



# Lincoln Alexander Elementary School

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## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Lincoln Alexander School, Hamilton Ontario

**Date:** January 22, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Attendees:** Brandon, Jessica, Katie, Shannon, Amanda

### Agenda Items:

#### Staffing Update:

- E.C.E Ms. Bourasa is on half mornings currently while awaiting surgery
- February is Kindergarten enrollment and school will look at next year's student projection and staffing requirements
- Currently we are between 230-235 students year over year

#### Budget:

- Board budget for our school is \$30,000 annually - last year the school overspent by \$8000
- Board budget is primarily used for things like classroom supplies, however we have none left over to upgrade technology
- Working on allocating current budget for the following years classroom startup supplies so next year is back on track
- 30% of the budget is remaining this year which is low for this time of the year

#### Snow Clearing:

- They are currently plowing half of the playground area and putting salt out - often times this is not early enough for salt to take effect before the 8am bell
- Caretaker does help with this in the mornings to ensure safety
- If the temperature is -15 with a windchill or -20 without, kids will be kept indoors during recess

#### Food Days:

- Popcorn tuesdays are ongoing - \$2 per bag, the school profits \$1 per bag (Currently selling about 90 bags per week)
- Pizza Thursdays are ongoing = \$1500 profits so far this year
- Pita Wednesdays are ongoing = \$550 profits so far this year (waiting for a cheque to go through for more)
- Food day school profits are used for things such as buses for school field trips, an author visit to the school scheduled for January 25th, etc



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## December Food Drive:

- Very successful food drive for Neighbour to Neighbour - school ran a contest for a pizza lunch to the class with the most food donated - thank you to everyone who donated!

## Parent Council Follow Up:

- Will schedule time during our next week to start to create By-Laws for our Parent Council group - currently there are none
- Parent Reaching Out Grant - we are going to try and apply for this for our School to have more funds toward learning (Lawfield did a community fair for theirs - we are looking into Paul Davis)
- Mabels Labels discount code has provided us a profit of \$135 so far (this is ongoing)
- Our December Fundscript fundraiser provided us with a profit of \$435
- Looking into a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser for the fall
- Education week is coming up May 6 - 10 - we are planning the parent open house night for May 6th - stay tuned for exciting plans and details

## Communication:

- Mr. Berketa is looking at ways to streamline communication between parents and teachers and make things more consistent from classroom to classroom
- We are looking at updating our meeting minutes from parent council to our website regularly
- School Messenger is a great tool we encourage parents to utilize
- Lincoln Alexanders school website - we are looking to use this more for monthly food days, calendars for events, etc

Your parent council is working hard to plan fun things for our children and make improvements. We encourage anyone to come to a parent council meeting to see what we are all about! At anytime, please reach out to anyone on the council if you have suggestions, ideas or questions!