplicate other communication – what does council want to be sharing?
- Social media posts getting a lot of views
- Decision: Communication will be through a seasonal newsletter (review what has happened and update on what is to come) and reminders through social media

### b) Engagement with parents:

- Create QR code poster for council website and social media accounts for parents to see when they attend parent teacher interview later in the month.

## 7) Principal's Report – Mr. Mah

### a) Updates:

- Mitten drive/Food drive is on, more details to be shared shortly
- Working on plans within school to enhance Indigenous studies (bring in speakers, etc.), this is the focus of our School Improvement Plan – Indigenous Education as per the TDSB direction at this point

### b) Upcoming Events:

- Remembrance Day assembly – entire school in small space 9:45 – 10:45am; parents with children participating in the choir or speaking invited to attend
- Winter Concert – Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, Kindergartens 2:00-2:20pm, Grade 1-6 evening

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## c) School Budget Received:

- \$491 to parent council in school budget
- \$64,392 for the school – TDSB website gives details of how budget is divided
- Line Items: 35% of budget is for classrooms, and rotary subjects, 11% subsidizing school trips, referees for sports, assemblies, graduation etc, 20% for office expenses (includes phones, photocopiers, paper for photocopies)

## d) EQAO results from 2023/24 school year posted

- Math scores lower than provincial average, Gr 6 was 1.1% lower than TDSB but 0.7% higher than Province: Gr 3 was 1.6% higher than TDSB but 0.4% lower than Province.
- How are we trending compared to previous years? Data will be presented at next SAC meeting
- Implementing some programs to bring up Math scores (Mathology, Knowledgehook) and school wide challenges/competitions including Beaver and Caribou
- If child is struggling, speak to teacher to implement supports into place
- Caribou Math contest – there is a charge because we don't have the budget for full cost (total cost is \$7 per test: \$5 paid by school, \$2 paid by parent)

**Action: Gather more data on historic EQAO scores and possible strategies to help improve scores for further discussion at December council meeting**

## 8) Fundraising and Events Updates

### a) Movie Nights

- licensing cost is \$575 to access movies for the year
- sell snacks to increase fundraising, charge families for movies?
- Teachers can use it throughout the year for in class movies

**Action: To be added to spending vote**

### b) Winter Holiday market

- Is this something we are interested in? Have the time to do?
- Limited time and a duplication of existing community events (SAB Nov 23 bazar)
- Focus on a spring event such as a fun fair?

**Action: Further discussion on events in 2025 at next council meeting**

## 9) Teacher & Staff Reports

N/A

## 10) Any Other Business

N/A

## 11) Next Meeting

- December 10, 2024 starting at 6:30pm (NEW)
- Hybrid format (MS Teams and Lanor Library)

