

LCI School Council – September 19, 2023

Attendance (27): Tiffany Hill, Burus Hill, Annette Siemens, Janessa Fyfe, Caylee Low, Evelyn Murakami, Rachelle Riric, Hala Ibrahim, Claudia Limon, Colleen Giesbrecht, Cory Gillespie, Kyle McKenzie, Wayne Pallett, Robbie Charlebois, Gordon Vatcher, Shannon Pratt, Carrie Boschman, Shelley Roest, Lindsay Romeril, Helen Sheen, Jennifer Morneau, Jamie Wallburger, Allison Purcell, Annae Jones, Kaylee Low, Kathryn McKee, Jessica DeJager.

1. Call to Order – Tiffany Hill (previous chair - 2022/2023)
2. Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – Annette Siemens
4. Election of SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
 - i. Chair: (was Tiffany Hill) Tiffany Hill – unanimously passed
 - ii. Vice Chair: (was Nancy Bly) Claudia Lemon – unanimously passed
 - iii. Secretary: (was Vicki Hazelwood) Vicki Hazelwood
(alternate: Carrie Boschman) — unanimously passed
 - iv. DSC Reps: (was Jamie Walburger). Jamie Walburger and Shelley Roest.
(Alternate: Carrie Boschman) — unanimously passed
5. Reports
 - a. ADMIN REPORTS
 - I. NEW STAFF (Wayne Pallett)
 - LOTS (60+ teachers, 100+ staff). See attached list.
 - 1480 students with some fluctuation still (200+ student growth)
 - new EAs due to needs growth NOT population growth of the school
 - II. INDIGENOUS CELEBRATIONS (Kyle McKenzie)
 - Entire class of indigenous students at LCI. Shawne Big Bull is teaching this.
 - Equinox: Raising Blackfoot confederacy flag.
Students extremely proud of this opportunity
 - All LCI students will be given an orange shirt for orange shirt day.
 - Beginning this week... 8:50-9:30: EACH day for the entire week, time set aside to discuss indigenous education (alternate schedule running for the week)
 - some teachers are doing additional lessons on indigenous education lessons
 - parents and community members invited
 - III. Great start to the school year so far!
 - b. SCHOOL COUNCIL ITEMS (Tiffany)
 - i. Parent Questions/Concerns
 1. Discuss concerns with team rooms for athletic trips (Becky/Tiff)

- based on Lethbridge School Division Policy 607.1 (Field Trips, Off-Campus Activities and Student Travel)
- REQUEST: need to have room for parents to have their own kids stay with them as there have been concerns about night time supervision
- if kids are not bussed, parents have to go anyways.
- kids sleep better when parents are in the room ensuring proper behavior
- Kids have been bullied and harassed (specific examples given)
- Fees are \$800 for the Sr team (tournaments, officials, gear and hotels). Parents are paying TWICE - for their own room as well as a team room for the child that is on the team if required to stay in a team room – even though parents are required to drive their own child to the tournament.
- Suggested: if a bus is provided, then it is reasonable to require team rooms BUT if parents are required to drive, then the option to have their own room with their child should be permitted.
- Suggested: have a parent volunteer to manage the hotel and travel component of school teams.
- POLICY states that supervision must be the best to protect the children. Question: wouldn't one's own parent best offer this?
- Some parents have chosen to NOT do hotels in any capacity to reduce costs (stay with family or friends)
- Student athletes should never feel forced/uncomfortable due to staying in a team room
- 2 issues: (1) Parents should not be responsible for someone else's kid (2) team fees: could this be broken down tournament by tournament?
- suggested that it is more of a liability to the school when parents are NOT there.
- parent request that the team hotel fees be separate from the rest of the fees – could make it easier for administrators to do budgeting

- ADMIN: How do we budget and bill sports? Would increase the work for admin or the coaches in order to track payments.
- ADMIN: school trips are under the LSD policy so fees have to be set and approved prior to knowing what parental involvement would be.
- ADMIN: club team models aren't permitted.
- ADMIN: Needing to have a staff responsible for team trips.
- Morag Asquith (Associate Superintendent) is the trip coordinator through the division office (suggested discussion with her)

- ROBBIE CHARLEBOIS will talk with executive council (fees and supervision). Add to agenda for October and Robbie will report back

- Parent Clarification for this year: Can kids be in parent rooms if wanted? ADMIN ANSWER: YES – but they are still required to pay for the team room fee

2. What is the policy for students transferring schools for sports?

- WAYNE: The school division is working hard for students to stay within their own boundaries

- Jamie: Sports are Governed by ASAA GUIDE for student transfer policy

- o Family moves into the boundary
- o Parent-parent move
- o Directed by legal authority
- o School opportunities educationally

- ADMIN must deal with student athlete side through ASAA (even if the student is able to attend the school due to boundaries)
- ADMIN: La Verendrye, Vic Park and Immanuel Christian have all sent students to be part of LCI athletics (but LCI then absorbs that school population and this may change the tier they are required to play). This needs to be approved and isn't always permitted.

3. Ram Room – who is it for? (Jessica)

- ADMIN: There are 3 team rooms (Football, Clipper Room, Ram Room) which are used for Team meetings, storing gear (especially during the day) and is usually for the Sr teams
- Some athletes decorate for their season. (CAUTION: Kind of smelly!)
- QUESTION: Any renovations in the future? Nothing official

4. Follow up on Honor Roll recognition - When will this occur?

WAYNE: Will be up for last years' students – letter will be emailed

- National Honor Society – a club offered to students, by invitation, who have 85% of higher. Can join in Grade 11 and 12. Have some volunteer requirements. Students gain additional recognition at grad for their participation in this club. (Run by: Elaine Jacklyn - Teacher)

5. Follow up on registration processes (was different than last year)

- WAYNE: registration begins in April when current students choose their classes. Conversations are had with advisors based on what classes they have taken.
- program offerings are generated using student choices
- teacher timetables usually solidified in June based on classes needed
- Teachers are asked to do pre-requisite checks in late AUGUST (when first returning from summer break) before students receive their own timetables . Changes can be made to student

timetables/classes at this time (usually 20% needing changes – students register as if they pass a class but then are not successful and need to retake a class)

- ADMIN: Students need to remember their powerschool log-in. Be precise (and flexible) with courses they need to drop AND what they want to add. – Office Admin dealt with password issues for days.
- ADMIN: Reminder that this is complex especially if a student has all year courses or FRENCH and band, etc... this pigeon holes a student into certain blocks for particular courses.
- ADMIN: seeking to offer ways for students to select the semester that they take a course in order to fast-track some of their courses (such as Science 10 then Bio 20).
- ADMIN; Teams messaging would keep it in cue (unless a student keeps sending messages... are you there?!?!)
- ADMIN: hardly any physical line ups - which was great!

PARENT COMMENTS:

- Parent appreciated that the master schedule was sent out
- Worked well to have GRADE level start days (more staff were also available to make changes as soon as possible)
- PARENT / STUDENT frustration: when one went to made a change, the schedule seemed to be gridlocked and all classes were full.
- PARENT concern: responding through TEAMS required parent to sit and wait until they finally got a response to the request AND then they found that the classes were full as it was.
- Parent: how can powerschool be permitted to allow students to take courses that are outside of their grade level?
- PARENT: TEAMS showed that the ADMIN status was set to “available/busy” (A good thing!)
- PARENT: helpful to be able to coach the kid, even though parent was at work, so that the student can try to navigate course changes
- PARENT: suggest to move PICTURES/ID to a day other than on registration days.
- PARENT: requested for the grade 12s to have it one day sooner so that they can look at the schedule and coach their student on how to make changes the next day.
- TEACHER: working hard to lower class sizes which means there are caps on class size to ensure that there is quality in the education offered. Some caps are also due to safety (eg SHOP, Fitness)
- IDEA: Could you book a TEAMS mtg? ADMIN: Would run out of spots... most moves are done in 5 min and are often contingent on others dropping the class a different student needs (a great big puzzle)...

6. Discuss designated email / facebook / Instagram account to get info out to parents (BECKY)

- Would need to be managed by the exec.
- Possibility for Claudia (VC) to manage it?
- may be an alternative to email updates
- cross post FB and Insta.

- PARENT: not easy to manage a FB page
- PARENT: no matter how many options you use to communicate events or information, parents will miss it and others will find the info if you are wanting to find it

- ADMIN: reminded that the parent council exec can send any info to the school to be added to the weekly email.

- TABLE UNTIL NEXT MEETING. ADD TO OCTOBER AGENDA

7. Revise or edit bi-laws? (Must be made at an AGM) – set up a committee to look at these.

- PARENT: Upon review, one part of the bi laws does not align with the school act.
- discuss at OCTOBER meeting

c. DIVISION SCHOOL COUNCIL (DSC) – October 3 at 6:30pm (Division Board office)

- DSC executive AGM
- Committee volunteers set
- Understanding more about the division

d. BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Kristina Larkin (LCI rep) was unable to attend

- Allison Purcell gave report (came as a parent)
- Sept 12: Organizational meeting
- Allison was voted in as the Board Chair and Christine Light as the Vice Chair.
- Can go to the Lethbridge School Division webpage to see all committee reps.
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/board/committees>

- Tuesday Sept 26: Next board mtg. Public welcome to attend in person starting at 3:30pm (Board room of the Education Center 433-15th Street S) or watch live.
- Agenda is posted at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/427137>

- Community conversations are starting in October again
 - an informal opportunity for community members to engage with Trustees. These are intentionally moved to different areas of the city each

month along with different time frames to hopefully allow more people opportunity to engage.

e. Executive Council Member – Robbie Charlebois

- nothing to report tonight!

- will discuss with executive council the parental concerns about the way policy 607.1 is being implemented

Future Meeting Dates: OCTOBER 24.

(LCI School Council will typically meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month but moved due to conflict with Lakeview elementary parent council meeting dates. Exec will set dates for the remaining of the school year based on feeder schools' schedules).

Adjourned: 8:45 pm