



Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Attendees: Wayne Pallette, Bonnie Dyck, Erin Wallace, Allison Purcell-Pike, Annae, Becky Ash, Carol, Jennifer Steeves Klimpke, Dan Johnson, Kyle McKenzie, Mike Nightingale, Mandy Butler, Tiffany Hill, Christina Eileen, Tyler Asuchak, Walburger, Dana Heshka,

1. Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

• I respectfully acknowledge that I am on Treaty 7 territory, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations, including Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai, the Tsuut'ina Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nations.

Meeting Decorum

- Remember Confidentiality (share topics and learnings, not names and specifics)
- Listen actively and turn your camera when asking a question (no side-bar - conversations; no cell phone use)
- Share (no voice dominates; all ideas matter)
- Respect others' opinions and views (all voices heard; agree to disagree)
- Take responsibility for learning (Participate! You only get out what you put in)
- Promote discussion and group decision-making (collective voice)
- New Business items are requested and added to the agenda for the next meeting

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes – Mandy Butler, Erin Wallace

4. Reports:

a. Administrator – Wayne Pallett

i. Bell Times – We needed to shift bell times to make up for the day off on September 30th.

We are still working with the buses. They are adding six new routes to help make the buses run more efficiently.

ii. Assurance Plan Activity – Council discussion will be next month due to technology/power outage.

b. Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities (ongoing review)

- It is a priority for us, as much as we are able, to keep students in class in person this year and secondly that students are participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

- We are able to have spectators at stadium games now at football games. We will be meeting as principals on Monday to talk about opening up more spectator opportunities.

DISCUSSION:

- Players have been asked to video tape games. Parent expressed concern that players on the bench should not be video taping.
 - o Wayne will talk to Gord and other coaches regarding this concern.
- Parent expressed concern over Magrath's system and making teachers be the heavy for enforcing regulations.

c. Parent Questions:

A. Is it possible for teachers use the Teams function to Teams students in when sick?

- If students are sick and unable to attend it is treated as an absent and the expectation is not that teachers support that individual as was expected last year.

Wayne will talk to staff about consistency. He will encourage staff to direct students to where they can get information. Students can also msg teachers on Teams.

B. Class size and equipment in option classes?

- We grew quickly this year so our staffing will not necessarily catch up for a few years. We are currently somewhat understaffed. This has caused some class sizes to be larger in some of the options. We are continuing to work through it for this year. This is a result of the Province's system of a weighted moving average has resulted in us to be a bit understaffed. We will catch up.

DISCUSSION:

- Parent concern expressed regarding student only having two classes next semester rather than a full course load. Students can stop into see an administrator to make changes.

3. LCI's Green2Gold Program

- Character education – Green2Gold Program
- This is an anecdotal program, it is not done by a rating scale.
- Parents, staff and students are welcome to nominate any students.
- There are typically 20+ staff that review the nominations and choose the five ambassadors for the month. Once a month, staff and students will vote on who will be the Green2Gold ambassadors.
- We review the nomination and work at seeing every student get a nomination.

DISCUSSION:

- Parent expressed concern about assessment form for extra curricular activities (different than the Green2Gold Program) that is on a scale of 1-4 including attendance, grades, participation, and attitude. One of the categories is attendance. We are trying to be responsible keeping our

students home if possibly ill. Concern is attendance being part of the measurement and rating students on their character. If there is a personality conflict between a student and teacher or if attendance isn't perfect due to illness then there is concern that rating the student may not be fair or beneficial. Concern that the measurement is too subjective and room for opinion and penalize someone due to personality conflict.

- Wayne explained that the goal of the sheet is not to withhold students from their activities. It is to help facilitate a conversation with the student and coach and possibly the teacher to see how improvement can be made if needed. It is not intended to be punitive. It is to help build the relationships between the coaches, teachers and students.
- **ADD TO NEW BUSINESS:** Review Extra Curriculum Green2Gold form next meeting
- Kyle explained that the extra curricular form is to help with students representing the school and themselves well when they wear the jersey or participate in Band, Choir, etc.

4. Student concern:

a. Gym floor and refinishing – there have been some slippage in gym classes and practices. Gym floor hasn't been refinished due to construction happening at the school. We will be asking to have it refinished at Christmas break.

b. Improve our gym facilities

This could be an opportunity for parents to write letters and advocate for money to improve the gym facilities.

d. District School Council (Jamie Wallberger)

- Allison has been replaced by Shelly Roast as a new officer.
- Christine Light talked about the annual "Friends of 51" recognition ceremony held in the parking lot where over 30+ people/organizations were recognized.
- New community page on the website where information such as the "re-entry survey" will be held.
- The Minister of Education will review the curriculum and is looking for feedback before implementing the K-6 new curriculum. Sessions will be held to get feedback. The first meeting will be Tues. Oct 19, 6pm on Teams.
- World Teacher Day on October 5
- On the Public Forum there was some questions about students keeping masks on during the
- There will be two board meetings in November as the new members will then be able to join in.
- 3,130 responses to the re-entry survey <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/re-entry>
- School bussing issues were discussed and are being work on
- Spectators for sports was discussed.
- Virtual Meet and Greet was hosted to give an opportunity for parents to connect with candidates
- **There is a 30 minutes parent learning session before all District School Council meetings. If parents would like to submit a topic they can contact Jamie.**

- Round table discussion about choosing materials that are not on curriculum such as books that come into classrooms and assignments.
- Some questions were raised about insurance. Some school councils have liability insurance. If we have questions about this regarding the need for insurance for our officers we can talk with Jamie or Allison as ASCA can help provide more information. Erin mentioned the School Councils are covered under Lethbridge School Division insurance.
- The School Division is looking for parent feedback regarding the Wellness Committee. **What could parents use for resources that would help parents support their children at home?**

ASCA: (Allison Purcell)

- **Student Councils are being asked if they would like to participate in any of the workshops being offered by ASCA. Parents can email Leanne Tedder regarding what workshops they are interested in. Workshops are listed in DSC Agenda from October 4th <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/368786>**
- Some hint that the Division may pick up the cost of this.
- A school council grant is being given to every council by the **Ministry of Education (\$500) for parent engagement opportunities.**

e. Board Trustee – Tyler Demers – regrets

f. Executive Council Member – Mr. Mike Nightingale

- Mike oversees the HR department.
- Enrollment is up at LCI and across the Division.
- Boost Program is new. Government is providing some new funding for students needing extra support. We aren't sure how much money is going to be associated with this program. Once we do we will take the next steps.
- Parent Teacher Interviews are happening later this week.
- Re-Entry Survey data expressed a lot of excitement to have everyone back in person.

5. New business for next meeting.

- Staff Appreciation Lunch – Donations on School Cash Online by parents for a staff luncheon
- Extracurricular Green2Gold Form
- Assurance Plan Activity
- Review Teacher consistency with students missing schools
- How will we use the \$500 to engage parents?

Future meeting dates:

- Tuesday, October 12 Tuesday, March 8
- Tuesday, November 9 Tuesday, April 12
- Tuesday, January 11 Tuesday, June 7
- Tuesday, February 8