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MEETING PARTICIPANTS					
✓	Jodie Derksen (Chair)	✓	Sylvia McDonald (Vice Chair)	✓	Greg Cruickshank (Principal)
✓	Heather Rideout (Secretary)	✓	Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee/Town Councillor)	✓	Brendt Sonnenberg (Assistant Principal)
✓	Angela Wendorff (Treasurer)	✓	Terri Barron	✓	Katie Perepeletza
✓	Delane Zacharko				

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION / DECISION
1. Call meeting to order	5: 03 PM	
2. Welcome & Introductions		
3. Review and adoption of agenda	Add Bylaws to old business. Heather made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Jodie. All in favor.	Motion passed
4. Review of meeting minutes	Sylvia made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jodie. All in favor.	Motion passed
5. Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Fall General Meeting was held Nov 14-16, 2021. I was sworn in as a Director on the Alberta School Boards Association Board of Directors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minister attended, she says they are taking all of the feedback for the curriculum and we could see something very different than the draft that was originally released. Of course, this is nothing for sure and we won't know until they release a second draft in spring 2022. ○ EIPS nominated Dow Chemical for the ASBA Friends of Education Award. They were a Zone 2/3 Winner. • November 25, 2021 Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved: ○ Unaudited accumulated surplus at August 31, 2021. EIPS ended the year with an operating surplus 2021 of \$6.11 million, and an overall accumulated surplus of \$24.37 million. ○ 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements, EIPS received a clean audit. ○ Annual Education Results Report has been approved. ○ The board approved the 2021-22 Fall Budget. The 2021-2022 operating budget is \$198.26 million, which includes drawing \$5.38 million from reserves. • November 24-30, 2021 - School Assurance Reviews, schools shared their greatest strengths, challenges and opportunities for growth with the Board of Trustees and senior Administration. • Dec 6-7 Board Retreat in Camrose 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 13, 2021 - Minister announced some changes to curriculum and it's roll out of only certain subjects to take place in fall 2022. Senior administration will be working on next steps of what and how it will affect our students and staff. Work on piloting 7-10 curriculum in 2022 will be delayed. • Dec 16, 2021 Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received the bullying awareness and prevention week 2021 report ○ Received unaudited financial report for Q1, central departments 30%, schools 25% budgets are spent at this time • Masks and tests from the province have been sent out to schools. • Letter has been sent to Minister on EIPS' position on the curriculum changes. We feel LA and Math should only be for K-1, well-being and Phys Ed K-6. • Transportation has seen an 88% increase (\$180,000) in insurance costs over the past two years. Our Board pays the insurance premiums for all contractors, as per the contact terms. • EIPS was one of 12 boards in the province that underwent an audit/ best practice for the Transportation Task Force. • Overhead costs are increasing and ridership, especially in the rural areas, is decreasing. Also has to do with Covid and parents not wanting students to ride. • School Fee discussions will be taking place at school councils for the next couple of months. • Minister announced that Diploma Exams are canceled for January. • Returning Student Registration will take place February 1-28, 2022. • Feedback on proposed changes to the EIPS School Year Calendar Template. Survey was sent out to school families on school messenger and emails to staff. • Board should be making a decision on the new calendar at the January board meeting. It is on the agenda. • Elk Island Public Schools Survey is running January 6-18, 2022. 	
<p>6. Principal's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 Update. Changes have been made to data collection and quarantine requirements. Students were given medical grade masks and rapid test kits. Absenteeism at LHS hasn't been affected in a significant way. Athletics has returned under a staggered schedule. • Students will be writing final exams in semestered courses at the end of January. • Returning student registration process begins in February. LHS is anticipating an increase in enrollment for 2022-23 due to population demographics. • Fee process for 2022-23. Parent consultation has begun on feedback for fees used to support enhanced programming and extra-curricular activities. There are no anticipated fee increases next year, there will be some fee decreases. • Thank you to the School Council parents who prepared the Formal Day meal in December. 	
<p>7. Town Council Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Participated in the Town Remembrance Day Ceremony. • On November 23, 2021, Council members attended an Indigenous Relations course for elected officials. Derek Bruno was the presenter. • At the November 23, 2021, council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council approved the 2022 capital budget and 5-year capital plan. ○ \$2.6 million dollars worth of road work will be done to catch up with back-logged infrastructure and set the stage for the ongoing town infrastructure. Some of the dollars will come from the reserves, some will be borrowed as interest rates are 	

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	<p>low, a debt repayment line on the utilities bill of 2.7% and some will be recovered through savings on an updated agreement with GFL for waste, recycle and organic hauling services. (approx. \$100,000 in saving per year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council approved a 5.7% increase to water services from the John S. Batiuk Water Commission. There will be an annual increase from the water commission as well, but it is not known yet what it will be. This with the debt repayment line will increase the water bill by \$7.00 per month or \$14.00 per bill. (Billing is sent out every second month). ● Presentation on a whistle cessation study done for the town of Lamont. ● Over the past few months there have been a number of requests to help with waiving of \$ to help with Covid costs. ● The Town was pleased to be asked and donate \$150.00 toward the Christmas dinner for LHS students. ● December 21, 2021, held a recognition event for former Mayor Bill Skinner for his dedication over his several years of service to Council. ● Outdoor skating rink is open at Hillside Park from 6am -11pm. 	
8. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bylaws: Angela has a copy of the bylaws and will email to the group. 	Action
9. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	
10. Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	
11. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 14, 2022 at 5:00pm 	
12. Adjourn Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:47 PM 	
<p><i>Thank you for attending the Lamont High School Parent Advisory Meeting</i></p>		

