

Lanor Junior Middle School School Council

Minutes of the Meeting on March 27, 2025

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)
Jaclyn C
Katie C (online)
Leah P (online)
Philina C
Rebekah W
Sonia M (online)
Steve F
Terri F
Tonya B (online)

Staff/Admin:

Bill Mah (principal)
Amy de Verteuil (online)
Sarah Saskin (online)

Parents:

N/A

Guests:

N/A

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

Candice Z
Karmen P
Ghazia W
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 Dec 10, 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. Steve & Andrea to take minutes.

4) Chair Report (Andrea)

- **Very full agenda** – expect more presentations, less time for discussion. Items requiring more discussion may be carried forward to next meeting.
- **January Sub Council Committee Meeting Update**
Council sub committees met in January. We discussed the library refresh proposal, movie night planning, newsletter, and fun fair. It was decided that we do not have enough volunteers to plan and run a fun fair this year. Updates on other items will be presented tonight.

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- **Council Meeting Schedule:**

- Thursday April 24
- Thursday May 22
- Tuesday June 17

Meeting dates are subject to change or be cancelled if not needed.

- **TDSB Council email access**

TDSB email account is set up and working. Council will transition from Gmail to TDSB Outlook account for 2025/26 school year.

5) **Principal's Report – Mr. Mah**

- Late attendance to school - 20-30 students per day. Encouraging students to arrive on time.
- School fire system - being changed - Bill recently notified this is happening and will be completed soon.
- Lunchtime supervision.
 - Grade 1-8, outside 11:05-11:35 with 3 lunchroom supervisors (LRS), plus Ms Stewart and Ms Alam and for the first 15 minutes 2 additional teacher-supervisors
 - Indoors, 11:35-12:05, 2 LRS in senior hall way, 1 LRS and Ms. Stewart in Primary hallway. At 11:50-12:05, one teacher per hallway joins the supervision.. Not many conflicts in senior hallway indoors. Most kids on tech. Junior hallway a bit more problematic.
 - Kindies have 2 lunchroom supervisors and 1 ECE on duty (while other ECE is on lunch).
- planning for next year - discuss school model in Apr meeting. Feedback for class placement in late Apr.

6) **EQAO Results discussion – Terri, Mr. Mah + All**

- Overall EQAO results come to the school in 3 parts – language reading (comprehension), language writing (comprehension), and mathematics
- Summarized Gr 6 students as: Mainstream vs Gifted and (Presumed) Female vs Male
- Each student assigned a random ID # which may change in each graph
- Summary of divided Lanor results, overall Lanor, Board, and Province in corner
- Score of 3+ meets or exceeds the Provincial Standard
- Gr 6 All results. There is a difference between Mainstream and Gifted. Good to view the groups separately.
- Gr 6 reading and writing: Mainstream students meeting standards is lower than provincial average.
- Gr 6 math. Mainstream math only 21% met provincial, and only 25% female met provincial.
- Summarized Gr 3 students as: (Presumed) Female vs Male
- Gr 3. Boys struggling across all 3 categories a bit more than the girls.
- Note that these students are currently in the next grades up, but there is still an opportunity to help them.
- Also note the potential drop off for girls math may occur between grade 3 and 6, or this may just be a cohort variance.
- General research from tdsb math dept - girls generally have less confidence in math. Societal bias to girls in math. Survey 68% of girls vs 83% of boys Lanor kids reported high confidence in math. Revisiting / reminding classroom teaching strategies.

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Focus on growth mindset. Ms MacG - marketplace everyone had to sell something, make it, price it, advertise - modern / applied way of learning. Mr Bakker casino.

- 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.
- EQAO results were shared with staff. They are concerned about staff behaviour and special education needs that are impacting learning. Lanor lost the additional resource of a coach that has been helping since the 2021 results. Concerns from staff about learning virtually through Covid. Staff attending workshops. Some students with IEP will work with additional staff members. More detailed math results were shared with staff.
- Staff have used this data to drive the School Improvement Plan for math, specifically taking these steps:
 - Focus on Growth Mindset
 - Work on starting/beginning with success in math
 - Show students, and confirm that they can learn and improve
 - Improve confidence through improving their understanding and application of concepts
 - Continuously assessing student achievement (assessment *for* and *of* learning)
 - Learning Goals, Success Criteria and Descriptive Feedback
 - Direct Instruction
 - Problem-solving tasks and experiences
 - Teaching problem-solving
 - Tools and representations
 - Math conversations
 - Small-group instruction & flexible grouping
 - Deliberate Practice
 - social/emotional learning in math
 - First 20 Days in Math (Simcoe Board) – resource/teaching guide

7) Fundraising and Events

- Movie night – Friday Apr 11. We will engage community with a vote from 2 choices on council social media. Cash online for tickets, pizza and drinks sales. Student Leadership Club will be running a concession stand for grade 8 grad fundraiser.
- Lunch survey - 118 responses. 76% want more lunch options; greatest interest in Subway. Need someone to set it up. Maybe start this spring or next school year. Rebekah to connect with Seema to see if she is interested in taking lead.
- Staff appreciation. Andrea suggested doing a lunch like last year during education week May 6-10 (or around that time). Do something similar and ask families to donate using council gmail email. Andrea take the lead.
- Lion king concession. Tonya connected with Kernels to sell popcorn using cash online. Discussed donation or ticket fee to attend show. Suggested donation of \$2. Tonya to take the lead.
- Lanor Lion King spirit wear being organized by Ms Do.
- DPA equipment went out this week from money raised at year end pizza/bbq. Well received by kids.

8) Communication and Engagement

- No updates

