

Lord Strathcona Public School – School Council Meeting #6

Thursday 23 April 2026

School Library

4:00pm

1. **Welcome:**

- a. Attending: Chantal, Diana, Carrie, Greg, Bethany

2. **Agenda Approval:**

3. **Updates from school:**

- a. Math night - went well, 50 students from about 30 families, all games got given away
 - i. Attention spans did run out, not sure how to combat that
 - ii. Next year: post pizza earlier
- b. School hours change for next year was approved
 - i. 10 minutes shorter day: 9:05 to 3:25 - same schedule as Centennial and Winston Churchill; cut 5 minutes off each recess, same instructional times
- c. Staffing for next year - projected enrollment 194 (from 203; this year's projection was 195) - we are applying for a 9th class again, right on the cusp of 8 or 9 classes
 - i. Not a final decision next week; they reevaluate again in September
- d. Bus 225 has had issues lately - 55 kids, only one stop.
 - i. Driver had retired out of the blue in March, having trouble getting drivers
 - ii. 7-8 canceled days since March Break (not counting snow days)
 - iii. Position is filled, hopefully starting Monday
- e. School Track and Field: next Friday May 1st here; grades 3-6
 - i. Regional Meet: top 4 in each event go to Caraco field June 4th
 - ii. Top 3 or 4 from there go to Districts: June 9th
- f. Running Club training twice a week; grades 3-6
 - i. May 6th road race at LCVI
- g. Basketball teams have a tournament May 7th; grades 5-6
- h. Talent Show: May 21st - afternoon for the school and evening performance.
- i. EQAO: grades 3 and 6
 - i. Test window May 4-June 9; we do it near the end of the window to give as much prep time as possible
 - ii. Last half of May/first week of June for us
 - iii. 4 sections of each Math and Literacy

4. **Questions for School**

- a. Running club - "Marathon Club" where they track the laps and get charms for a bracelet
 - i. Board used to promote that; doesn't do it anymore
- b. Office helpers trained from grades 5/6?

- i. Office administrator lunch break is during instructional time, so it won't work for now.
 - c. Spirit Days near the end of the year?
 - i. School Tshirt on Track n Field Day
 - ii. Maybe more later
 - d. Grade 6 grad: June 24th
- 5. **Finance:**
 - a. End of March: \$19k
 - b. General SAC account: \$10k
- 6. **Wish List from school**
 - a. New tab in same Wishlist Tracking Sheet spreadsheet from last year - compiling amounts, approval, spent, etc. info
- 7. **Bingo Update:**
 - a. [BINGO Signup](#)
 - b. Looking in pretty good standing. Still need: July 3 10pm, July 31 10pm, Aug 20 10pm, Sept 4 10pm, **2x Nov 6 10pm** - have we returned/swapped any dates?)
- 8. **Other New Business:**
 - a. Library Books Updated
 - i. Any series that we should get to update the collection?
 - ii. Diversify books for religious celebrations? There were a couple books to put out for Ramadan, but not for Easter - not sure if there is a bundle specifically for school libraries that have many different religions represented or if we would have to source them individually?
 - b. Fruity Friday
 - i. Tomorrow, April 24th
 - 1. Cups and forks in staff room
 - 2. Staci, Carrie, and Dan cutting up fruit
 - ii. Friday May 8th
 - c. PRO Grant Math Games Night
 - i. Went great! Any other feedback?
 - ii. Application
 - iii. Approval
 - iv. Spending must be done and receipts submitted by May 22 2026
 - v. Report - almost done, due May 29th 2026
 - d. End of Year BBQ:
 - i. Thursday June 18th; Rain plan = move inside
 - ii. RSVP school day?
 - iii. Ginos Pizza and Burgers
 - 1. \$6/slice, \$7 burger, \$8 veggies burger (scrap veggie burgers - cheese pizza is the vegetarian option)
 - 2. They let us order extra pizzas part way through
 - iv. Other vendor ideas?
 - 1. Happy to keep Ginos
 - 2. Cotton Candy machine - Diana will look into it

3. Entertainers from Lake Ontario Park? - Greg will look into that
- v. Will put in request now so that if we need to re-word anything we have time - estimate? Last year was about \$2300 looking at last year's bingo spreadsheet.
- vi. Donation tables,

9. **Next Meeting: Thursday June 4th, 4pm (topics: trees?)**

Other Notes:
