

Centennial Public School Advisory Council Minutes
Monday April 7, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Public School

Executive Members:

Laura Gillam (Chair), Christina Helmer (Co-Chair), Adam Jeziorski (Treasurer), Emma Barken (Secretary), Rena Petrick (PIC Representative)

Members At Large: Terri Macdonald, Nicole Pitts, Virginia Venditti

Present: Deb Thompson, Christina Helmer, Adam Jeziorski, Emma Barken, Laura Gillam, Janine Chown, Rachael Klinoski, Chris Shaw, Terri Macdonald

Regrets: Virginia Venditti, Emily Casey

1. Call to Order at 6:33pm
2. Approval of Past Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 25th 2024 meeting minutes.

1. Janine Chown
2. Christina Helmer

3. Information/Standing Items

1. Introductions: None required
2. Principal's Update

- A video that parent council missed included the following:

-budget survey feedback is past the due date
-Artificial Intelligence parent info night is April 30th, 6pm at LCVI in the Cafeteria
-Student Census, See Yourself in Limestone will be in fall of 2025
-Before and After school program access: LDSB is putting out a survey to determine the need for these programs.
-Kindergarten Registration is open.

- Lots of staff changes:

A new Kindergarten team is Theo Vangelatos with Brooke Hodgson as ECE

Kirstin Schwartz, EA in Ms. Murphy's classroom

Jessica Hashey, EA in several classrooms

Chris Rainer, EA in several classrooms

Olivia Hawkes is the grade 6 teacher

- EQAO assessments in grade 3 and 6 are happening in the spring
- IPRC spring meetings for parents whose children have special education needs.
- Bingo is renewed for 2025-2026, always looking for volunteers. All shifts are on Sundays for 2025-2026.

3. Teacher Representative and Support Staff Update No update

4. Trustee Update (as necessary) No update

5. PIC Information and Update No update

6. Correspondence Not applicable

7. Budget Update

- Balance of \$5086.85

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Bottle Drive Update: April 26th, 10am-noon

- Chris will bring his truck
- Adam will pick up the tent from the school, will bring a table, clear garbage bags, gloves, will change the date on the flyer and then share for distribution.
- Deb will do a community use form.

4.2 Family Creativity Update May 8th, 5:30pm-7:30pm for the event

- Fitness drumming portion: Laura bought stability balls, Keith Cahill and Michelle Girard will teach the activity to their classes. Hopefully students will lead some songs on the night.
- Fitness drumming could be first, then have Hill come in and do the activity.
- Hill Werth is booked for an evening for that night. There's an indoor and an outdoor version of this activity. This part needs to have participants sign up, since it's limited.
- Creative coding could be done in the library with Theo Vangelatos.
- Button maker could be borrowed to use. Laura looking into it.
- Giant tangrams is another activity option. Laura looking into it.
- Putting up chart paper along a hallway for people to draw on/create a mural
- Student artwork will be displayed in the hallways for families to do an "art walk"
- Terri to reach out to KFPL, BGC for lego, more activities.
- Laura to create a sign up/waitlist form with a checklist to manage who is attending Hill Werth's workshop. Laura to send link to a form and a poster.
- Deb will put all this in the newsletter, and do the community use form
- \$90 for refreshments within the PRO grant. Could spend more on this if we want. Rachel will purchase refreshments (juices boxes, snacks, water)

4.3 Funfair and BBQ update June 10th 5-8pm.

- No inflatables available.
- Check in about facepainting from LCVI students. (Virginia?)
- Kona ice is coming, will be separate sales.
- Terri will ask the military family resource groups.
- Deb to speak with the Lions club, they'll do the BBQ from 5-7pm.
- Emma to check with YMCA, bubbles, KFPL, BGC.
- Christina to check about purchasing a giant game or two.
- Terri to do the raffle baskets, get volunteers.
- Deb will do the donation letter for businesses.

Budget for fun fair spending:

Motion: To spend up to \$500 on fun fair spending.

1. Janine Chown
 2. Adam Jeziorski
- All in favour.

4.4 BINGO

- Question: Should Bingo be transitioned to parent council so it isn't solely on Deb's shoulders? It's straightforward and easy to transition to another person if necessary. Lots of staff help out, if anyone else is interested in training, Deb is always looking for extra people.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Accessible Playground Consultation

- Laura reached out to several people to figure out what the process is for guiding this discussion. Rachel Doornekamp is a specialist who can help us sort out what we'd like to do. Shared some images of equipment, and also talked about surfaces, because this is important for accessibility. Standalone equipment, or panels are some ideas, sensory types of equipment (xylophones, etc.) Could look at what Extendifamily did- some kind of water table. Vary in cost- \$5000 and up. Doesn't include installation.
- Before even getting a quote, we would need to go through LDSB facilities and Evergreen to determine if they could do installation, which would save costs. Some of the companies are American, so tariffs could be an issue. There are some Canadian companies, but she found that the quality wasn't as high. There are some grants to apply for.
- Would be best to formulate a plan of what we want before doing anything else.
- Good idea to talk to those who work with students who would specifically benefit from these kinds of structures. Further in the process, staff and parents could be consulted about what some specific student needs are.
- Ask Rachel and Matt Aylesworth to come and really look at the yard to determine what could work. Deb will reach out to them to come and have a look.

5.2 Review Bylaws-Defer to next meeting.

- Everyone has a copy of the bylaws, so please review before the next meeting.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

May 12 (6:30-8:00)

Emma and Adam away, Deb can take minutes.