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| **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**  |
| ✓ | Cara Rich (Chair) | ✓ | Dave Taylor (Town Councillor rep) | ✓ | Amit Mali (Principal) |
| ✓ | Michelle Taylor (Secretary) | ✓ | Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee) | ✓ | Candice Lyles |
| ✓ | Lisa Thrower (Foundation Treasurer) | ✓ | Darlene (parent) | ✓ | Tracy Derkson |

| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION / DECISION** |
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| 1. **Call meeting to order**
 | 5: 42 via Zoom |  |
| 1. **Welcome & Introductions**
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| 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**
 | * Completed both schools and central results reviews at the end of November.
* Thank you to Principals and their staff, parents who joined us. We had some great conversations about the 2019-2020 results. Amit and Brendt did a great job! Thank you to Lisa for joining us.
* Late November Premier announced Grades 7-12 will transition to online out of school learning due to the pandemic. At this point plan to return to in school learning January 11 ,2021.
* Reminder that Diploma exams will be optional for the remainder of this school year.
* Board approved the superintendent’s recommendation for students in grade 6 and 9 not write PAT’s.
* Approved the fall budget: November board meeting.
* \*$201.53 million includes $4.72 million of reserves.
* \*Accumulated surplus is estimated to be $13.55million at August 31, 2021.
* \*Student enrolments down by 501, many of these students are unable to
* be tracked of where there are now.
* \*Boards across the province are reporting similar declines in student
* population.
* \*many students unaccounted for across the province, but if they have gone out of province or country we cannot track them.
* Administration is constantly reviewing COVID cost and adjusts as required. We will have motion coming forward to the January board meeting regarding some re-allocation of dollars.
* Approved the Annual Education Results Report for ElPS. Can be found on the website.
* Returning registration for students February 1-28, 2021.
* Municipal Election October 18, 2021: Nominations open from January 1-September 20,2021 at noon. You have to have papers prior to doing any fundraising or spending. I will be seeking re-election.
* 2021 Eips Annual Parent Survey (February) -There will be some additional questions as we are now following the new Assurance Model.  (School authorities will continue to develop education plans identifying priorities and areas to improve. The framework includes new accountability measures to keep school boards accountable for student outcomes, community engagement and continuous improvement.)
* Next COSC meetings are February 3, 2021 and March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm.
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| 1. **Principal’s Report**
 | * Thank you to all staff for their great work in transitioning from in class to online and back to in class. The students are doing great job following COVID guidelines.
* Quarter semester system working well and recommended to continue to next school year.
* Graduation: proposed similar format to last year pending. Afternoon and evening of May 20th and all day May 21st. Number of family members/guest will be subject to COVID guidelines.
* Hosting virtual open house on Feb 10 for new students to Lamont High.
* Staffing: Mrs. Bayes away on maternity leave Feb 1st.
* Fees: Quarter 2 fees –some adjustments to come due to shift to online classes.
* Survey to be released on January 19th to gather feedback on potential school fees for 2021-2022 school year.
* Mrs. Tracy Derkson: counsellor at Lamont high provided update on student supports for academic or emotional struggles, time table support, grad support, and literacy supports.
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| 1. **Town Council Report**
 | * Town operating with COVID protocols, affecting recreation facility availability:
	+ - curling rink closed, ice out.
		- arena: ice in, but no team practice or games currently allowed.
* Town approved an interim operating budget, as there are currently too many unknowns in terms of COVID-19 government funding, grants, etc. We did receive some COVID-based economic relief funding for arena infrastructure upgrades, meeting room A/V upgrade, and other projects.
* There will be a Public hearing on Jan. 26 for land use bylaw amendments.
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| 1. **Old Business**
 | * None.
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| 1. **New Business**
 | * None
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| 1. **Questions**
 | * None
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| 1. **Next Meeting**
 | * March 15th at 5:30; and May 17th at 5:30
 | All |
| 1. **Adjourn Meeting**
 | * 6:31 PM
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| *Thank you for attending the Lamont High School Parent Advisory Meeting* |