



École Intermédiaire  
LANSDOWNE  
Middle School



**PARENTS  
ADVISORY**  
COUNCIL

## AGENDA

25 February 2026  
18:00 – 19:30  
North Campus Library

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Welcome, Introductions, and check-in
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of January minutes
  
- Reports
  - Chair
  - Treasurer
  - LMPA Liaison
  - VCPAC Liaison
  - Lansdowne administration
  
- New business
  - Student Safety concerns to Saanich (see attached)
  - Faculty funding requests
  
- Next meeting 22 April (South)
- Adjournment

## LPAC DRAFT MINUTES 28 JANUARY 2026

In attendance: Melissa Donaldson (Treasurer) Ann Valikoski (Secretary), Gillian Braun (Principal), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Sahara Tamarin, Satnam Sidhu, Bob Swift

### Chair Report:

- Bijan and Gillian will look in to seeing which funding requests were approved at the November meeting
- Bijan has committed to finalizing looking into the funding discussed last time.
- Nothing of interest to report from BCCPAC

### Treasurer's Report:

- Ended the year with 2200.00 in account
- Adding LEGO League
- Changing Parent Education Amount from 300.00 to 332.00
  - Melissa will write a cheque to Oak Bay High School.
- Melissa has asked Tatiane to confirm an amount of \$3500.00

### LMPA:

- Bob mentioned Musical Desserts and Tour coming up

### Administrator Report:

- December was a busy month with end of term assembly: Celebration of End of Term
- Assembly was appreciated by students
- It's been a positive start to 2026
- Lots of comments from EAs about how great the students are
- GSA Talk: Thanks to PAC for supporting
- Black History month in February: There is a Shared Drive for staff, daily announcements will be made
- Maple Man is coming in to talk about French culture
- Grade 8 Students going to Quebec next week
- Compassion Week coming up
- Volleyball: All kids who didn't make competitive are encouraged to do intramurals
- Provincewide Focus on Literacy: Literacy Goal at School
- Gillian provided a pathway of Lansdowne's Literacy Journey
- FSA Data shows above average results for Lansdowne in literacy
- Lansdowne staff has identified strengths and stretches for students: Deeper Thinking skills needs to be targeted.
- At the next staff meeting, staff will come up with an action plan. They will check at the end of the year to see what progress has been made.
- Gillian mentioned wanting to target interventions for priority learners who have lower literacy levels.
- Most kids saying they feel supported by at least 3 adults: Feeling connected to school
- Student learning survey asks about connections to school, mental health is taken in Grade 7
- Musical Coming up in March: Kids have done popcorn sales and bottle drive to make money to supplement PAC funds
- Micah and Gillian do the rounds and remind students of expectations: Restorative process when something goes wrong, intent versus impact
- Talking with partners in public transit about safety on busses: Everyone trying to get somewhere at the same time
- Gillian and Micah monitoring safety at pick up time

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- Gillian suggested a campaign by PAC to Saanich about the speed of traffic: Bringing it to school zone speed
- Gillian suggested directing parents towards PAC Facebook page for messaging to send to Saanich regarding speed of traffic
- Gillian suggested a more fulsome discussion about speed of traffic next time
- Pro D day focused on literacy: Staff worked together to develop good pedagogy and assessment
- Hosted a Gr 8 Parent Night with High School teachers to help explain about the transition to High School. Secondary schools talked to students Lansdowne PAC meeting

### New Business:

- No further funding requests at this time
- \$500 from Rifflandia
- Rest of budget is tight
- Immunizations are coming up for Grade 6
- Gillian mentioned the possibility of Job Action
- Parents need to be prepared for the possibility of strike
- Some staff are starting to pull back a bit on field trips, etc.
- No expectation for teachers to do overnight field trips, etc.

Meeting Adjourned (7:15)

Teale Phelps-Bondaroff, Councillor  
Saanich Council  
District of Saanich

Dear Councillor Phelps-Bondaroff and Members of Saanich Council,

I am writing as a concerned parent to ask the District of Saanich to prioritize safety improvements on Lansdowne Road, particularly between Richmond Road and Shelbourne Street. This area has been a high-traffic corridor for many years, and the number of people using it continues to grow.

More than 500 students attend Lansdowne Middle School, and thousands travel to and from the Lansdowne campus of Camosun College every day. Cars, bikes, pedestrians, and bus riders all move through the same space, and the intersections and road design do not currently support this level of mixed traffic safely. The situation becomes especially dangerous around 3:00 p.m., when hundreds of middle-school students are released and the sidewalks and crossings become extremely crowded.

With the Province now planning to build a new francophone school on the grounds west of Lansdowne Middle School, another 500 students will soon be added to this already busy area. Parents are worried that without changes, the current safety challenges will only increase.

Lansdowne Middle School staff have worked hard to reduce risks—by removing left turns from their parking lot and even stationing the vice-principal at the bus stop during peak times. But the larger road design issues remain. The westbound sidewalk and bike lane are still very narrow, and the shared sidewalk near the bus stop is a constant point of conflict between cyclists, pedestrians, and students. While the eastbound side has seen some improvements, the overall corridor still lacks the calming measures needed for such a dense, multi-user zone.

We are asking Council to consider the following in upcoming planning and transportation discussions:

- Increased and clearly marked crosswalks
- Separated bike lanes and wider pedestrian pathways
- Improved traffic calming to reduce vehicle speeds
- A review of sidewalk widths and pinch-points, especially near the bus stop

These changes would make the area safer for everyone—students, families, drivers, cyclists, transit users, and our broader community.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I appreciate the work Council is doing to improve transportation safety in Saanich, and I hope that Lansdowne Road will be given priority as decisions are made.

Sincerely,  
**[Your Name]**

**Subject:** Safety Concerns on Lansdowne Road Near Lansdowne Middle School

Dear Councillor Phelps-Bondaroff and Members of Saanich Council,

I am writing as a parent to share concerns about ongoing safety issues on Lansdowne Road between Richmond and Shelbourne. This corridor already serves over 500 students from Lansdowne Middle School and thousands of Camosun College users daily. At peak times—especially around the 3:00 p.m. dismissal—the mix of cars, buses, cyclists, and large groups of students creates significant safety risks.

With the Province planning a new francophone school on the lands west of Lansdowne Middle School, the number of young people in this area will soon increase by roughly another 500 students. Without meaningful upgrades, the current infrastructure will not safely support this growth.

Although Lansdowne Middle School has taken steps—such as removing left turns from their parking lot and supervising the bus stop—larger road and sidewalk improvements are still urgently needed. The westbound sidewalk and bike lane are very narrow, and the shared path near the bus stop remains a common point of conflict between cyclists and pedestrians.

I am asking Council to consider safety upgrades in upcoming planning discussions, including:

- Better-marked and more frequent crosswalks
- Wider, separated bike and pedestrian routes
- Traffic-calming measures to reduce vehicle speeds
- Improvements to narrow sidewalk areas, especially near the bus stop

These changes would help protect students, families, and all road users who rely on this busy corridor every day.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing work to improve transportation safety in our community.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]**