

# Meeting Minutes – Lansdowne Music Parents Association

April 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

**Attended by:** Cathy Costigan (host), Kerri Fraser (Minutes), Kirstie McNally (Chair), Shannon Mycroft, Melanie Palmer, Andrew Sly.

**Teacher:** Brian Anderson

**Regrets:** Elaina Mack, Perzia Knight, Jenn Tuck

## Land Acknowledgement

### Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Changes to agenda - none.
- The approval of the agenda for tonight was motioned by Mel and seconded by Cathy.
- The approval of last meeting minutes from March was motioned by Shannon and seconded by Cathy.

### Treasurer's Report

- Shannon - banking update; some deposits still outstanding from prior to spring break from safe (some cash, cheques) and also cash deposit from spring concerts, just received today.

### Student Account Treasurer

- Andrew- nothing new to report. Coffee orders ongoing, Purdy's outstanding, not much changing at this point.

## Fundraising

### Purdy's

- Some extra orders received and needed to be sorted, so were resolved by Mel and Elaina over spring break.
- About five people haven't indicated where fundraising needs to be linked; once information received it will go to Andrew to update student account balances.
- \$1080 raised for music program in addition to individual student profits.

### Spring Plant Sale

- Ordering website set up again through Growing Smiles. Carlene has volunteered to help, as well as other parents Ellen, D'Ann, Elaina; and Kerri will put out another call to all band parents to ask for volunteers closer to the date.

### Coffee

- Parents still mixing up use of online ordering and paper ordering form (some parents have emailed screen shots of paper order forms). Also confusion in March - there seemed to be two dates for ordering deadlines. All hiccups during this process change and trying to transition to a new system are just learning for next year.

### Gift Cards (Fairway and Red Barn)

- Nothing to report.

## Teacher's Report

- Musical Desserts - still no word from accounts on invoice from OBH for venue rental; probably \$200-300.
- Brian cleaned out the safe. Found Fairways cheque that was stale dated - Fairways was helpful, figured out what it was for; also random money forwarded to Shannon for deposit.
- Spring Concerts - musically, logistically worked well, including the morning concert on Wednesday and involving only Grade 7/8. Having an extra adult in staging room with grade 6s on Wednesday was a huge help (another teacher stepped in), and stood out in contrast when there wasn't an extra adult there on Thursday. Would like to have this extra adult present every concert; Brian acknowledges this will fall on teachers to organize, but LMPA will try to recruit a volunteer parent each time.
- No festival in April after all - was not well-organized, not enough information shared in advance to make it realistic to pull together. Entrance fee was refunded.
- Advocacy at district level for music funding is critical right now as the board plans the budget for next year; parents are encouraged to research. District has advanced several models for middle school music programs for

feedback; there is not currently a funding model based on number of student to teacher ratio (as with, for example, regular instruction and counseling services). Two of the proposed models would be okay for Lansdowne - "A" which is status quo; and a "Base+" model (every school gets a base level amount, and where enrolment is high, those schools will get more funding added accordingly). Share this information. Most of the other models would be detrimental to Lansdowne.

- Elementary school tour plan in progress; now with four feeder schools - would need to split into a couple of days. Planning on one full day at end of May with orchestra then visiting the fourth school on PM of cc day.
- Five weeks out from tour. Everything is organized, booked, costs are right on target. Parent student meeting 30-45 minutes next Wednesday, April 12th via Zoom to talk about packing, code of conduct, final payments, q & a, etc. Discussion on final tour payment amount. Won't know until after the tour actual teacher costs (for ToC), bus fee costs, incidentals. Would have to request from LMPA if an unexpected amount is over what could fairly be distributed across student fees - if it would make final costs more than a few dollars more for each student.
- Still waiting on answer from school as to whether LMPA needs to contribute to subsidies for families for tour fees. Should know by May meeting.

### **New Business**

- Square vs Weebly - Square acquired Weebly and it will probably be forced upon us at some point to merge the Lansdowne Music Weebly account (used for website) and the LMPA Square account. Tabled for further discussion next month - who will be responsible for managing the account, who will have access to it and passwords. Currently the music teacher and LMPA president manage the Weebly; Treasurer manages Square. Could be advantageous if we needed to sell something through website? (Keeping in mind high Square fees.)

### **PAC Report**

- No report. PAC is actively seeking new members - cannot make quorum at meetings..

### **Round Table**

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**Meeting adjourned at 743PM, motioned by Shannon, second by Cathy.**