



## Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School

### School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 15, 2025

**Time:** 6:00–7:00 PM

**Location:** Hybrid (One World Meeting Room/Microsoft Teams)

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### Attendance

#### Council Members:

- Colleen Kelsey, Chair
- Katie Big-Canoe, Vice Chair
- Amber Giffen, Parent Member
- Matthew Stolk, Parent Member
- Maly Bun-Lebert, Secretary

#### Staff:

- Sylvie Blais, Principal
  - Pamela Hart, Vice-Principal
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### Agenda

1. **Land Acknowledgement** – Presented by Colleen Kelsey.
2. **Student Presentation** – Éco-Équipe:
  - Students showcased eco initiatives, including:
    - Shelving and stackable chairs project.
    - Classroom transformation focused on biology and plant growth.
    - Greenhouse projects: growing plants such as green onions.
    - Collaboration with Western University greenhouse and coding initiatives.
    - Ongoing maintenance of the Grade 8 pollinator garden with London Fanshawe Horticultural Society support.



- Reforest London tree planting initiative with younger grades.
- Fundraising: Winter Dance (\$600 raised), upcoming plant sale during Math and Literacy Night.
- Tower Garden (vertical planting using water) and other eco activities.
- Certified Eco School since 2015 with Platinum certification.
- Contributions to a community garden on Kipps Lane (Growing Chefs initiative).
- Community support with donations (shovels, watering cans).

The two student presenters showcased leadership, initiative, and passion for the greenhouse project, and the council was extremely impressed by their presentation.

### 3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes:

- Motion to approve the agenda: *Moved by Matt, seconded by Amber.*  
**CARRIED.**
- Motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2024: *Moved by Matt, seconded by Amber.* **CARRIED.**

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## Discussion Items

### Parent Communication & Volunteering Survey:

- Draft survey created.
- Next steps: Move survey to Qualtrics and send it after the long weekend.
- Addition: Include a question about preferred languages for communication.
- Include an opportunity for parents to express interest in the 10-Year Anniversary planning.

### 10-Year Anniversary Event:

- Date: June 24, 2025 (4:00–6:00 PM)
- Discussion about School Council presence:
  - Plan to set up a table with a banner, freebies, and a thank you message.
  - Sign-up sheet to be circulated for volunteers.

### Fundraising:



## Fundraising Snapshot

Fundraiser Name	Fundraiser Month	Balance as of Nov 18	Balance as of Jan 20	Balance as of April 8	Fundraising Commitment
Big Box of Cards	October	\$277.60	\$337.46	N/A	J'aime Parler Francais
Farm Fresh Veggies	October	\$308.10	\$308.10	N/A	Hungry Wolves Nutrition Program
Fudge Fundraiser	November	\$56.18	\$581.80	N/A	J'aime Parler Francais
Popcorn Sales	Monthly	\$853.43	\$2,719.13	\$3,781.50	Outdoor Enhancements
Muskoka Coffee	Jan & Feb	\$0.00	\$0.00	230.32	Musical Instrument Repair
Mitchell's Soup	March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$442.35	Upgrade to sound system
Sweet & Salty	April	\$0.00	\$0.00	TBC	TBC

		Balance as of Nov 18	Balance as of Jan 20	Balance as of April 8
<b>Account Balances:</b>				
School Council Account:		\$2,825.82	\$2,825.82	\$1,656.37
Hungry Wolves Account:		\$12,369.28	\$8,854.01	\$4,756.46
Closing Balance Total:		\$16,690.41	\$15,626.32	\$10,424.65

- Action: Colleen to create a summary flyer highlighting all fundraising efforts.
- Upcoming fundraising events: May 23 and the first week of June.

### Motions:

- Motion to reallocate popcorn funds from outdoor enhancements to the sound system fund: *Moved by Colleen, seconded by Katie. CARRIED.*
- Motion that proceeds from the last popcorn sale of the year be allocated to purchasing a laminator: *Moved by Colleen, seconded by Katie. CARRIED.*

### Additional Fundraising Notes:

- Dippin' Dots ice cream fundraiser to be considered for next year.



## **Principal's Update (Sylvie Blais)**

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 17, 2025: Family Literacy and Numeracy Night (JK to Grade 3)
- June 24, 2025: 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

### **Additional Updates:**

- EQAO preparations are ongoing.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Report Cards distribution aligned with the 10-Year Celebration.
- Opening Night performances for Kindergarten and Grade 1.

### **Next Meetings**

- June 3, 2025 (Hybrid format)