

Lambton Park Community School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
6:00 – 7:15 PM

ATTENDEES

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Rita Azzopardi (Treasurer)	Y	Erin Bionda	N
Marissa Catena	Y	Roberta Samec	Y
Dana Luxford	N	Brandy Williams	Y
Natalia Vasquez (Secretary)	Y	Joshua Zuckerbrot (Chair)	Y
<i>Quorum (50%+1) = 5 voting members</i>		Total present	6

Attendees – Community/Non-Voting Members	Attendees – Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby Ercia • Adam Samec • Andrew Neddo • Gillian Neddo-Harper • Mario • Ayse Yildiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smruti Soni (Principal) • Carolyn Jones (Teacher Rep) • Hugh Hurd (PCCEW)

Minutes

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2025
 - MOTION** to approve the minutes of October 1, 2025: Marissa Catena and Roberta Samec.

Motion Approved
3. **Update from the Principal**
 - Ms. Soni provided a high-level budget review confirming that \$40,000 were received for year 25/26. Approximately \$5,000 will be allocated to Professional Development (Math / Literacy), \$2,000 will be allocated to field trips. \$800 will be used to enhance the kindergarten program (update outdoor learning space and purchase natural materials for the classroom (wooden, instead of plastic). Model schools funds have been confirmed as coming, but amount is not confirmed.
 - Vision screening took place in October. Students who require it will receive glasses and cost is covered by Model Schools Fund. The screening is covered by Toronto Foundation for Student Success.
 - Coffee with the Principal – first meeting took place in October, and the community nurse was in attendance. She shared information on vaccinations for grade 6-7. Council members asked for the nurse to send information home for the HPV vaccine.

- Field Trips – Teachers have been organizing and taking turns on trips. Classes for grades 3/4 and 4/5 won a field trip and school only has to pay for bus/transportation. Overnight trip for grade 6 has yet to be confirmed.
- Sistema has now been reduced to 2 days per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

4. **Fresh from the Farm** – Marissa shared that Fresh from the Farm fundraising was over and we only received about half of the number of orders we usually receive – a reason for this decline might be due to having to use their portal to place orders. Delivery date has not been confirmed yet. Marissa will send out an email call-out for volunteers once she has a date, to help with packaging and labeling.

5. **Committees Updates**

- Movie Night - Josh shared that the October movie night was a success but movie felt a bit long. We are still looking for someone to step up as lead for this committee. Next movie night was suggested for January 30, 2026.

ACTION: Confirm movie and movie night date at December meeting

- Fun Fair – Mario (Fun Fair lead) asked council for help setting a date for the fun fair in order to start planning, as well as confirmation on funds available to the fun fair committee from School Council in order to know how much fundraising is necessary.
Committee members: Ruby, Gillian and Tara

Date proposed for Fun Fair: June 12, 2026, 5:30 – 730pm

A fundraising plan must be drafted – Ms. Soni will bring forward to the budget committee a \$2,000 from school funds for the Fun Fair. Once we have confirmation from Ms. Soni, School Council can determine how much can be approved from School Council funds.

ACTION: Mario to share a fundraising proposal at December meeting, assuming \$2,000 from school funds. School Council will determine Fun Fair funds at next meeting.

- Innovation Grant – Josh shared a few ideas for the Innovation grant and asked for other suggestions from the group:
 - i. Community cookbook – get families to do their families recipes from their culture. And perhaps an evening built around it. Putlock?
 - ii. Anti-bullying night
 - iii. Dance related (suggestion from the community)
 - iv. Hugh suggested something related to reading

Vote results: 1st options: Cook Book, 2nd option: Art, 3rd options: Bullying ,

Innovation grant due November 28

- Pizza Lunch: Roberta confirmed all dates for pizza lunch for the rest of the year: November 7, December 12, January 23, February 20, March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 12.

- Local Leadership Grant – Fund not through the TDSB, but City of Toronto. Idea is to submit an application for a medicine garden at the school. 3 people are required for the application. We will involve an indigenous leader. Proposed date for indigenous ceremony would be June 22, 2026 as it is Summer Solstice. Marissa, Natalia and Rita put their name forward to support Josh with this idea.

6. **Meeting Times** – At curriculum night It was suggested to hold council meetings at a different time as 6:00 might not be convenient for a lot of parents.

MOTION: move school council meetings to 2nd Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:30pm.

Motion approved.

7. **Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm