LeMarchant-St. Thomas
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC): Minutes

September 15, 2026

Members Present

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1. Additions of any other business to the agenda

No additions

2. Discussion of New Business

Welcome and introduction of School Advisory Council members.
Assignment of Secretary and Chair or Cochair to wait until October meeting.

3. Administration Update & Student Success Planning Discussion

Theme of the month is *Friendliness*

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Throughout September, students and teachers have been focusing on the importance of friendliness and friendship as part of our Caring Schools initiative.

Staffing Updates

We welcomed the following new staff members this school year:

Carine Abi Daoud Grade 1 French Immersion

Isabella Larocque Grade 1/2 French Immersion

Mary Beth Chisholm Grade 2 French Immersion

Shawna Morrissey Grade 2/3 English

Danica Ottosen Grade 3/4 French Immersion

Megan Ellis Grade 5/6 French Immersion

Erika Wilson School Counsellor

Gina Burgess Grades 4–6 Violin

School Updates

Enrollment: LMST currently has approximately 600 students in 26 classrooms.

Behaviour Expectations: We are reviewing our school-wide Behaviour Matrix through daily announcements. A copy is included in the Primary–Grade 3 student agendas, and a copy will be shared with all families in an upcoming communication.

Safety Drills: Fall safety drills are underway. We have successfully completed a fire drill, lockdown drill and hold and secure drill.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day: Students and staff participated by wearing pink, white and other light colours, creating a wonderful show of support throughout the school.

Music Programs: Grades 5 and 6 Strings and Grade 6 Band programs have begun. **Choir** is starting this week.

Athletics: Cross-country practices are underway.

Student Leadership: The Grade 6 Leadership Club has begun its activities.

Hot Lunch Program: The program is underway. Families are encouraged to check in with their children to ensure they are enjoying their meals, helping to reduce food waste and ensure students have enough to eat.

Important Dates

September 25 Professional Learning Day – No School

September 29 Orange Shirt Day

September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School

October 1 LMST Grades 3–6 Cross-Country Meet – After School

October 6 Cross-Country Meet at Gorsebrook – After School (Rain Date: October 7)

October 8 Class Picture Day

Student Success Planning (SSP)

Our Student Success Planning continues to focus on three priority areas:

- **Mathematics:** We are continuing our work on developing students' computational fluency, with an emphasis on strengthening number sense, efficiency and flexibility in mathematical thinking.
- **Literacy:** Our focus is on exploring the reciprocal relationship between reading and writing, and how instruction in one area supports and strengthens learning in the other.
- **Well-Being:** We continue to deepen our work with *Lou's Matrix of Expectations*, reinforcing consistent, school-wide behaviour expectations and supporting a positive, safe and respectful learning environment.

Set date for next meeting

SAC adjourned until October 20, 2026