

**Laura Second School (Parent) Council Meeting – January 15, 2018**

**Laura Second Secondary School**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL - Minutes**  
**Monday, January 15, 2018**

**Attendance:** Ruth Hernder; Cathy Sonier; Jennifer Johnson; Jean Kozela; Kelly Vlaar; Kyle Martin; Abby Johnstone; Richard Juritsch; Sandy Cowan; Jeanette Johnstone; Colleen Gillard (Guest from Brock U);

**Regrets:** Lori Blake; Tracey Turavani; Michelle Ticknor

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. With our Secretary absent, Richard Juritsch volunteered to take minutes.*

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** *The agenda was adopted as presented.*

**3. Review and Approval of November Minutes**

*The minutes were approved after it was noted that a few minor corrections had been passed on to Lori.*

**4. Correspondence** *None.*

**5. Reports**

**a. Student Union Report – Kyle Martin**

Kyle reported that the recent events put on the by student union have been pretty good.

Last Wednesday, this Wednesday and next Wednesday the union is putting on PJ Days with free hot chocolate at lunch. There was a good run on the hot chocolate and hopefully with more communication about the PJ Days, more folks will wear pyjamas for the next two Wednesdays.

The next big event coming up will be the Semi-Formal on February 9 at the Stonemill Inn. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and the semi will end at 10 pm. There has been a change in photographer for the semi. The previous photographer has been doing so well that the prices have increased. He understands that the Student Union can't afford him and is cool about the switch to someone else, who will not only do the posed pictures but also take candid photos at the dance and dinner. The union is working on having an improved coat check system since last time there was a bit of chaos. Tickets are \$50 and went on sale last week and will continue for another two weeks. How many chaperones will be needed depends on the number of tickets sold and the number of staff volunteers. Cathy took down the names of parents in attendance who could help and will pass it on to Tracey, who as the EVC, will co-ordinate the chaperones.

Student Union also was wondering about the concession sales at the musical. Jean reminded us that at the last musical the School Council looked after it and gave all the money to the Student Union. We decided this year will organize it again, but will split the money with half going to the Student Union and half to the School Council. Jean will co-ordinate with

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Tracey as far as organizing this goes.

b. Prefect Report – Abby Johnstone

In November, the Prefects prepared for the open house for grade eights and took part, mingling with the potential students. Also in November, they handed out mid-term reports during MSIP.

In December they helped police with outreach for community care. On the same day, they assisted with the assembly for Grade 10's about co-op and then helped with co-op fair that followed.

Last Wednesday they helped with the course selection assembly, leading students from MSIP to the assembly and grade 12's to guidance. This past Thursday the Prefects helped with DNA auditions. The rest of January is not as busy.

c. Guidance Report *None*

d. Principal's Report (attached) – Ruth Hernder

1. Course Selection in MSIP – Deadline Friday, January 19, 2018
2. Grade 9 Math EQAO – Tuesday, January 23, 2018
3. Examination Schedule – starts Thursday, January 25, Period 1
  - Friday, January 26, Period 2
  - Monday, January 29, Period 3
  - Tuesday, January 30, Period 4
  - Wednesday, January 31, Period 5
4. Semester 2 begins – **Monday, February 5, 2018**
5. Report Cards issued – mailed about two weeks into Semester 2
6. PD Day – Friday, February 16, 2018
7. Family Day Holiday – Monday, February 19, 2018

*Question:* Will the exam on Friday, January 26 be postponed for those taking part in the Jacque Richardson concert the night before? *Answer:* Nothing finalized yet.

e. Treasurer's Report – Jean Kozela

*Bank Account*

A Nevada deposit of \$447.76 was made.

A game change charge of \$158.50 was applied to the Nevada account. The charge is to cover changing the game a bit so that people don't get bored with it. There are two bills coming up.

Currently we have in our Nevada account: \$2,001.22.

Our bank account now stands \$2278.20. Once we pay out the scholarships, etc., we should have \$328.20.

*Addams Family Concession* – The request from the drama department is the same as last time: no crinkly bottles nor potato chips nor any other food that will make noise.

Parents: Please watch flyers for Dasani or Aquafina water bottles and let Jean know. She will pick them up. She knows how much to get based upon two years ago. Last time, we got 12 for \$3.49. Jean will also pick up the cocktail size napkins and the trays that we need. We are considering a black, white and red theme.

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Cookies, brownies and squares were picked up from Costco last time.

There was some discussion as to whether or not we want gluten-free muffins such as what we had at the Mental Health fair.

We will have the signs. Jenn will design these again like last time.

If anyone knows of a cheap supplier for balloons, let Jean know. She will check at the Dollar Store at Grantham Plaza.

Jenn has balloon weights in addition to the two in the School Council Inventory (SCI)

We have black tea towels in the SCI.

Jean will get in touch with Tracey about volunteers. We need at least three per table (two tables) plus a couple for selling water in the aud.

Will try to keep prices about the same \$1/cookie; \$2/water; \$1/brownies (2); \$2/square

We will ask the Student Union to make a sign saying what the proceeds will go towards.

If you have friends who want to buy tickets, just call the school and say you want to buy tickets and you'll get directed to the appropriate person.

We will also put out our new banner. (It worked well at open house.)

f. Event Volunteer Committee (EVC)

The Grade 8 Open House went well. It was reported that those who staffed the table sat there and did nothing because no one asked anything.

No one was able to volunteer for the movie night.

Cathy, Sandy and Stephanie helped with the Coffee House.

Cathy recorded the names of those at the meeting who volunteered to help at the semi-formal, if needed, and will forward them to Tracey.

6. **Adoption of Reports** – *Passed unanimously.*

7. **Other Business**

PRO Grant Subcommittee – Kelly Vlaar

Kelly really needs to know who would like to be on the sub-committee.

Sandy and Jenn volunteered.

The sub-committee can meet over the next few months to make decisions.

Do we want Fall or Spring? Last year, we decided on Spring, since Fall/Winter tends to be busier.

Jenn will look back at email responses from when a list of past grant projects to see what the top choices were. Amongst those that stood out were: transitions from grades 8 to 9 as well as grade 12 to post-secondary; financial literacy; and critical thinking.

We could meet ½ hour or 45 minutes before the School Council meeting (February 12) to confirm the committee and the topic, which still gives us lots of time to put together the application.

School Council Hoodies – Jennifer Johnson

Our numbers are low enough that each can order what she or he wants. Even if we all ordered the same thing, there aren't enough of us to get a break on the price.

Jenn will resend out everything so that we can get a final number and order it. She will also nail down whether or not we can order on line or if we have to collect the money first.

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Concession Stand – *see 5e. above*

New Banner

This was used at open house and it is all paid for. The set up and take down are easy enough though the banner is a bit snug to fit in bag. Jenn's husband, if he has time, says he'll try to make a better bag for it. The banner did not come with instructions, so Jenn will type some up with some. Thanks to Jennifer for taking care of this! Jenn will try to get pictures of it. This reminded the executive that Mike Balsom wants a picture of the school council. This was tabled until next meeting.

Dates to Remember *corrections*

Both February 2 and February 16th are PD Days.  
Family Day is on February 19, not, February 14.

Next meeting: February 12, 2018      6:15 pm PRO Grant Subcommittee – whoever wants to help

7 pm School Council Meeting

Meeting ended: 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Juritsch (acting secretary)

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Jennifer Johnson, Co-chair

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Cathy Sonier, Co-chair

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Richard Juritsch, Acting Secretary