

January 2026 Meeting Notes:

Fundraising and Upcoming Events Update

Holly initiated the meeting and confirmed the approval of previous meeting minutes. Jimmy provided a financial update, reporting a total of \$5,876 in funds raised, primarily through dances and other activities. Chris Black discussed upcoming initiatives, including a family fun bingo card to promote mental health and a dance event scheduled for February 13th.

- School Council meeting minutes and approvals

Introduction of Daycare Manager and Program Updates

Krista Genesee shared that the daycare is currently at full capacity, with over 300 children on the waitlist for toddler and preschool programs. She addressed a question about potential staffing increases to alleviate the waitlist, explaining that they had attempted to open another kindergarten program but received no intake. Krista encouraged parents to reach out with any questions regarding the daycare.

Mini Forest Project Update

Dayna Zimmerman provided an update on the mini forest project at Lawfield, which has received full board approval and funding, including a grant from the Jane Goodall Association. The project will involve planting 400 trees, with events planned for both students and community volunteers. Additionally, the Eco Club is organizing National Sweater Day and a polar bear walk to promote climate change awareness among students.

Home and School Update

Alana Jennings shared that the Home and School committee is organizing a double feature movie night for families on January 13th, along with a Domino's Day fundraiser anticipated for the week before March break. Additionally, two themed fundraisers are planned for later in the year, with sales for Mother's Day and Father's Day items. A meeting in two weeks will discuss nominations and the election process for executive positions.

- Upcoming fundraising events and initiatives

Pro-Grant Subcommittee Initiatives

The Lawfield Council announced the approval of funding for a series of educational programs, including literacy and math nights. Alyson and Michelle expressed their willingness to assist, while the council encouraged more parents to volunteer. They also mentioned the possibility of hiring professionals to support the events if student or teacher volunteers are unavailable.

Upcoming STEM and Lego Clubs

Jimmy shared information about a new STEM club for grade twos and threes starting on February 3rd, with participation details expected to be announced at school. Alana expressed interest in the club for her son and also asked about a Lego club, which Ms. Black is still working on. It was confirmed that there will be both a Lego club and a robotics club for students.

Supervision and Community Support

Amy expressed concerns regarding a group of boys fighting after school, questioning the level of supervision available during that time. Mrs. Black acknowledged the challenges they face in ensuring safety and encouraged parents to report any incidents, even if they occur off school property. They highlighted the importance of community cooperation in addressing these issues.