

Lambton Park Community School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
6:00 – 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Voting Members	Present	Voting Members	Present
1. Rita Azzopardi (Treasurer)	Y	2. Alkita Bilo	N
3. Erin Bionda	Y	4. Marissa Catena	Y
Tara Henderson	Removed	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) = 6 voting members		Total present	8

Attendees – Community / Non-Voting Members	Attendees – Staff
• Natalie Nazar	• Smruti Soni (Principal)
Regrets	
• Carolyn Jones (Teacher Rep.)	• Hugh Hurd (Community Liaison Officer)

MINUTES

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2024

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

3. Update from Principal

- Swim to survive – Grade 4/5 are going to 3 swimming classes in early February – permission forms being sent home next week
- Grade 8 transitions – The school is working out ways to make transition to high school more effective for 8th graders. Options include having teachers go to a high school for half day to better understand how they can help students.
- Classroom support – Currenting the school has 2 SNAs. The school has received more students this year with additional support needs. Both SNAs are currently supporting the grade 1 class and grade 3/4 class all day
 - Teachers continue to receive training to de-escalate situations and implement strategies to better help the children who need it.
- Community Incident – Ms. Soni noted that an issue with the owner of convenience store was reported. Ms. Soni connected with them and asked that if students from Lambton Park are not behaving correctly, to please reach out to the school

- **School Needs** – Ms. Soni discussed with the staff and below are the current needs of the school with projected costs:
 - **Scientist in the school** – top priority – each session is \$250 – we would need to book 8 sessions (1 for each grade) totaling \$2000. Ms. Soni noted that Model Schools funds can be used toward this, as well. School council proposed to cover 50% (\$1000) and have the other 50% covered from Model Schools funds
 - **MOTION:** To approve \$1000 toward scientist in school. *Approved.*
 - **Novel sets for 8th graders** - 30 kids, \$20 per books – Approx. \$600
 - It was requested by the teacher to get novel sets for the grade 8 classroom library as these books reflect the class’s interest and reading level. Final Cost depends on novels selected: Canadian author, hard/soft cover etc.
 - Grade 3/4 class will also get new books for the classroom library and these can be funded by Model school funds
 - **MOTION:** To approve \$600 for grade 8 classroom library (Novel sets). *Approved.*

4. Committee Updates

- Fun Fair – Erin speaks on Tara’s behalf to request funds and volunteers.
 - Dana shared a projection of the cost for this event to be approx. \$6,000 and the expected “revenue” for the event is \$4,500
 - Dana asked school council to approve \$1300 to the funfair to help with fundraising goals
 - Ms. Soni indicated that some of model schools funds could be assigned to fun fair as this event would falls under community engagement
 - Josh offered to help with fundraising by contacting local businesses.
 - Josh to be added to Fun Fair committee group
 - **MOTION:** To approve \$1300 toward funfair, assuming enough volunteers sign up to help with the event. *Approved*
- Movie Nights – the lead who volunteered stepped away so we do not have lead for this committee at this time. Josh is agreeable to step for now.
 - Next Movie night date proposed is Friday January 31st

5. Innovation Grant Update - Josh provided an update regarding the Math Night we have been approved for. Originally, we had proposed to organize 2 different evening sessions, however, Ms. Soni suggested to have both sessions in 1 night. Josh reached out and presenter confirmed that he would be happy to accommodate both sessions in 1 night.

- Proposed date for Math Night is Feb 26, 2025 from 5:30 – 8 pm
- **MOTION:** To approve Math Night event to take place on the proposed date and time. *Approved.*

6. Valentine’s Day Gift – Roberta shared that last year the council funded a small gift for all students for valentine’s day. She suggests the same for this year and willing to lead that initiative. Roberta requested the approval of \$300 toward that gift.

- **MOTION:** To approve \$300 for valentine’s day gift. *Approved.*

7. Potluck – Marissa shared that pre-pandemic the school would host a putlock as a community engagement initiative. She proposed hosting one this year during the month of March. It was noted that families do not need to contribute to the potluck to particiate/attend.

- Date proposed for the Potluck was March 26th at 5:30 – 7 pm

8. Fundraising Efforts – *deferred*

9. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm