



École Intermédiaire
LANSDOWNE
Middle School



**PARENTS
ADVISORY**
COUNCIL

AGENDA

22 April 2026

18:00 – 19:30

South Campus Library

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Welcome, Introductions, and check-in
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

- Reports
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - LMPA Liaison
 - VCPAC Liaison
 - Lansdowne administration

- New business
 - Next meeting AGM
 - Executive nominations
 - Safety Campaign
 - Teacher appreciation day

- Next meeting 27 May (North)
- Adjournment

Attendees: Melissa Donaldson (Treasurer), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Ann Valikoski (Secretary), Chris Short, Micah Seaberg (vice-Principal : North)

6:04 call to order / acknowledge territory

Chairs' report:

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report:

- No material change since last report. Melissa has made a change at the bank so that printed statements will come to the school.

LMPA Report:

- LMPA rep not present

VCPAC Report:

- no VCPAC rep

Administration Report:

Bus stop on Lansdowne Rd.

- The administration is continuing to meet with BC transit and working with them to mitigate some of the issues. Contact is Else Wren.
- Lansdowne Rd. stop across the street at Lansdowne and Hillside: This area is outside the area of transit's purview. It is being flagged as a safety issue with the upper management.
- Administration team is outside along with crossing guards to keep everyone safe as much as they can, as long as there are no other issues at hand.
- Buses are starting to arrive earlier, which cuts down on waiting time. More buses are coming as well, which is moving the students through more quickly.

News from School:

- Lockdown Drill: Police Liaison officers did a walk through to identify where the lock stickers need to be placed for lockdown situations. Drill happened on February 19.
- Care was taken to explain the purpose of the drill. Drills were very well done. Police were very pleased with the way that the drills were conducted.
- Black History Month: Lesson plans were shared with teachers. Daily announcements were made about famous Black leaders.
- Musical Desserts: A large number of staff were present, adding to the community feeling of the event
- Compassion Week: Each day, messages of kindness were read. Signs of affirmation were posted around the school as a living display of kindness.
- Student Learning Survey: Open until May 1st for Grade 7 parents. A measure to see how comfortable students are feeling at Lansdowne. A trend has been noticed that students are increasingly happy to be at Lansdowne.
- Boys' Club Membership: Different speakers come in to talk to the boys about what it means to be a young man. Topics anchored to what it's like to be a young man growing up. Ten sessions. Ten to fifteen students per group.
- Spring Concert on March 5
- March 4 High Schools coming to visit, Grade 8 students can fill out course selection.

LPAC DRAFT MINUTES 25 FEBRUARY 2026

- Beauty and the Beast: Ticket sales starting. 3 performances on March 10, 11, and 12.
- March Break: March 16 - March 29
- Assembly on the last day before March break
- Class Photos: March 31 and April 1
- Finishing up the volleyball season
- Rugby Season starting
- Field hockey and badminton next
- Earthquake Drill
- Earth Week April 14
- Battle of the Books: April 16
- Quebec Trip: April 18 - April 25

Funding Requests:

- No funding requests

New Business:

- Concern about student safety could be something to consider further.
- Letter to Saanich Council. Info booth at upcoming concert?

Next meeting February 22 (South)

Adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

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, including a 30km/hr school zone on Lansdowne Rd.
- 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,