



School Council Newsletter

- This is our second monthly newsletter as a way to reach out to the LAFI parent community, share recent meeting discussions, and increase our parent involvement.
- Please see a meeting snapshot, how to get involved, and the School Council meeting schedule below. All are encouraged to participate.

Meeting Snapshot – December 12, 2022

Principal's Budget Summary

- An overview of the difference between school generated funding (funds from students, for students) versus school board funding (operating budget) was provided.

Kindergarten Registration – September 2023

- Registration in LAFI's English Kindergarten program is based on a TVDSB lottery system.
- Decisions are not made locally at LAFI. Unfortunately, having older siblings who already attend LAFI does not impact the lottery system.
- Registration is open from **January 23 through February 10, 2023** to be considered. Full application details are [here](#).
- If a child is not selected for English Kindergarten, Grade 1 entry to French Immersion is open access.

Playground Update

- All TVDSB playground equipment is inspected annually by the City of London's Parks and Recreation department. LAFI's play structure with the slide was recently deemed unsafe. Students have not been playing on this structure since November.
- LAFI is in the process of determining if portions can be fixed or if full removal is recommended. Note, the play structure with the monkey bars will remain in place.
- The natural play area by the Kindergarten rooms has been recommended for full removal.
- LAFI administration has completed rough estimates for the costs to replace these highly utilized outdoor areas: **\$50,000 to replace** the slide structure and **\$30,000 to replace** the natural play area.
- Playground equipment is considered a school expense. This means that TVDSB and the Ministry of Education do not provide any funding for maintenance or purchasing of new equipment.
- Parent Council has started a small subcommittee of parent volunteers to begin looking into available grants, fundraising, and reviewing options for replacement.
- Please email sc-louisearbour@tvpic.ca or complete the survey below if you are interested in joining a virtual meeting to begin playground discussions on **January 11, 2023 at 7 pm**.

Safe Routes Committee

- A parent volunteer has been working with the City of London and [Ontario Active School Travel](#) to have the Huron & Belfield intersection assessed to improve safety.
- The City has completed tree trimming to improve visibility, and will be performing a study of traffic volume for completion in spring 2023.
- A survey will be sent to the LAFI parent community to share experiences with navigating this busy intersection as part of the process to build a case for a crossing guard and/or additional signage.



Save the Date

- LAFI will be hosting a spring event on **May 24, 2023** as an opportunity to build our school community. Food trucks will be available. More details to follow.

Want to get involved?

- We need more parent involvement! Please complete this short Parent Engagement Survey. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete.
- Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gK42K0S3wH>

Hybrid Meeting Schedule

- Monthly meetings start at 6 pm
- Hybrid format is supported by attending in-person in the LAFI Library or online via MSTeams
- Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - February 6, 2023
 - April 3, 2023
 - May 1, 2023
 - June 5, 2023

School Council Members

Parents

Chair:	Robert Ayres
Vice-Chair:	Hakan Karatas
Secretary:	Jenny Ingrey
Co-Treasurer:	Amber Giffen
Co-Treasurer:	Hakan Karatas
Parent Member:	Colleen Kelsey

LAFI Teachers and Administrators

Principal:	Sylvie Blais
Vice-Principal:	Ingrid Hollander
Teacher Member:	Julia Lantos
Teacher Member:	Cara McCrae