



Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Lamont High School

1. Call to order: 6:35 pm

In Attendance:

- Melissa Aylward (Treasurer)
- Marlis Marler (Assistant Principal)
- Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)
- Sylvia McDonald (Chair)
- Melissa Young (Vice-Chair)
- Delane Zacharko (via Zoom)
- Tara Cossey (via Zoom)
- Terri Barron (Secretary)
- Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)
- Maria Dytiuk

2. Welcome & Introductions:

3. Review & Approval of Agenda -

Terri Barron made a motion to pass the agenda as presented. Seconded by Melissa Young. All in favor.

4. Approval of last month's meeting minutes -

Melissa Young made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Melissa Aylward. All in favor.

5. Principal Report - Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)

1. December - January

- a. Music lessons
- b. Christmas dinner
- c. First Aid - 22 students
- d. Christmas dance

2. Semester 2 Start Up

- a. 352 students
- b. Opened up a CALM class
- c. Additional support for large ELA and Social 9 cohorts
- d. Added a 3rd EA to the SEAS team.

3. Open House

- a. February 13
- b. Combining High School and Jr High information nights - Align with RSR

4. Next few months

- a. Munch and Learn Mini Career Fair
- b. Black History Month
- c. RAK week and Pink Shirt Day
- d. Basketball/Badminton/Track and Field
- e. Grad planning - Bottle drive!

5. 2024/25 School Year

- a. RSR opening soon
- b. School fees
- c. Beginning to consider timetabling options
 - i. Efficiencies
 - ii. Equity

6. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Leveraging Student Achievement Funds

Following November Assurance Reviews, all Junior High Principals met with Senior Admin and then together with a targeted small group, discussed the best use of the \$101,000 to support at risk students. These funds were from school reserve over the 1% carryforward throughout the division.

100% of school principals felt that this money would be best utilized to target our most at-risk schools and students by focusing intervention at a few junior high schools throughout the division.

One of the identified schools is Lamont Junior High in both literacy and numeracy.

We will have a full-time lead teacher in literacy and a full-time lead teacher in numeracy to work the entire second semester in supporting the identified schools.

Growth Funds

The Division received \$569,000 in growth funding and it will be distributed throughout the division where needed.

AI Presentation

The board has a presentation about AI and ChatGPT from Dr. Jodie Lobana.

January 2024 Board Meeting

Approved the 2022-2023 School Status Report

Approved School Fee Parameters – 5%-7% increased allowed. Anything more needs a good explanation and discussion with EIPS Superintendent/Treasurer.

ASCA Conference – Board Approved up to \$5000 to support the registration of 1 person/school council to attend the conference.

French Immersion recommendation was approved.

*Relocate EIPS' senior high French Immersion program, grades 10-12, to Salisbury Composite High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year.

*Adjust Strathcona County's senior high attendance boundaries for Lakeland Ridge to be redesignated to Bev Facey Community High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year.

•Adjust the French Immersion junior high attendance boundaries for Cambrian Crossing, to be redesignated to Sherwood Heights Junior High —effective in the 2024-25 school year.

School Council Engagement Grant: Application Process

Email will come out from Emma Small to school council chairs and/or principals. This year you can use it for the ASCA conference fees which is a change from previous years. Please feel free to contact Emma Small for additional information. emma.small@eips.ca

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The next COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Central office at 6:30pm. A virtual option will continue to be offered and I highly recommend having someone from your school council attend.

7. Town Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Garage Pickup has now changed to Fridays.

Committees

Two new members appointed to the Parks and Rec Committee, Terms ending December 31, 2025

Economic Development Board is looking for new members.

Fraud Prevention Presentation

ATB and RCMP collaborating to bring a presentation to the community. All are welcome, town and county residents. January 25, 2024 1:30-2:30pm at the meeting room.

Public Library Meeting

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. Looking for new board members.

Memorial Drive

Council has approved to rename the avenue in front of the curling rink (south side) to Memorial Avenue to honour the School Bus /Train Accident that happened in November 1960.

Snow clearing will be taking place throughout town.

Queen's Park fence replacement to ensure it is no longer on CN property. Will remove the need to make a \$2500 lease payment to CN every year.

Council Meetings

Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook.

The Town of Lamont FB Page is always a great place to look for information.

8. Old Business - Workshops for parents and children - Sylvia McDonald

Sylvia looked into some sessions with Saffron Center about internet safety. It will be covered by the grant we received. Delane Zacharko made a motion to pass the motion to use the grant money to pay for sessions. Terri Barron seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Family Nights

FCSS does not have the supplies or the equipment to run family nights. Colleen is going to look into the situation further and get back to us. Delane Zacharko is willing to volunteer her time to help chaperone these events if we can make them happen. (Looking for something for our youth and their families to do for a few evenings in the gym.)

9. New Business

- ASCA Membership, meetings etc - Sylvia McDonald
- School engagement grant - Sylvia McDonald
Sylvia applied for and received the school engagement grant. Will be using some of it for internet safety sessions with Saffron Center.

10. Questions/Round Table -

11. Next Meeting - Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

12. Meeting adjourned: 8:28 pm