# Lester B Pearson School Council News



## Lester B Pearson School Council Update September 2016

#### **School Council Positions**

Chair /Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

**Fundraising** 

Pizza Lunch

**Lunch Clubs** 

Athletics

Robotics

Yearbook

Members at Large

Dear LBP Parents,

Happy Back-to-School! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer and the kids are settling in to their new classes this year. We would also like to welcome our new Vice Principal – Nora Mazloumian to the school. We look forward to working with her this year!

We are starting another year of School Council at LBP and would like to thank you very much for your continued support of our fundraising initiatives that allow School Council to support enhancements to your child's experience at Lester B Pearson.

In this newsletter you will find information about upcoming School Council initiatives as well as some information about some exciting changes to our fundraising plans for this year.

As always – these initiatives would not be possible without the continued dedication of our LBP parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering for a School Council initiative or becoming a member of School Council. Even 1 hour once a month can make a difference and is always appreciated!

School Council Co-Chairs 2016-17 Reaghan Fortin & Sandra Melissas



# LBP SPIRIT WEAR IS COMING!!!



Look for exciting news about ordering LBP Spirit Wear!
We are working with vendors to supply LBP clothing & accessories for purchase.

Coming Soon!!

### LBP Fundraising Initiatives 2016-2017

This year, we are excited to announce a few changes to the fundraising activities at LBP. We have always focused our efforts on a few main fundraising activities and while these will continue, we are making changes in response to our changing school composition.

Our amazing QSP program will continue this year!
Watch for exciting news about the kick-off coming later in September.

While we love our QSP program and it continues to be a major source of fundraising for our school - we have seen our QSP revenues decrease over the past 4 school years by \$16,000 – or nearly 50%.

We recognize that parents/grandparents/family members may want to support the school, but are not always interested in receiving magazines. Therefore – we are implementing a few changes to our fundraising plans to give you more options to support our school.

- 1. **QSP** will of course continue and we do encourage all parents to order magazines through this program as it provides a large portion of our fundraising. There are also many great magazine titles and savings available to you.
- 2. <u>Direct Donation</u> will be made available as an option for those who may wish to support the school, but are not planning to order magazines. Look for additional information about this later in September.
- 3. <u>Pizza Lunch and Greek Lunch</u> will now be offered <u>weekly</u> for the whole school year <u>CHANGES TO SCHOOL LUNCH OFFERINGS</u>
  - 1. Pizza Lunch will now be held weekly on WEDNESDAYS.
    - 2. Greek Lunch will be offered weekly on THURSDAYS.
  - 3. Lunch Lady will be offered on Monday/Tuesday/Friday.

Look for information coming this week about ordering any of these lunches for your students.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Lunch Lady	Lunch Lady	Pizza	Greek	Lunch Lady
Week 2	Lunch Lady	Lunch Lady	Pizza	Greek	Lunch Lady



#### GET INVOLVED in SCHOOL COUNCIL!!!

We are currently seeking new members for the 2016-17 School Council.

Become a member of School Council by filling out a self-nomination form and returning it to the school by Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**How often does School Council Meet?** 

School Council meetings are held 7 times throughout the school year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

The meetings are held at the school from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

# I work during the day and cannot be at the school. How can I still be involved in School Council?

Many of our School Council Members work full-time outside of Aurora. By becoming a member of School Council, you do not need to be available to volunteer at the school during the day.

You may decide to serve as a Member at Large and only attend the evening School Council meetings throughout the school year. In this – and other School Council roles, you can contribute by overseeing the organization of a program, booking a vendor for the school or simply by participating in discussions about the allocation of fundraised dollars.

I would like to attend some School Council meetings, but I am not sure I want to become a member of School Council.

All LBP parents are welcome to attend any School Council meetings. They can participate in discussions and bring forward new ideas or raise concerns. When a vote must be held on an item, only those members of School Council may cast a vote.

We hope that some of you will consider becoming part of School Council.

We are always excited to see new faces and meet new LBP parents.





#### LBP PICNIC COMMITTEE NEEDED!

Remember how much fun you had at the LBP Picnic last June? We had great weather, great food and great fun.

Remember that idea you had about the picnic you thought would work?
Remember that suggestion/feedback you wanted to give?
Remember how you thought "I should help out more next year...."

## **Become part of the LBP Picnic Committee!!**

The LBP Picnic wouldn't be possible without a dedicated group of parent volunteers. For the last several years – the picnic has been largely run by 2 parents. This ends up being too much for such a small group – and **WE NEED MORE HELP!** 

## We are currently seeking the following:

Picnic Co-Chair
Sales Coordinator
Vendor Coordinator
On-site Coordinator

Some LBP Picnic positions are flexible with limited time needed during the day – until the day of the picnic. **Please** consider volunteering now to help plan for this fun event!!

For more information - contact Sandra Melissas - <u>persan@rogers.com</u> if you can assist with any of these positions.



