**Laurelwoods Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 6:30**

**Location – LLC and Google Meet**

**Attendees**

1. Lori Shilvock – Principal
2. Alyssa Johnston – Chair
3. Amanda McCallum – Secretary
4. Claire Nicholls – Student Representative
5. Charlotte Burton - Student Representative
6. Megan Colgan
7. Kristin Burton
8. Andrea Nicholls
9. Cassy Reid
10. Shannon Sheldon
11. Cassandra Bryan
12. Samantha Campbell
13. Katie Bryan
14. Leah Burge (Virtual)
15. Sara Allen (Virtual)
16. Crystal Durocher (Virtual)
17. Mikala Tardencila (Virtual)
18. Marie Ferguson (Virtual)
19. Bhavti Makwana (Virtual)
20. Parag Makwana (Virtual)

**Reading of the Land Acknowledgement & UGDSB Equity Statement - Alyssa**

**Approval Of Minutes from February 1st, 2024 Meeting**

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes with Corrections

First: Andrea Nicholls

Seconded:

**Principal Update – Lori Shilvock – 5 Minutes**

**Principal’s Report March. 2024**

Activities This Month

* ECO Club
* Games Club
* Yoga
* LES Hockey
* Pickleball Intramurals
* Dance
* Forest of Reading Program
* Sideline Basketball

Upcoming Dates

March 4 Last day to order online for Pizza March - June

March 5 Popcorn Day

March 10 Ramadan begins.

March 11 March Break Begins

March 17 Last day to order online for Cookies - March – May

March 18 St. Patrick’s Day

March 19 School Council Event for Parents - Family Transition Place – Social Media Presentation – 6:30 pm

March 19 Last day to order online for Milk – March - June

March 21 LES Hockey Tournament in Erin

March 22 World Water Day – The Big Gulp

March 23 World Earth Hour – 8:30 – 9:30

March 26 Primary Students trip to Theatre Orangeville March 29 Snow White

Good Friday – no school for students

I encourage all families to read the Laurelwoods March Newsletter

[March Newsletter](https://www.ugdsb.ca/laurel/category/newsletter/)

**Request For School Council Contribution**

I have book the Guelph Grotto Climbing Wall for K-8 May 21st- May 24th. As a school we are contributing $1, 452.25. I would like to ask School Council to contribute $1,5000. This would require each student to pay only $5.00.

We were successful in getting the $1000 ProGrant. School Council also received $500 PIC Grant. As previously discussed you are offering two FTP presentations. We need to pay! This money is sitting in the G.L. for the school.

**Staff Update – Katie Bryan – 5 Minutes**

* Gym Equipment Request
  + $184.03 – Bladder replacements for the large exercise palls
  + $379.73 – Parachute
    - 24” diameter with 24 handles, includes words and definitions - Parachute is ripped and no longer usable
  + $32.96 for a set of 6 Pickleballs x 2 sets
    - Pickleball is becoming very popular and the balls are not safe for primary. There are foam balls that are safer for that level.
  + $196.85 Rainbow set of 6 Indoor Soccer set would be fine
  + Pinnies (18 Requested)
    - $40.58 - 6 (Medium)
    - $44.39 – 6 (Large)
    - $48.20 – 6 (XLarge)
* Looking forward we will also need to replace the Hockey Jerseys in the next few years
* To be revisited in June if anything is not purchased.

**Treasury Account Update – Alyssa Johnston – 5 Minutes**

* Guelph Grotto Climbing Wall – Students will get 3 session each at a cost of $5/student. Asking School Council to provide $1,500 towards the cost. To be paid out of the General Fundraising Account.
  + First: Megan
  + Second: Cassandra Bryan
  + **Consensus: Reached**
* Sports Equipment Request from School - $1004.09.
  + Decision was made to donate $650.00 to be paid from the General Fundraising Account
  + First: Cassandra Bryan
  + Second: Alyssa Johnston
  + **Consensus: Reached**
* Account Balances
  + Bursary Account $350.00
  + Classroom Supplies $930.48
  + Fundraising General $6,280.08
  + Hot Lunches $0
  + Library $650.00
  + Mental Health & Wellness $610.00
  + Misc $0
  + Pizza $8,619.95
  + Playground (NEW) $2500.00
  + Playground (Maintenance) $8,000.00
  + Popcorn $1,310.85
  + STEM in the Classroom $2,500.00
  + Trip Assistance $0

**Food & Friends**

* Live Free fundraisers went well, donations, pasta lunch and photo booth.
  + +$800 raised
* Hoping to do 1 lunch/month with parent volunteers

**Farm to School Committee – Samantha Campbell – 5 Minutes**

* First meeting was Feb 3rd.
* Farm to School seeks to include
  + Healthy Local Food
  + Providing Learning Opportunities
  + Enhancing school community connectedness.
* HFFA is our local chapter that supports this program
* Need more parent engagement
  + Include a letter in the JK intro packages to outline the program and welcome to the program.
    - First: Amanda
    - Second: Megan
    - **Consensus: Reached**
* Ideas
  + Salad Bar is currently being done at Primrose in Mulmur and have been consulted about their program
  + Local Food week is the First week of June but it is a short week so we have decided to move forward with Mental Health week in May. This will be the program intro into our school with Veggie cups
    - Perhaps asking for funds from Food & Friends
    - Sam will prepare budget required to implement the snack cups that we can use for the next meeting to be voted on.
  + Everdale Community Farm fieldtrip
    - Educational farm, best time to go is in the spring or fall.
    - $10/student - 4 hours
    - Would be ideal to go to spring and fall to see spring plant and fall harvest, Grade 5 and older.
    - Lori cannot mandate field trip but is happy to promote within the school.
  + Participate in the Fresh from farm fundraising
    - Local food
    - Will participate:
      * First: Shannon Sheldon
      * Second: Andrea Nicholls
      * **Consensus: Reached**
  + Soup Night to bring parents into the school
* Mrs. Ludzik asked about Nutritower but there are must better and cheaper options. Would need to have a teacher champion and class to take care of the grow throughout the year. This would be part of the food literacy curriculum.
  + She will attend the next SubCommittee meeting to be a teacher champion
* Next meeting is Tuesday March 26 @ 6:30 - 8:30 – Alyssa to book space

**Playground – Lori**

* Proposals have been submitted to the board
  + Suggested that we not start with the kindie climber but replace the trees where the worm was removed
  + Suggested that the first play structure is the Jr structure on the main yard as the repairs would be quite costly
  + It was suggested that it was replaced with something that was perhaps moveable, like an indoor outdoor kitchen but that was not really the vision
  + A tree count was done and measurements were taken
    - Lori to look into the cost of who replaces the trees, they advised that it would be whoever funded the trees initially.

**Events Sub-Committee – Amanda McCallum – 5 Minutes**

* Donuts with Grownups
  + Was a great success, received lots of great feedback day of and after from the school community
  + Raised $800+
  + There were a few bumps for a first time event that we learned from to make future events run more smoothly
    - Start setup 1.5 hrs before vs. 1 hr before
    - Have lots of extra hot beverages ready to stock from the kitchen
* Events Sub-Committee will dive deep into planning the Spring Fling after March Break

**Fundraising Sub-Committee – Shannon Sheldon – 5 Minutes**

* Seed Fundraiser
  + 33 orders
    - No major issues with forms, issues were managed easily
  + $1,160.21 raised
  + This time instead of doing the booklets, we will only print out the order forms with an info sheet
  + Open next round Mar 19 – Mar 28

**By-Law Sub-Committee – Cassy Reid – 5 Minutes**

* Everything has been reviewed and need another meeting to review before submitting to the school council to be voted on at the next meeting.
* Email to be sent out explaining all of the executive positions available. Will also explain what is required to be able to run and also to be able to vote.
  + 60% of meetings to run
  + 30% to be able to vote
* Treasurer will be voted on in September with rest of the executive.

**Other Business**

* Next Meeting Date: April 4th @ 6:30pm