



School Council Approved Minutes

Meeting Date: January 21, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Meeting Location: MS Teams

Attendees

- Colleen Kelsey, Chair
- Katie Big-Canoe, Vice-Chair
- Amber Giffen, Parent Representative
- Matt Stolk, Parent Representative
- Veronique Forbes-Mellis, Parent Representative
- Sylvie Blais, Principal
- Julia Lantos, Teacher Representative
- Raja Al Wahami
- Tolu Dapo
- Oyekan Bammy

Regrets

- Julia Lantos, Staff Representative
- Erma Schadenberg, Treasurer
- Maly Bun-Lebert, Secretary
- Jannelle Yoon, Parent Representative
- Kyla Kennedy, Parent Representative

1. Land Acknowledgement

- Colleen Kelsey provided a land acknowledgment at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Welcome & Introductions

- Attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

3. Review and Approval – Agenda and Minutes

- *Agenda of today's meeting*
 - Approved by Amber Giffen, seconded by Matt Stolk
- *Minutes of last meeting*
 - Approved by Amber Giffen, seconded by Matt Stolk

4. Discussion Items

- *Updates Since Last Meeting*
 - Colleen Kelsey submitted the 2023/24 School Council progress report was on November 29, 2024, as per TVDSB's request. It was submitted via the TVDSB online form provided by Sheila Builder's, Superintendent of Student Achievement. A copy of the report was shared with Sylvie Blais.



- *Update on School Council TVDSB SharePoint Site*
 - It has been confirmed that external/personal emails are not permitted on the TVDSB SharePoint site created last year. Colleen Kelsey will continue to post School Council documents on the site to maintain historical files. Sylvie Blais will continue to post the confirmed minutes on the public website.

- *Continuation of School Council Newsletter*
 - Discussed continuing the School Council newsletter that has been completed in previous years.
 - It was supported to continue the newsletter as it is a valuable mode of communication for some parents.
 - **Action:** Colleen Kelsey to reach out to Maly Bun-Lebert to see if she can support the newsletter in her role as Secretary.

- *Review of Fundraising Priorities Survey and Confirmation of Fundraising Priorities*
 - Reviewed the survey results from December 2024; including 26 responses from School Council members and LAFI teachers/staff.
 - Musical instrument repairs – costs a lot to repair annually. Sylvie applies for grants each year, however, school fundraising support ‘top up’ would allow for more repairs.
 - Motion to support: ‘Je Parle Français’ wolf stuffies, musical instrument repairs, sound equipment (Approved by Amber, seconded by Katie and Matt)
 - Additional discussion based on survey fundraising priorities identified by staff.
 - Maly’s husband’s company donating laminator for staff use
 - **Action:** Sylvie to connect with Maly re: Heeman’s contact
 - **Action:** Sylvie to connect with Amber/greenhouse teacher lead regarding seeds
 - Funds for classroom supplies can be supported through Dollarama gift cards – teachers will use instead of paying out of pocket.
 - Rainy day baskets can be supported through donations of gently used board games/puzzles/cards, confirmed homemade playdough is also accepted. **Action:** School council to communicate above needs.

- *Parent Engagement Survey – Jannelle Yoon*
 - The [Draft Parent Engagement Survey](#) was drafted by Jannelle Yoon.
 - This item will be added to the April 15, 2025 agenda for discussion.

5. Treasurer’s Report (Erma Schadenberg)

- Colleen Kelsey shared an update on behalf of Erma Schadenberg.
- The chart below is a financial snapshot as of January 20, 2025.

Fundraising Totals	As of Nov 18	As of Jan 20
Big Box of Cards	\$277.60	\$337.46
Farm Fresh Veggies	\$308.10	\$308.10
Fudge Fundraiser	\$56.18	\$581.80
Popcorn Sales	\$853.43	\$2,719.13



Fundraising Totals	As of Nov 18	As of Jan 20
Muskoka Coffee	\$0	\$0
Account Balances		
School Council Account	\$2,825.82	\$2,825.82
Hungry Wolves Account	\$12,369.28	\$8,854.01
Closing Balance Total	\$16,690.41	\$15,626.32

6. Principal's Update (Sylvie Blais)

- Parent Reaching Out Grant approved (\$3,000). Through partnership with Investing in Children, we will use the funds to host a Family Literacy and Math event for K1 to Grade 3 Families on April 17th 3:30-5:30pm.
- A recent staffing update was shared with the group.
- Some activities currently happening at LAFI:
 - High School Musical Junior – Auditions complete and now rehearsing
 - Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams
 - Art Club – led by Kindergarten teachers for Grades 4-8.
 - Games Club – only takes place during winter
 - Primary Choir
 - Structures Break Room – This initiative is by invitation only and is a special place that facilitates connections/friendships/conflict resolution for any children (all grades) that are observed as needing support in these areas. Led by the Learning Support Teachers. Students 'graduate' from this room and receive a certificate. Peer mediators will sit with primary and junior students to model behaviour.
- Important Dates:
 - February 7 – Report Cards go home. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like a discussion with them.
 - January 13 to January 31, 2025. French Immersion Kindergarten registration.
 - The group discussed the process for kindergarten registration; specifically the lottery system in place by the Board.

7. School Council Meeting Schedule Reminder

- The next meetings will be held on April 15, 2025 and June 3, 2025.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.