

Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on December 10, 2024

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

Time: 6:30pm start

Attendees:

**Voting members
present: (13/19)**

Andrea M (chair)
Candice Z (online)
Ghazia W
Jaclyn C
Karmen P
Katie C
Leah P
Philina C
Rebekah W
Sonia M (online)
Steve F
Terri F
Tonya B (online)

Staff/Admin: Bill Mah (principal)
Amy de Verteuil

Parents: Patrick C

Guests: N/A

**Voting members
regrets: (6/19)**

Angel M
Gladys J
Michaela E
Seema P
Toli A
Yulia Y

1) Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgment was read by Andrea.

2) Approval of Nov 7, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes approved. Draft minutes had been shared with council via email for review prior to meeting.

3) Council Secretary

No secretary. Rebekah volunteered to take minutes.

4) Chair Report (Andrea)

– **Council TDSB IT access update:**

- Everything is going to be centralized through Microsoft which will make it easier to plan Council meetings through Teams and when chairs transition, the One Drive account will follow the school and not the person. Waiting for TDSB IT to provide access to the new account.

– **Council Meeting Schedule:**

- Jan-June 2025 council meeting schedule: Move to alternating between Tuesday and Thursday. The dates will be on:
 - Thurs Jan 16: committee/planning meeting

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- Tues Feb 18
 - Thurs March 27
 - Thursday April 24
 - Thursday May 22
 - Tuesday June 17
- Meeting dates are subject to change or be cancelled if not needed.

5) Safe and Caring Schools Committee December 10th meeting update (Sonia)

- Parking lot off of Sheldon:
 - Unsafe, parents are still pulling in and children running through the lot. Email reminders will be sent, will look at buying signage.
- Kindergarten Bathrooms:
 - Kindergarten bathrooms haven't been updated at all. Broken tiles around the bathroom. Teachers don't have good sightline of the bathroom from the classroom; hope is to redesign to a stall like the room across the hall. Some parental concerns about the sanitation and odour. Cleaning is done each night at 7pm but with high use from the class and PLASP, this will be looked at.
 - This work has been added to the Wish list for TDSB which also includes painting the gym, phone buzzer for each office desk, Kindergarten bathroom and cubbies.
 - Mr Mah will revisit the roles of the teachers, ECE, caretaking including frequency of cleaning.
- Senior girls and boys bathroom
 - Have a variety of concerns including graffiti on walls, toilet papering.
 - Partner with teachers on solutions and more careful monitoring about who is leaving class and for how long.

6) Communication and Engagement (Ghazia and Steve)

- Winter newsletter content: Each committee and event will be highlighted with goal to share newsletter with school in early 2025.

Action: Council Members please submit summaries or messages to Ghazia by end of December.

7) Fundraising and Events

- **Halloween Dance Debrief (All)**
 - Congratulations to the planning committee and volunteers of the event. There weren't any issues at the event and went off without a hitch.
 - Idea for next year: Include grade 7/8s to help. Offer pizza dinner. Conversation to highlight that Council is always open to having more volunteers if we want to make it bigger and better. Lighting was a topic of conversation but this would require a volunteer to look at options and come to council with a proposal to invest.

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- **Movie Night - Ghazia & Angel**
 - Licensing cost is approved. Host the first movie night on Thursday February 6.
 - Ghazia to bring back movie options and event details.

 - **Skate Night - Steve and Patrick C.**
 - Planned skating parties at a past school. Gaging interest from the group on level of interest. Mr Mah is open to having this happen during the school day as a Field Trip. Permission forms would be required as well as following the safety rules of the ice. Lanor did this school wide event in past years.
 - Steve and Patrick will take this away to learn more about what is required for future years. and start with something small for this year on a weekend day as an optional event for parents to attend.
 - Highlight the Sam Smith swap on Friday December 29 12-6:30pm

 - **Spring Fun Fair proposal - Ghazia**
 - Formal proposal is coming to understand budget required. Confirmed that TDSB vendors don't need to be used. Will build in the cost of caretaking and a permit. Council is supportive of this initiative but will require at least 10 sub-organizers outside of council members. There was also discussion about the insurance coverage for events.
 - Ghazia to recruit sub-organizers and return with a proposal.

 - **Lunch program survey - Seema**
 - Survey has been drafted and will be sent soon

 - **Spirit Wear – Andrea**
 - Survey results showed that Council wanted to do this annually. Tonya has the vendor information from the last order where the order was online.
 - Philina and Patrick are both designers and expressed interest to look redesigning the logo. Mr Mah will speak to staff about this possibility.
- 8) **Principal's Report – Mr. Mah**
- Day to day operations are running well. Lots of extra curriculars happening regularly at the school ranging from sports, music, craft and the Lion King production. Really nice to see the variety.
 - Uptick in student behaviours. There is concerning behaviour around race, culture and religion. Staff address the behaviour and students are referred to Mr Mah. He will visit classes in January.
 - Discussion on how Grade 7/8 can be used as leaders and to have a more formal expectation about behaviours. Inspire more of them to be leaders of the school.
- 9) **EQAO Results discussion – Mr. Mah + All**
- Level 3 is 70% and Level 4 is 80%
 - Discussion about the results over the last few years and highlighting areas where Lanor is lower than Board and Province. Overall Lanor is generally on par with the Board.

