

**Lambton Park Community School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

ATTENDEES

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
1. Rita Azzopardi (Treasurer)	Y	2. Alkita Bilo	N
3. Erin Bionda	Y	4. Marissa Catena	N
5. Tara Henderson	N	6. Dana Luxford	Y
7. Roberta Samec	Y	8. Stefanie Slanec	Y
9. Mekdes Kebede	N	10. Natalia Vasquez (Secretary)	Y
11. Brandy Williams	N	12. Joshua Zuckerbrot (Chair)	Y
<i>Quorum (75%) = 9 voting members</i>			Total present 7

Attendees – Community / Non-Voting Members	Attendees – Staff
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natalie Nazar | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Smruti Soni (Principal) |
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Regrets: Hugh Hurd (Community Liaison Officer), Carolyn Jones (Teacher Rep.)

MINUTES

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2024

- No comments, questions or edits were noted for the draft minutes of the November 6th meeting.
- Motion to approve: Roberta, seconded by Natalia. Motion carried.

3. Update from Principal

- Model School funds have been received in the amount of \$16,634.
- These funds will be used to support the classroom by purchasing sensory items, such as noise-canceling headphones, staff will be asked to submit ideas on how to use these funds.
- An additional \$1,200 was received due to the Cellphone Ban Policy. Funds are meant to be used to teach students about excess screen time and how to have healthier behaviours. Ms. Soni will bring to the Budget Committee to decide how to spend these funds.
- Early Reading Program – Every student (SK – grade 2) were tested in level of reading and results were sent home. Results do not affect report cards.
- Student Nutrition Program – not a lot of contribution from the community to sustain it. Ms. Soni asks that families contribute if able.
- Lego Robotics - Unfortunately, this year Lambton Park is not participating in Lego robotics due to lack of interest.
- Holiday Concert: scheduled for Dec 19th in the morning – flyer to go home next week.
- Sistema Update – Sistema is thinking about bringing other children from neighbouring schools (George Symes, Roselands) to join the program at Lambton Park.

4. Innovation Grant Update

- Josh gave an update on the application submitted:
Proposal: 2 numeracy development training session or “math nights” with Trevor Brown, who is an approved vendor and does training with parents. The idea is to have one night focused on the younger grades and the other for the older grades. Parents can get familiarized with math tools children work with in the classroom and can take materials home
Proposed dates for these nights are between February 18 – 28, 2025
- Josh will keep the council updated when a decision is received.

5. Fresh from the Farm Update

- Orders arrived and have all gone out.
- We had extra bags and staff bought with cash on the day. There were 2 bags of onions still pending.

6. Pizza Lunch Update

- Roberta confirmed the dates for the rest of the year: Dec 6, Jan 24, March 7, April 25, June 13
- Pizza Lunch Committee members: Roberta, Marissa, Dana, Caitlin, Josh
- Roberta noted that we haven’t been tipping the drivers and we would like to add tip. Everyone is agreeable.
- Ms. Soni will take \$20 from Fresh from the Farm (from extra bags received) to add a tip for the Pizza Day of Dec 6th. At the next Council meeting we will vote to leave \$80 cash in the safe to tip driver \$20 for the additional 4 pizza days in 2025.

7. SSON

- Process has not been started as Council chair was focused on the Innovation grant application in order to meet its deadline.
- Roberta suggests circulating the one from last year and ask parents for feedback **with a clear deadline**
- Ms. Soni suggests to add:
 - Capacity for special education
 - Neurodiversity
 - Mental health

8. Movie Nights

- Caitlin Nugent, the Movie Night committee chair is not present, therefore, no update.
- Roberta confirmed she will be helping with the popcorn.
- It was suggested scheduling a meeting with Roberta, Caitlin and Josh to answer questions, discuss and plan.
- To keep in mind: Movie license expires at the end of March

9. School Bylaws

- Natalia, Rita and Josh will work on it and will update at the next meeting
- Recap of suggestions of changes:
 - Change limit of membership by adding: “there is no cap to number of members”,
 - Change quorum to “the majority plus one”
 - Review procedure for members who are regularly absent.

10. Council Members Emails for Staying Connected

- Josh confirmed that the council voting members are in agreement to have their emails shared with the chair so he can contact them directly if needed.

11. Other Items

- Lottery license – Josh shared the process to obtain the lottery license, and it was decided that it is not a good idea to obtain this license at this time due to high cost and fees, cumbersome process and requirements (additional bank account)
- Fun Fair - Ms. Soni requests that Josh draft an email so she can send to everyone in the community calling out for volunteers. If not enough interest, we cannot plan/run the event.

12. Treasurer Report

- Rita confirmed that the current balance in the account is \$4,536.35
- We haven't seen any bank fees, but Iva confirmed that the school is being charged for the parent council account. Fees are approximately \$15
- At the next council meeting we will discuss and decide how to utilize the funds raised.

13. Adjournment:

- Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00pm.
- **We hope that at the next meeting all council members attend in order to coordinate all meetings for the remainder of the school year.**
- meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm