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| **MEETING PARTICIPANTS** | | | | | |
| ✓ | Cara Rich (Chair) | ✓ | Dave Taylor (Town Councillor rep) | ✓ | Amit Mali (Principal) |
| ✓ | Michelle Taylor (Secretary) | ✓ | Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee) | ✓ | Brendt Sonnenberg (Assistant Principal |
| NA | Lisa Thrower (Foundation Treasurer) | ✓ | Heather Rideout (Parent) | ✓ | Greg Cruickshank (New Principal) |
|  |  | ✓ | Tracy Childs (parent) | ✓ | Tracy Doerkson (Counsellor) |
|  |  |  |  | ✓ | Katie Perepeletza (Educational Assistant) |

| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION / DECISION** |
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| 1. **Call meeting to order** | 5: 30 via Zoom |  |
| 1. **Welcome & Introductions** |  |  |
| 1. **Review and adoption of agenda** | * Agenda accepted as presented. | Accepted |
| 1. **Review of meeting minutes** | * Minutes accepted as presented. | Accepted |
| 1. **Trustee’s Report** | **April / May 2021 Trustee Report**   * The Board had several budget working days scheduled. Spent time reviewing our vision and priorities as we work though the budget discussions with administration. * We did get our funding envelope as promised on March 31, 2021. Overall, the budget was status quo and is considered a good news budget. They held divisions “harmless” in regards to the weighted moving average (WMA) in the new funding formula. Many boards would have otherwise seen a drop in funding due to losing students as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. * We continue to regularly review Covid response and recovery within the division. * The board held a special meeting where we approved 3 full time FSLWs to connect with students between April and June. We have some students who have not been connecting with schools regularly and we want to ensure they are ready for the 2021-22 school year. We also updated our division modular request to the government at this meeting. * The board has decided not to implement a technology fee next year. Instead the division’s technology plan is to be updated and more information will come forward when it is ready. * New curriculum is the big news. Our board knew that we would not be piloting the curriculum a while ago. It is an operational decision and Superintendent Liguori feels that students have already had two school years of disrupted learning and doesn’t feel the time is right to add anything else. Our administration is reviewing the draft curriculum and we are asking parents to review and do the survey to provide their feedback to Alberta Education. ASBA has been advocating to delay implementation of the pilot and the September 2022 start to address the areas of concern and deal with the pandemic fall out before tackling a new curriculum. So far all we have heard is that it will be implemented in September 2022. * April is always the time of year when we thank our volunteers and even though it has been a very different year in terms of volunteering, we still want to say thank you to those that go out of their way to enhance our students’ school experience. * April 22 Board Meeting * Approved budget allocations to schools and Departments * The board has allocated $500,000 to addressing the learning gap and $500,000 to address the social emotional needs of our students due the pandemic. These funds will not come from the school budgets. This will be additional money for school administration to decide how to best use the dollars within their schools. * Approved administrative fees including space rentals and transportation fees. * Transportation fees: Eligible students - $100, In eligible students - $325, Supplement bus fee - $100 * Additional fee information can be found on the website. * Using 4.6 million dollars of reserves in the 2021-2022 school year. * With the increase in the numbers of vaccinated people, we are hoping for a return to near normal conditions for Sept 2021. ASBA has been advocating to have school staff moved up in priority for the vaccine but so far have not been successful. * For those with junior or senior high school students, we will be returning the semester schedule rather than the quarter schedule. * EIPS will not be offering an online option next year. We will be offering a Home Schooling option but it will be parent led, only offered to those that are currently registered in online programming. They will need to commit to the full year and not will be able to return to the classroom during the year. Will be offered only for the 2021-2022 school year.  Will not be like the online option we now have. * I attended the ASCA conference April 24, 2021. Many great sessions. I do have some documents that I can share if anyone is interested. You can find very helpful information on the ASCA website. * April 26, 2021 I participated in a webinar called Managing the Social And Emotional Impact of COVID-19 presented by J. Kevin Cameron.  It was such an incredible information session. * The next COSC meeting is Wednesday May 5, 2021 from 6:30-8:30pm. * Board report for COSC. Approved the two year reserve plan: $4.66 million year one, $1.2 ish million remainder will be year two. * School council annual reports are due June 25. Send to the principal who will forward to Superintendent. |  |
| 1. **Principal’s Report** | * Staff have adjusted well to online learning. Thank you to all staff and students. * Grad Plans: 1 grad: 9 guests. School is ready. All students are on track to graduate. * New Principal: Greg Cruickshank: 10 years with EIPS. Previously in the roles of Principal and Vice Principal at Andrew school. * Brendt Sonnenberg to continue as LHS Assistant Principal. * No loss of staff at LHS. New teacher Mr. Lafrance to teach math, science and social. Recruiting for a Foods teacher. * Kitchen renovation is complete. |  |
| 1. **Town Council Report** | * Lamont Bike Park is open. Lot’s of cyclists using the park. Plan to expand the park in the future. * Town conducting repairs to infrastructure. * Election fall 2021. |  |
| 1. **Old Business** | * None. |  |
| 1. **New Business** | * School year 2021-2022 LHS Parent Advisory Council board positions available: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. |  |
| 1. **Questions** | * None |  |
| 1. **Next Meeting** | * September 20th at 5:30 | All |
| 1. **Adjourn Meeting** | * 5:58 PM |  |
| *Thank you for attending the Lamont High School Parent Advisory Meeting* | | |