



**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
7:00pm Virtual meeting**

**Host:**

Jennifer Borrel-Benoit (Principal)

**1. Welcome**

2022-23 Chair **Susha** welcomed all staff, returning Council members as well as many new people to the September 2023 LDHSS school council meeting.

Susha started off the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement.

**2. Erin Mears - Thrifty Ravens Fall Market - Oct. 14th**

Been teaching at LDHSS since it opened, most recently in the ASD program

- The idea was to do a garage sale type event fundraiser
- Lots of students interested in participating, but hoping to get more parents involved as well to build the sense of community around the school
- Outdoor Fall Market from 9-12 in school parking lot. You buy a parking spot and set up a table and sell whatever you'd like, with the exception of food.
- All the money you make off the items you sell goes into your own pocket
- \$20 per student/\$30 per adult/staff to buy a table
- Money raised will be split between the Autism program and the 2024 Grads; as agreed upon by the organizing committee for this year
- Instagram feed, Parent Facebook page will be advertising the event but could use any promotion through parent community
- Goal is 30 spots sold for the event for this year
- Access to the school is available for washrooms
- The Band will be playing all morning as well

**3. Year End Financial Report - Amanda Bennett**

■ [Year-End Financial Report 2022-2023.pdf](#)

**4. LDH School Council**


Susha explained what it's like to be on school council and what our purpose is

- Each person who submitted a self nomination form did their introductions
- 2023-24 Council is as follows:
  - Washeelah Choomka - Member
  - Habiba Tamer - Member
  - Jason Zhu - Member
  - Andrea Tiwari - Member

- Michella Hayek - Member
- Susan Farrell-Soler - Member
- Ghina El Koussa - Member
- Nadia Alloush - Member
- Lisa Brennan - Secretary
- Amanda Bennett - Treasurer / Website Manager
- Nivedita Muthukumarasamy - Co-Chair
- Susha Zachariah - Chair
- Jennifer Borrel-Benoit - Principal
- TBD - Student Representatives
- Rotating Teachers - Intermediate Teacher Representative
- Rotating Teachers - Secondary Teacher Representative
- Rotating VPs - Administrative Staff Member

#### **5. Aaron Leach - Department Head for Canadian World Studies**

- Includes wide variety of courses including all Humanities, Social Science, Native Studies, Geography, History, etc
- After Grade 9 Geography and Grade 10 History, the rest are electives

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#### **6. School Administration Introductions**

Les Bunbury - Secondary VP for last name A-J students & families

Jamie Bell - Secondary VP for last name K-Z students & families

Nick Carkner - Intermediate VP for all intermediate students & families

#### **7. Discussion**

Susan mentioned that there are perhaps some initiatives within the school that School Council could contribute to financially as we typically end up with funds left over at the end of the year  
Nick mentioned there are new models/colours for LDHSS clothing that will be sold at different events throughout the year

Jennifer said all new Grade 7 students received a LDHSS t-shirt at the start of the year to make them feel welcome.

#### **8. Nick Carkner - Intermediate Teacher's Presentation**

To be added at a later date

#### **9. Jennifer Borrel-Benoit - Principal's update**

- Busses - 2 dismissal times because the expectation is the secondary kids are out and on the first bus so that there is room for the intermediate kids on the second busses; if you don't have a bus pass, you don't get on the bus
- Communication - every Thursday an email will go out to parents/caregivers
- Backpacks - questions coming up about not being able to keep backpacks with them; most kids are managing ok; we don't want them in hallways, in classrooms where labs are taking place
- Social media - administration likes to know if there is a concern out there on social media; students can reach out to teachers, or administration or parents who can pass it along
- Grade 12 parents - assembly for Gr. 12 students re: post secondary pathways

## **10. Email votes**

1. Do you support providing the cost of \$60 for printing posters for the Thrifty Ravens Fall Market Event? **Motion passed by email vote.**
2. Do you support the School Council purchasing a parking spot for the Thrifty Ravens Fall Market event for a total fee of \$35 (vendor fee + table)? **Motion passed by email vote.**
3. Do you support providing \$100 as a slush fund for the LDH Teachers Suppers? **Motion passed by email vote.**

## **11. Adjournment**

Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and she adjourned the meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday, October 30th at 7pm - virtual**