

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

ATTENDEES

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
1. Rita Azzopardi (Treasurer)	Y	Atkita Bilo	Removed
2. Erin Bionda	Y	3. Marissa Catena	Y
4. Tara Henderson	Y	5. Dana Luxford	Y
6. Roberta Samec	Y	7. Stefanie Slanec	N
Mekdes Kebede	Removed	8. Natalia Vasquez (Secretary)	Y
9. Brandy Williams	Y	10. Joshua Zuckerbrot (Chair)	Y
Quorum (50%+1) = 7 voting members		Total present	9

Attendees – Community / Non-Voting Members	Attendees – Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Samec Asha Mohamed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smruti Soni (Principal) Katherine Gardiner (Nurse)
Regrets	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn Jones (Teacher Rep.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Hurd (Community Liaison Officer)

MINUTES

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2025

- a. **MOTION:** to approve the minutes: 1st Marissa 2nd Erin. *Minutes approved as presented.*

3. Update from Principal

- a. Swim to survive – upcoming lessons coming up next week
- b. Truth and Reconciliation: There is a presentations scheduled for April and May with elders, indigenous knowledge keepers
- c. Katherine Gardiner, school nurse, joined the meeting to share some initiatives with school council members:
- P.A.L.S. program – for kids in 4 -6 grade to be trained as leaders and do activities during recess for the kids in grades 1 – 3. Training will be started in mid-February.
 - Resources are being updated with information for free dental clinics and ways to update immunization records.
 - Katherine works with 6 schools: George Symes, Roselands, LPCS, Dennis Ave., Our Lady Victory and the TDCSB -- she is at school on Tuesday afternoons.
 - Parenting sessions – “kids have stress too” program, healthy eating,

4. Treasurer Update

- a. Rita confirmed the current balance on the account is a little over \$3200 in the account and there is still \$2900 to be deposited next week.
- b. Projected balance after all deposits and withdrawals (expenditures from approvals from last meeting) will be a balance of \$2800

5. Committee Updates

- a. Fun Fair – Tara
 - i. Tara confirmed that planning has started, it has been easy as they are basing everything off from last year. Mr. Corn, slushies, bouncy castles has been booked. Ms. Soni confirmed that \$1000 from Model School Funds can be used to pay for the bouncy castle
 - ii. Proposed date is Friday June 13th
 - iii. Fundraising: There is no fundraising events planned for funfair but committee is sending letters to businesses and opening a donation link
 - iv. Tara confirms her email can be shared with anyone who wants to be involved
- b. Pizza Days – Marissa/Roberta
 - i. Roberta confirms pizza day is on track and going well.
- c. Movie Nights – Josh
 - i. Movie night was a bit chaotic at first but it went well overall and the kids seem to enjoy themselves.
 - ii. Revenue: We don't have confirmation yet of the total amount raised at the last movie night.
 - iii. Motion: Date for next Movie Night: Friday, Feb 28th -- approved

6. Math Night Update

- a. Josh shared that he is ordering materials and getting things organized.
- b. Format: back to back sessions – while one group is working with Trevor Brown, the other group will be working with teachers.
- c. Erin has created poster
- d. Josh asks for people to volunteer to help host it.
- e. Reminder: Date of event is March 19th

7. Communications Platforms

- a. Erin would like to incorporate a more modern way for the council to communicate like a Teams community
- b. Soni will send out an email with the list of TDSB approved means of communication and platforms. WhatsApp or Telegraph are not platforms that are approved for communication.
- c. School Messenger can be used by the chair to share messages
- d. Committees can decide how they communicate but they must be mindful to not be creating a barrier if others do not have the platform/application.
- e. Erin to create a fun fair teams community channel to communicate about Fun Fair as a test.

8. New Fundraising Efforts

- a. Value Village: FUNdrive - Josh shared this fundraising option where the community can drop off donations of clothing, household items and Value Village would pay by the pound (\$0.20/lb) and funds raised go to school.

- b. Council members shared some concerns, including storage space to store collected donation, bedbugs in textiles – it was decided not to pursue this initiative.
- c. There was mention about doing another rummage sale but it was decided against it as the time commitment and manpower needed is not available at this time.

9. Staff Appreciation Lunch

- a. Staff appreciation lunch – projected cost, based on previous years is \$300
- b. Roberta is willing to lead this initiative and she can receive funds via e-transfer and she will track in a google document for transparency.
- c. Proposed menu: Portuguese Style Chicken, potatoes, rice from Martin's
- d. Ms. Soni to ask teachers when they want to have it so we can set the date

10. Grade 8 Graduation

- a. In the past, Council has paid for cake, lunch at Mandarin Buffet. There has been discussions about a possible ski trip or a camp site – Ms. Soni indicates that the cost would be approx. \$70 per student.
- b. Graduating class size is 20 student.
- c. Grade 8 Graduation Committee was formed and they will have input to bring back at our next meeting to further discuss

11. School Admin Needs

- a. Josh offered to write a letter to new superintendent (Alex Tracey) address admin needs of the school
- b. A brief discussion took place about alternatives, for example, high school intern, volunteer from the community.
- c. Erin suggested writing a letter as a petition and have the school community sign it for support. Roberta shared that in the past she had spoken to the superintendent and was told that the school needs to have a min. of 400 students in order to have a VP assigned to school
- d. Staffing concerns discussed. Ms. Soni will have Josh join at a future meeting with Alex Tracey.

12. Update from Hugh (Community Liaison Officer) – Deferred - HUGH NOT PRESENT

13. Adjournment – 7:15pm

Important dates

- Movie Night – Feb 28th
- Math Night – March 19th
- Community Dinner putlock – move to April 9th
- Fun Fair – June 13th
- Staff appreciation lunch: TBC