



Lester B. Pearson School Council

Thursday, October 19, 2023 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ Lester B Pearson P.S.

In Attendance

Council Attendance

Greg Collins (Principal)
Anita Arci Martello (VP)
Christina Cibu
Andrea Yaworski
Behnam Naderizand
Annie Quach
Jessica Zaks-Whitehead
Julia Pronin
Beth Evans
Stephanie Dornier
Stephanie Collett
Shadi Pourafzal

Guest Attendance

Eric Mumford

Regrets

Mei Ren
Katie Kuperman

Welcome & Introductions

Land Acknowledgment

To start off in a good way, each Council meeting will begin with the Land Acknowledgement. The Land Acknowledgement was read to the Council.

"We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations."

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Council Norms

Shared with meeting attendees

- Our collective work will focus on supporting student success and well being for each student at our school.
- Meetings will begin and end on time (6:30 p.m. to 7:30)
- All speakers and opinions will be respected - one speaker at a time. Please turn mics off unless speaking.
- Trust is key so everyone feels welcomed and included - presuming positive intentions.
- Individual students, staff or families not to be discussed (refer to staff or principal).
- We will strive to be open minded and objective in our work.
- We will be kind

Council Objectives

Shared with meeting attendees- School Councils are advisory bodies whose role is to improve student learning and to develop a shared sense of accountability for the public education system among both parents and educators.

Administrators' Report~ Greg Collins, Anita Arci Martello

Update

Healthy Schools Committee

EQUO Results:

- 68% met or exceeded standard in Math (Gr 3)
- 80% met or exceeded standard in Math, 96% in Reading, 98% in Writing (Gr 6)

School Improvement Plan Goal

- Well Being & Mental Health: creating identity affirming and safe environments where learners can access variety of supports and growth
- Equity
- Instruction – differentiated learning across all content areas

Fundraising~

Fundraising Plan proposal:

- Draft shared with some ideas that school council can support
 - o See Fundraising Plan spreadsheet for further information
- Discussion of various successful events – Danceathon has traditionally been very successful, pizza hot lunches as well
- Discussion of possible grants, council needs to investigate further as to what's available
- Trying to move away from carrying over funds raise into following year, want students this year to benefit from these funds

Hot Lunch Discussions:

Possible Options:

- Café Alexandra an option
 - Astoria (Greek)
 - Zucca's (Italian)
 - Mucho Burrito (Newmarket location)
- o Council felt best to start with pizza lunch first
 - Mondays work best

Sub-Committee:

Sub-Groups have been made in What's App – members can join there

- Fundraising
- Events
- Healthy Schools
- Grants
- Grade 8 Grad

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 8th in person at LBP from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Meeting Adjournment – 7:34 p.m.