

Lethbridge Collegiate Institute
School Council



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Agenda (Tuesday, January 11, 2022)

1. Call to Order

In Attendance: Hannah Baker, Lilli Banks, Allison Purcell, Annae Jones, Gordon Vatcher, Grayson Hill, Hannah Baker, Dave Lowry, Lara Hall, Mike Nightingale, Naomi Tanner, Nancy Bly, Tiffany Hill, Mandy Butler, Wayne Pallett, Christina Eileen, Bonnie Dyck, Kyle McKenzie, Jenny Steed, Carol Heggie, Russel Jensen, Morgan Hill, Shelley __, Kaylee Low,

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 sidebar 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. Review of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes – Mandy Butler

4. Reports:

a. Administrator – Wayne Pallett

- i. December Christmas Luncheon – A big thank you to the School Council and families who organized and donated to the staff luncheon. It was a big success and greatly appreciated.
- ii. Return to classes and extended instruction – We missed 4 days of teaching time however we are able to recoup them by changing the exam week.

iii. Adjusted course weightings – Staff and Admin worked hard to determine how to not disadvantage students and be compassionate educators.

Grade 9 PATs	Weighting 20%
Grade 10 & 11 English/Social	Weighting 30%
Grade 10 & 11 Math/Science	Weighting 10%
Grade 12 Core Final Assessments	Weighting 10%

iv. Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities – Being addressed in parent question section

v. LCI School Budget

Budget Funds		
Allocation	\$ 5,551,364.42	
Teacher Salaries	\$ 4,487,500.00	80.84%
Support Salaries	\$ 177,535.00	3.20%
Substitutes & Casual	\$ 10,000.00	0.18%
Benefits	\$ 588,287.42	10.60%
Contracted Services (Phone/Copier/Postage/Equipment Repairs)	\$ 53,750.00	0.97%
School Supplies: Textbooks/ Classroom Materials/ Computer Supplies/Software / Desks/Chairs	\$ 159,205.00	2.87%
Building Repairs / Updating	\$ 75,087.00	1.35%
	-\$ 0.00	

School Generated Funds	Balances Beginning 2021-2022 School Year	
Fundraising		
Grocery Cards Fundraised	\$	9,381.67
Band Fundraising	\$	10,142.78
Choir Fundraising	\$	3,887.32
Drama	\$	10,321.15
GSA	\$	500.90
Poverty	\$	287.39
Artisan	\$	1,893.00
Donations		
Band	\$	4,040.00
Choir	\$	539.96
Academic Awards	\$	6,573.23
Dance	\$	9,110.00
Poverty	\$	287.39
Fitness Center	\$	361.41
Alumni	\$	11,628.45
Programs		
Skill Devel - Bottle Recycling	\$	2,390.00
Athletics	\$	-
Community Help Projects	\$	719.81
Peer Support	\$	1,324.45
Snack Grant	\$	571.75
Leadership	\$	10,398.00
Income		
GST Rebate	\$	5,626.33
Other - sale of bus	\$	24,537.65
Cafeteria	\$	2,225.00
Concession	\$	224.26
	\$	116,971.90

vi. Annual Student Fee – reviewed budget numbers of what is included in Student Fees.

vii. Parent interest in being a part of Town Hall (Tuesday, Feb. 1)

Volunteers: Nancy Bly,

b. Parent Questions:

i. Science 9 in a semester system

ii. Extra-curricular sports - spectators, playing in tournaments and appealing Board's decision.

- Mike Nightingale: Prior to COVID the Board didn't take an active role in these types of decisions however last year we had a Pandemic Plan stating that there wouldn't be any extracurricular. At the end of last year, the Board gave this decision making back to the schools.
- Admin team is meeting on Thursday morning of this week to review the decisions around extra-curricular. They will be looking at how many students are away, do they have teachers in place to lead the sports, dance etc.

iii. Extra-curricular sports - What is the measuring stick to resume games and tournaments and is it based on feelings or is it based on quantitative measures?

- The process is: Ministry of Health talks to Alberta Education, Alberta Education gives School Divisions guidance and lets School Divisions know what recommendations are and what are essential. We have to then determine risk and how cautious we need to be looking at what is AB Ed advice, what are the COVID numbers, what is staff and student absenteeism, etc. The schools and the Executive Council are then making the decisions together.
- Admin is prioritizing students being in-person and learning. The next priority is that the students are participating and as a start that means practices for sport, music, drama, and students socializing.
- Recommendation for board and Admin to look at vaccination rates in these decisions. Cases aren't the same as hospitalizations.
- Parent comment, "Vaccination was touted as the key to getting through the pandemic and we've done our part. It doesn't mean you won't get covid (which is an impossibility at this point) but sever outcomes are extremely limited as a result. It's time to get back to personal responsibility for individual relative risk and get away from institutional management of risk."
- How can we as parents help you to move forward on this decision?

iv. Clarification regarding exam format i.e. dates and times of exams and what is happening in place of finals for 30 levels and if all other grades are going to stay the same weighted level? *See above*

v. Why do the grade 9's still have to take the PAT exams when the diploma exams were cancelled?
This was a Government decision.

vi. Clarification on the process for determining COVID restrictions as they relate to extracurricular activities, spectator attendance, practices/games, etc. *See above*

vii. Division board meeting format, request to allow more back and forth of questions and comments from those in attendance.

Clarification on format was given by Genny Steed and Allison Purcell. Parents are welcome to attend Board Meetings.

viii. Extra Curricular - Play/Perform/Compete

ix. Switching periods 3 & 5 – *This change will not be made due to student feedback and concerns.*

x. Reconfiguring the cafeteria – *Some of the cafeteria tables have been moved into different halls and areas of the school to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria.*

c. District School Council

d. Board Trustee – Genny Steed

- School Calendar for 2022 and 2023 was passed at the last meeting

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/376471>

- A multi faith calendar is being created for staff and teachers to provide them with more information on what special holidays students may be observing and why they may not be at school, etc.

e. Executive Council Member – Mike Nightingale

5. New business for next meeting.

Future meeting dates: Tuesday, February 8 Tuesday, April 12 Tuesday, March 8 Tuesday, June 7