



# Ray Lewis Elementary School – School Council

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## School Council Meeting

### Ray Lewis Elementary School

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 pm, School Library (Learning Commons)**

#### **1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (started at 6:00 pm)**

#### **2. Introduction of Members (Attendance)**

In Person: Correna Caton, Ashley Kerr, Ryan Fuller, Cindy Fodor, Marissa PT, Oosha Bechar, James O'Conner

Online: Vida, Rasha Zaki, Shahd Salmons, Ala Mohamed, Jasmine Patel, Niga Ahmed

#### **3. Approval Of Agenda for January meeting:**

1. Cindy Fodor 2. Correna Caton

#### **4. Review and Approval of minutes from November**

**First:** Cindy Fodor

**Second:** Correna Caton

**All in Favour. Carried.**

#### **5. Reports**

##### **Principal/ Vice Principal:**

- Snuggle up and Read well done! Thank you
- Snack Shack: Happening again: February 26th + Pink Shirt Day
- Eid Celebration After school happening – Mrs. Nasseem organizing more information coming soon
- Teatime – during the day: day in February all come all welcome
- Report Cards come home February 14<sup>th</sup>

##### **Umbrella Tree Daycare Report (James O'Conner):**

- The daycare is at capacity and has approx. 400+ waitlist
- There are 6 aftercare spaces for kindergarten age
- The daycare wants to work with the school with purchasing equipment for our shared outdoor area

##### **Teacher Report:**

##### **Extra curriculars**

- Basketball season is well underway for Jr. And Sr. Boys and Girls teams

- Robotics Team has started this month. Great turnout! Students are working on coding and using the 3D printer. Thanks to Mr. Ellis for being the staff lead
- Grade 4 Art Club is being run by Ms. Fiddes
- Grade 7 and 8 Floorball intramurals are ongoing for the remainder of February Fundraisers
- Cookie sales have been ongoing. \$1.50 for a cookie every Thursday

#### **School Events/Trips/Important Dates**

- Grade 7 Adventureworks Trip rescheduled for June 17
- Ms. Ferguson is looking into a Grade 6 trip to the Warplane Heritage Museum in the spring
- Pancakes and PJ's will take place on Friday, January 31. So far, we have raised over \$400 with \$1000 goal. Each student will get 2 pancakes. Top 2 classes to raise the most money will win special toppings
- Student Council February activities planned: Valentine's BINGO (Grade 7 and 8 students are teaming with kinder and Grade 1 students to help support this initiative). For Valentine's Day, the intermediate students will be selecting different stations (ex. Team sports in gym, board games/music in library, etc.) based on interest, in lieu of a social/dance. Snacks will still be sold to raise money for Grade 8 commencement

#### **Academics**

- Grade 3 and 6 EQAO teams are going to start meeting in February to plan for spring testing
- Grade 8 students: Nora Henderson came in for presentations about Gr. 9 course offerings and course selection sheets this month. Grade 8 team will use myBlueprint program to complete all course selections for next year. Students and parents are encouraged to review the course selection sheet as a family to decide on elective courses and pathways together
- Student volunteers will be celebrating Black History Month over the morning announcements. They have selected current and historical figures to research and share information about.

#### **Chair Report**

- Paul Davis – Unfortunately, we won't be able to get Paul Davis since the only day open to us was June 6<sup>th</sup> which is a PA Day. If we can find another speaker we can still go ahead and use the grant funds, otherwise we will lose the funds for this year.
- Sub forms – Sub forms will come out soon. We were trying to get ahold of Harvey's to see if we could change our fundraising to them. We are still waiting for a response.
- Ray Lewis School Council Website – If we can update the page and possibly add all the parent members that would be great.
- Ray Lewis Website – If we can get our main page that has the announcements section working to inform of the activities, spirit days, and so forth going on. Marissa will reach out to Tom Fisher (Principal at Nora Henderson) to see how they update their page weekly.

**Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:00pm, School Library (Learning Commons)**

#### **8. Adjournment**