# LCI School Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 pm

Call to Order 7:05 pm, Carol Heggie

Introductions of executive

Additions to agenda - athletics in schools

Reports:

Wayne Pallett

New Staff

* Kyle Mackenzie, came from Lakie, Vice Principal, Green to Gold newsletter from him, international students
* Ross Bekkering (Math/CTS)
* Jesse Sawyer (Math/PE)
* Cinema Mathieu (Physics) (Warren Rowntree retired)
* Renee Kukucha (Foods/Fashion)
* David Fuller (ELL) (morning at Lakie, afternoon at LCI)
* Jamie MacCormack (English) mat leave
* Erinn Roberts (choir)

PS III Interns

* Nathalie Snyder (Band)
* Danika Peters (English)
* Deema Abushaban (PE)
* Madi Williams (Art)
* Teri Tardiff (CTS)
* Grace Landry (Counselling)

Gordon Vatcher

* lots of planning went in to preparing to return, changes to schedules (2 classes a day), this week moved to breaks at different times according to what works best for each teacher.
* Approximately 140 home learners at LCI. Work together with other high schools - same schedule, sharing teachers.
* Upgrades to school with government funding, Learning commons
* Working closely with SAIAC to see what is happening locally. So far Medicine Hat and Westwinds have started athletics, but are staying only within their district in terms of cohorts for teams. Question: what’s the measuring stick for opening up? Answer: Government-wise, stage 3 for opening beyond cohorts. As far as our district opening sports there is a district plan, and was a board meeting today. Superintendent Cheryl Gilmore says the board is aware of struggles and desires for sports and extracurricular activities. More communication will be coming later this week. Extra-curricular includes arts, clubs, as well as sports. Question: Is it about money? What’s the plan for moving forward? Why are students punished because activities are school-based when community sports are operating? Answer: Tyler Demers - these things ARE being discussed. We’re not the only district who are not doing extra-curricular activities. Had to concentrate on getting school open before running any extra-curricular.
* Spirit Week this week, students have been responding well. Student leadership group (class for credit) is taking over for Student Council which is not happening this year, planning to move forward that way. Students will need to register for the course to be involved in student leadership. Have 24 students currently enrolled who are focused and energetic about student leadership.

Parent Questions:

1. As we approach semester two, will classes remain the same length? Answer: In a perfect world we would get to 4 period day next semester, but have to coordinate with the other high schools and the at-home learners. They want to do what’s best for students. Didn’t do 1/4 system because information came that it is prohibitively difficult to change to 1/4 system for just one year. If we end up having to go online we will change the way classes are offered at home to only 2 at a time.
2. Lunch when the weather changes? Answer: Lunch for now is classroom-based and outdoors, but they’re looking to open cafeteria, learning commons, gyms, etc as alternatives for places to safely eat lunch/socialize.
3. Will diploma exams be written? Answer: As of now Diplomas will be written. PAT will likely be done for Math and Science, but that decision is made as a district.

Elections of Executive Positions:

Chair - Carol is willing to have her name stand for continuing as chair; Mandy motioned, Annette 2nd, vote passed

Vice Chair - Carol motioned for Nancy to be Vice Chair, Nancy accepted, vote passed

Secretary - Nancy motioned for Vicky Hazelwood to be Secretary, Vicky accepted, vote passed

(No need for treasurer as we don’t have a bank account or any funds).

DSC Reps - Allison Pike would like to continue as rep (next meeting October 5th)

* Jamie Wahlberger will also be a rep.

Board Trustee Tyler Demers - there was a board meeting just before this meeting, we thankfully haven’t had many Covid cases, so we’re able to start moving forward, more communication will be coming later this week.

Executive Council Member Cheryl Gilmore - She is proud of and grateful for staff and administrators and all that has been done to prepare to come back and have a relatively smooth re-entry to the school year. The School district also has a higher level of responsibility and due diligence to adhere to than community sport or activities. First priority is the education of students and ensuring that staff feel safe and confident in their responsibilities. Be patient, we’re doing our best, we’re listening.

Question: if 140 are online learning, how many are in school.

Answer: about 800.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

School tour of upgrades and improvements was given by Katrina Hurdle.