LEXINGTON SCHOOL MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 TIME: 6:30 pm

**Attendees (19):** Erin Bechtel, Heather Bezovie, Leah Carter, Ian Childs, Sarah Childs, Sara Deakin, Andrea Hill, Lesley Hill, Umit Ilhan, Sophie McDonald, Alison Richards, Saima Rizwan, Mohammed Sheikh, Amy Strauss, Barb Tomkins, Mandy VanderVelde, Emily Van Giessen, Annie, Yohne

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Barb Tomkins**

* Video recording of “Our Land Acknowledgement” by last year’s Room 13

**TOPIC ONE: Welcome to 2022/2023 School Council – Mohammed Sheikh**

* Motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting moved by Erin Bechtel, 2nd by Emily Van Giessen. Motion carried.
* Introductions
* Description of school council and roles of chair, secretary and treasurer

**TOPIC TWO: Establish School Council Positions – Mohammed Sheikh**

* Chair – Saima Rizwan
* Secretary – Emily Van Giessen
* Treasurer – Erin Bechtel

**TOPIC THREE: Establish Meeting Dates – Mohammed Sheikh / Barb Tomkins**

* Minimum 4 meetings per school year
* Motion to schedule school council meetings on November 2, February 1, April 5, May 3 moved by Sarah Childs, 2nd by Heather Bezovie. Motion carried.
* Discussed meeting in person vs. virtually
* Motion to hold meetings virtually moved by Mohammed Sheikh, 2nd by Heather Bezovie. Motion carried.

**TOPIC FOUR: Principal & Teacher Report – Barb Tomkins / Lesley Hill**

Open House-Sept. 15th

* Great turn out
* Nice to see everyone out and visiting their child’s teachers and other families as well

School Day working

* Good to check website for news, pictures of learning and/or events but not necessarily sent out on School Day

Trips-started

Volunteers – Food Days

* Would be great to have 1-2 more parent volunteers for Wed. and Fri. food days
* Would need to start at 11am-12pm
* Will need a vulnerable sector police check-school can provide a letter
* Call office if interested

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, Sept. 23rd, our students participated in the Terry Fox School Run for cancer research! Thank you to all who donated to this cause and for the parents who were able to join us to cheer us on. We reached our goal by raising a total of $5,096

Ashton Chow was the lucky winner who chose the banana costume for Ms. Tomkins to wear during the run. A special guest, Mrs. Grant O’Grady, Principal from Millen Woods P.S. surprised us with showing up in her banana costume as well!

School Retake Photo Day – October 26

Spirit Wear and Mabels Labels

* Now available to purchase – check website for October newsletter with links to purchase these items

Fall Festival – Lesley Hill

* Whole school event on October 27 (rain date October 28)
* Mixed teams from grades 1-6 with fun fall themed activities
* Needs
	+ Apple cider
	+ 3 varieties of apples (approx. 40 of each variety) – Andrea Hill will look into this
	+ Mini pumpkins (20) and a pick up truck to pick up hay bales – Yohne Yogeswaran
	+ 4-6 hay bales – Lesley Hill will look into this – contact Lesley if anyone is able to find some (lesley\_hill@wrdsb.ca)

**TOPIC FIVE: Budget – Barb Tomkins / Mohammed Sheikh**

* $521.60 plus $260 from the Big Yellow Bag fundraiser

**TOPIC SIX: Questions from Council**

* Is Lexia being used this year? Yes, for some students
* Cars are not stopping at intersection of Forestlawn and Meadowvale; can a crossing guard be added there? School is not responsible for crossing guards. Mohammed will connect Saima with Jen Vasic, city councilor