



School Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 17, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Meeting Location: Virtual, Teams

Attendance

Robert Ayres, Chair
Amber Giffen, Treasurer
Colleen Kelsey, Acting Secretary, Parent Member
Katie Big-Canoe, Parent Member
Matthew Stolk, Parent Member
Sylvie Blais, Principal
Pamela Hart, Vice Principal

Regrets

Tulay Can, Parent Member
Julia Lantos, Staff Member
Cara McCrae, Staff Member

1. Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda (All)

- Approved as distributed

2. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes (All)

- Approved as distributed

3. Principal's Report (Sylvie Blais)

- A staff update was provided on teachers and staff who will be moving school next year, occasional teachers and new to LAFI for 2024/25.
- June events were reviewed, including:
 - Grade/Divisional Field Trips
 - Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Completed
 - Successful Open Houses (Kindergarten/Gr 1)
 - Many Clubs in Action (D&D, Jump Rope, Dance)
 - Grade 3 Swim to Survive
 - Grades 5/6 Ride to Thrive
 - June 6 Commemorative Walk
 - Junior/Intermediate Spring Concert
 - Jump Rope for Heart
 - Grade 8 Graduation & Niagara Falls Trip
 - Outdoor Picnics (Kindergarten/1-8)
- [Safe and Inclusive School Plan \(SISP\)](#)
 - Created using feedback and collaboration from the school community, staff members, students, safe schools and wellbeing implementation coach, admin
 - As the plan is implemented throughout the 2024/2025 school year, the team will support these goals and monitor results
 - A reminder from previous meetings that Grade 6 students were provided training through St. Leonard's (20 student volunteers)
 - Efforts will continue into next school year
- Indigenous Subcommittee



- Created based on feedback from School Council to increase Indigenous content and representation in school activities and better support inclusivity for Indigenous students.
- Members include admin, teacher, ECE, students in Grades 4-7, parents.
- One meeting has been held May 30 2024. While initially created with Indigenous History Month in mind, the committee will transition into 2024/2025 to ensure that this work continues throughout the year. The focus of the second meeting mid-September will be to plan for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30).
- It was noted the importance of educating LAFI staff and raising awareness regarding Indigenous related topics (e.g., supporting students who choose not to stand for the national anthem).
- Naturalized play area is now ready for play as of June 18, 2024
- School Improvement Planning
 - Most recent update includes a deeper focus on strategies to support numeracy:
 - Learning Goals, Success Criteria
 - Descriptive Feedback
 - Direct Instruction
 - Problem-Solving Tasks and Experiences
 - Teaching about Problem Solving
 - Tools and Representations
 - Math Conversations
 - Small-Group Instruction
 - Deliberate Practice

4. Treasurer's Report (Amber Giffen)

- Financial Report Snapshot
 - Big box of cards - \$1078.78 (giving \$1000 toward naturalized play area)
 - Fudge - \$1067
 - Muskoka - \$207
 - Popcorn \$1186.96 (confirmed this will be run online next year)
 - Sweet and salty \$894.78
 - Gross profit is approx. \$4000
- Fundraising
 - Reviewed the draft plan for next year.
 - Matt reached out to a company that does recipes in jars to get information to see about adding this to next year's plan.
 - Amber confirmed that *Farm to Fresh* has been confirmed.
 - Katie suggested we explore *Mabel's Labels* as another fundraising idea.
 - **Action:** Rob offered to investigate the specifics and whether LAFI is already signed up.
 - Katie provided the following update after the meeting adjourned:
 - The school receives 20% commission and the cheques are mailed out once the school reaches \$50 (year-round). They mail the labels directly to the families so there is no work on Council's end except to let families know that we are on the list.



- Mabel's labels will also provide us with flyers and digital resources.
- Here is the information: <https://mabelslabels.ca/fundraising>
- Email: fundraising@mabelslabels.com

5. Other Discussion

- Transition to a new school year
 - Discussed the transition and anxiety that some children feel with wrapping up the end of the school year and unknowns for next school year.
 - It was suggested that at the upcoming school assembly that teachers could introduce themselves and the grades they teach.
 - It was also confirmed that transition meetings are available by request in the last week of August to arrange.
- **Staff appreciation**
 - It was suggested to offer a staff appreciation on behalf of School Council for coffee and snacks the week of June 24, 2024.
 - Coffee and treats will be provided by Council (\$150 budget was approved).
 - **Action:** Katie and Colleen to connect offline to make these arrangements.

6. Review of Meeting Schedule - 2024/25

- The meeting schedule will be confirmed next year.
- The first council meeting will be in early October 2024 (exact date TBC).
- Nominations process and forms for School Council will be emailed with the September 2024 newsletter.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.