



## Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council

Date: January 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Lamont High School

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### 1. Call to order: 6:15 pm

#### In Attendance:

- Peter Vanermeulen (Assistant Principal)
- Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)
- Melissa Aylward (Vice-Chair, Acting Chair)
- Heather Rideout (Treasurer)
- Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)
- Delane Zacharko
- Francis Aylward
- Nadia Chopping
- Krista Skinner

### 2. Welcome & Introductions:

### 3. Review & Approval of Agenda -

Krista Skinner made a motion to pass the agenda. Seconded by Heather Rideout. All in favor. Motion passed.

### 4. Approval of last month's meeting minutes -

Heather Rideout made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Nadia Chopping. All in favor. Motion passed.

### 5. Principal Report - Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)

#### 1. Past few months

**a. SEP goal #1: Lamont High School will provide opportunities, inspire and encourage students in exploring and understanding career options, leading to improved feedback on student's ability to visualize and plan for their future.**

- i. Grad tracking and post-secondary planning
- ii. CALM presentations
- iii. Scholarship conversations -

- iv. Dual-Credit presentation
- v. Welding partnership with Facey
- vi. Augustana Presentation

**b. SEP Goal #2: Implement a comprehensive system of feedback and assessment to enhance engagement, increase ability to handle rigor, and improve motivation to succeed academically across all subjects and grade levels.**

- i. Classroom criteria of best practices
- ii. Vretta – PATs, accommodations built in, headphones
- iii. STEM and Humanities Coordinator
- iv. READ program

**c. SEP Goal #3: Foster a sense of belonging among all students by creating an inclusive school environment, promoting positive relationships, and implementing programs that celebrate diversity, leading to improved student well-being and academic success.**

- i. Pizza with Principals
- ii. Craft Club – Library
- iii. MADD presentation
- iv. Grade 8 collab meeting
- v. Grade Binder Reset
- vi. Student Council Activities
- vii. Grad Prank Tree
- viii. LME in COS and mini Christmas concert
- ix. COS service night
- x. Leadership - Cookie delivery, food bank drive and festival of trees

## **2. Upcoming months**

**a. SEP goal #1: Lamont High School will provide opportunities, inspire and encourage students in exploring and understanding career options, leading to improved feedback on student's ability to visualize and plan for their future.**

- i. Foundations of Safety Course
- ii. Heartland Industrial Forum
- iii. Career Fair in the works – March 14 (25 vendors confirmed)
- iv. Continued grad tracking and post-secondary planning

**b. SEP Goal #2: Implement a comprehensive system of feedback and assessment to enhance engagement, increase ability to handle rigor, and improve motivation to succeed academically across all subjects and grade levels.**

- i. Coordinators creating vertical alignment
- ii. February – Declarative Language
- iii. Teacher’s Convention
- iv. Vretta – Humanities for Diploma

**c. SEP Goal #3: Foster a sense of belonging among all students by creating an inclusive school environment, promoting positive relationships, and implementing programs that celebrate diversity, leading to improved student well-being and academic success.**

- i. Grade 9 binder reset and PAT celebration
- ii. PD – Declarative Language
- iii. Black History Month
- iv. Partnership with LME
- v. Pink Shirt day/Random Act of Kindness Week

### **3. Fees**

### **6. Town Report - Colleen Holowaychuk**

- Communities Priorities Survey  
Survey link can be found on Facebook.
- Lamont’s History Corner  
Thank you to Trudy Harrold who generously donated her time to sort and display various artifacts and articles to create a history corner at the town office.
- Free Public Skate and Shiny  
See the schedule on the website or Facebook.
- Upcoming Council Meetings  
Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook. Next meeting is January 28, 2025.

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

## **7. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk**

### **2025-2026 Student Registration Process**

- Feb 10-24, 2025. All students need to register whether they wish to attend their designated school or not.
- Kindergarten Registration will begin Feb 1, 2025, and remains open year-round.
- New students to the division are also open year-round.

### **2025 Trustee Elections Bylaws passed**

- In preparation for the 2025 municipal election, the Board passed two bylaws.
  - o Establishment of Wards and Electoral Subdivisions
  - o The Rules and Procedures for the Conduct of School Trustee Elections
- No. 011/2024 Criminal Record Checks Required for Trustee Nominations
  - o Must be issued no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the election to which the nomination pertains. Record check reports must be dated on October 20, 2024, or later to be valid for the October 20, 2025, election.

### **Division Calendar 2025-2026 and 2026-2027**

- Early out every Wednesday for collaborative time.

### **Naming of the Sherwood Park Replacement School**

- New name is Forest Grove School
  - o This new School brings together two school communities, Sherwood Heights Junior High and Ecole Campbelltown Elementary into a new K-9 dual track French immersion school.

### **School Fee Parameters approved**

- Fees can only be increased by 2%. Anything exceeding will require explanation with executive team and very good reasoning.
- Fee waivers are based on low-income cut-off information from Statistics Canada indexed annually.

### **Data breach through Power School**

(All families received a letter from EIPS with more detailed information)

- 80 million people affected worldwide.
- EIPS system was not breached, however, as soon as we learned of this incident, we initiated our security protocols, including engaging cybersecurity specialists.
- What happened? On Jan 8, 2025, Elk Islands Public Schools was notified by PowerSchool—a third-party software vendor whose platform we, and many other schools in North America and around the world, use to store student and staff information—of a data breach.
- We've been informed by PowerSchool that the incident is contained and there is no evidence of continued unauthorized activity in the PowerSchool platform. We are not aware of any data misuse at this point.
  - o PowerSchool has advised it has received confirmation the data accessed by the unauthorized

user has been deleted and that no copies of this data were posted online.

- Are accounts through PowerSchool secure? Usernames and passwords were not impacted in this breach.
- Who is affected? All current and former EIPS students who attended EIPS from 2009 onwards and current and former staff who had a PowerSchool account from 2009 onwards.
- What data was impacted? EIPS has completed a thorough review of impacted data and can confirm the following data was accessed as a result of this incident:
  - o Students: name, date of birth, grade level, mailing address, Alberta Student Number, parent/guardian names, home phone number, graduation year and some emergency contact and medical information (for example, doctors' names and phone numbers)
  - o Staff: name, work email address, employee ID, PowerSchool username
  - o Documents (for example, birth certificates) uploaded within PowerSchool were not impacted as a result of this incident.
  - o No staff or student photos were accessed in this incident.
  - o no financial information (including credit cards) was accessed or stored in PowerSchool.

### **Kindergarten Pilots 2025-2026**

- Full day every day kindergarten
  - o Ecole Park French Immersion (\$75/month)
  - o Wes Hosford STEM Kindergarten (\$350/month)
  - o Mundare STEM kindergarten (unsure of the cost yet)

### **Volunteer Opportunity - Audit Committee**

- o Closing Date: March 7, 2025, Open To: External candidates only
- o Job Description: Audit Committee Community Members (two positions available)
- o Volunteer position. Honorarium of \$100/meeting and reimbursement for mileage. Approximately two meetings per year.
- o Meetings take place during regular business hours, one in the spring—usually in May or June—and one in the fall—usually in November.
- o Community members will serve on the Audit Committee for a two-year term and may apply to serve additional two-year terms.
- o The successful candidates will serve on the Audit Committee which reports to the Board of Trustees and assists in ensuring the assets of Elk Island Public Schools are preserved and resources utilized, as approved.
- o See the EIP Website for more information which includes qualifications and responsibilities.

### **COSC Meeting Dates**

The next COSC meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2025, at EIPS Central Office in Sherwood Park. Meetings are always available to join virtually.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday January 23, 2025.

**8. Old Business -**

**9. New Business-**

a. The council accepts Sylvia MacDonald's resignation for Chair submitted to the executive and the school prior to this meeting. Melissa Aylward assuming the role of Chair for the Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council until the next Annual General Meeting as she is the vice-chair.

b. Discussion of Christmas dinner – There was difficulty with accessing the kitchen to warm food. Aware for next year to arrange for same. Will discuss the date for the next year's dinner at the next Annual General Meeting. To add to the notes from the Christmas dinner to add in costs for "to-go" containers (e.g. Ziploc bags) for the leftover cookies and food.

c. Lamont Council Bylaws – These were found possibly last updated in 2017. Will review same to discuss within executive as well at the next meeting. They are currently called bylaws but need to be changed to be called operating procedure.

**10. Questions/Round Table -**

**11. Next Meeting - Thursday March 13, 2025 @6:00**

**12. Meeting adjourned: 7:12 pm**