



## Approved School Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 12, 2024  
**Meeting Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
**Meeting Location:** Virtual, Teams

### Attendance

Robert Ayres, Chair  
Amber Giffen, Treasurer  
Katie Big-Canoe, Parent Member  
Rachel Bryan-Pulham, Parent Member  
Tulay Can, Parent Member  
Matthew Stolk, Parent Member  
Colleen Kelsey, Secretary (Acting)  
Sylvie Blais, Principal  
Pamela Hart, Vice Principal

### Regrets

Kayla Smith, Secretary  
Veronica Wilson, Parent Member  
Victoria Adeniyi, Parent Member  
Mary Ann Bayang, Parent Member  
Suresh Shrestha, Parent Member  
Arif Ali, Parent Member  
Julia Lantos, Staff Member  
Cara McCrae, Staff Member

### Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda

- An agenda was not distributed

### Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes

- The minutes of December 11, 2023 were distributed by email; the minutes will be re-circulated by email for approval

### Chair's Report (Rob Ayres)

- No updates since last meeting

### Principal's Report (Sylvie Blais)

- A staffing update was provided
- An overview of the schools' literacy and numeracy goals was provided; each grade has specific goals
- The family literacy and numeracy event will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 3:30-5:30 pm for JK to Grade 3 students and their families
  - Grade 8 students will be leading games to support younger students; preparing videos on how to use cards and dice to build numeracy skills
- Black history month will be celebrated by grade 7 classes creating announcements for the school; daily announcements will feature stories showcasing black excellence (e.g., prominent black Canadians and Londoners)
- Student activities include volleyball teams, dance club, art club, games club, primary choir, intermediate homework club, structured break room, and dungeons and dragons after school club (starting soon)
- Grade 5 students have been volunteering in kindergarten classes (e.g., helping with lunch and outdoor preparation with snowsuits)



- Grade 6 students can volunteer to become peer mediators by receiving a six-session training; these students will eventually become an additional outdoor support for younger students in conflict resolution (e.g., support younger students applying Kelso's choices)
- Dates to Remember
  - February 14 – Valentine's Day
  - February 19, 2023 – Family Day
  - February 20, 2024 – Family Literacy and Numeracy Night
  - February 23, 2024 – Carnaval
  - February 28, 2024 – Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying awareness)

### Treasurer's Report (Amber Giffen)

- **Financial Snapshot**
  - A copy of the financial statement was circulated by email after the meeting
  - Current balance is \$7,663.03
  - An expense to restock food for the breakfast program will be processed soon (approx. \$1500 cost)
  - ONSP funding is coming soon (approx. \$1700 in funding)
- **Popcorn Fundraiser**
  - Kernels is \$1.35+ tax per bag, selling bags for \$2.50/bag
  - Flavours will be butter salt, white cheddar and salt and vinegar
  - The first popcorn sale will be on March 1 with a tentative second date of April 5
  - The March 1 date will be by cash only; future consideration will be given to using School Cash Online for popcorn sales
  - **Action:** Sylvie to confirm with past popcorn orders for approx. number of bags to pre-order
- **Other Fundraising Activities**
  - February 5-23 Big Box of Cards (\$11/per box profit)
  - March 4-22 Muskoka coffee (\$5.29-5.85/per unit profit)
  - April 8-26 The Fudgery Shoppe (55% profit)
  - May 6-24 Sweet and salty fundraiser - Deli Dudes and Butter tarts (40% profit)
  - Pizza days are being considered for the future (may replace Dominos with Citos Pizza)
  - Matthew Stolk will be creating a registry through Canadian Tire to collect donations in items for the school (e.g., outdoor play items)
    - **Action:** Sylvie to send Matthew a list of items to add to the registry

### Update on Gaga Ball

- The gaga ball pit is highly used within the school community
- No vandalism or damage on the set has occurred yet
- LAFI may consider adding a second gaga ball pit in the future

### Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

### Next Meeting

- Monday, April 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm