



LCI School Council Meeting

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Agenda (Tuesday, March 19th, 2024)

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.

2. Review of Agenda – Shelly Roest, Kaylee Low

3. Approval of Minutes – Carrie Boschman, Yolanda

4. Reports:

a. Administrator – Wayne Pallett

i. Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction - Thursday, April 11, Doors open at 5PM, 6:30PM Dinner, Adults \$20, children \$10, 50 tickets will be sold. - Put on by the Life Skills group to raise funds for special programming such as off campus trips (Nature Centre, pool, bowling, busing). Life Skills used to collect bottles for fundraising but it no longer was working with several of the students complex abilities. The choir program has taken over bottle collection. Life Skills program is for students in gr 9-12 for students with various complex needs and abilities. The goal is literacy, numeracy, and life skills. There are about 13 students in the program. Jacqueline Dudus started with the program as a new teacher this past October.

ii. School Dance - Friday, April 12 (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) Dance is being put on by leadership group. It will be a glow in the dark theme and will be held in cafeteria. DJ will be Brady Way.

iii. Review February Walkout – A non school sanction walk out was held on Feb. 6. This was part of a provincial wide walkout to protest new proposed government legislation regarding gender transformations of minors. A walkout was scheduled for 10AM across the road at First Baptist Church corner. Administrators went outside to observe. At 10:15AM there was a critical incident in a classroom so 2 of 4 administrative staff needed to attend to that. At 10:20AM there was a school break so many students went outside to watch. Some students were disrespectful to the students doing the walkout. Administrators did interviews with families and students involved in the incidents. They are continuing to follow up to work through things. Administration is meeting with teachers to learn what is happening in classes. There is some anxiety and stress for many minority groups in our school and we are working to support and improve things. In future, additional understanding of what the “walkout” will include and length of time for it will help mitigate future issues.

Question: Why are we having a walkout? It crushes school unity and draws a line between groups. It impacts school culture.

How many walked out? About 40 students. News and interviews were done across the road by First Baptist Church.

Could an email be sent out to parents to inform them of the process and goals with this?

Goal of Administration interviewing staff and students is to gain understanding and formulate an actionable plan to improve the culture. We want to be intentional about making every student safe to express their opinions and be who they are.

b. School Council Chair

i. Town Hall – Feb 6th review

Discussion/Feedback:

- One parent expressed concern about the conversation at the table discussion as it was monopolized by a few parents.
- Questioned if elementary students should be in attendance.
- Organization seemed difficult as it was hard to find the tables. Also, each table didn't have even representation of student, parents, teachers, etc. Some of the tables lacked diversity.
- Maybe the facilitators needed more training on how to manage the conversation.
- Helpful to have tables leveled with high school, middle school, and elementary
- Felt there was value in having the younger children at the table as it was an excellent learning experience for them.
- Name tag or identification for facilitators so people know who the facilitator is at each table.
- Website issues, difficult to put answers up,

ii. Kaylee Low Presentation – Grade 9's – online safety (Engagement Grant)

Wondering what is being taught about online safety and predators based on Police recent concerns. Kaylee Low is a registered Nurse and has been researching the impacts of technology on the developing brain. Kaylee has a presentation that she has done at several schools. The presentation is around 45 minutes depending on interaction and engagement with students. The presentation is designed specifically for students "Navigating Tech Nutrition".

Could this be an option for utilizing our engagement grant?

Discussion: Does Administration think there would be time? This might be an option to fit in with Health in Grade 9 or PE/Calm in grade 10. Suggestion to have something to send home to parents so they are aware of what is being discussed.

Could invitation be sent out from Gr 9 and 10 teachers to make it more personal?

This would need to be offered to parents as well to fit the funding criteria.

Action: Wayne and Kaylee will connect to discuss the timing.

Motion: Tiffany motioned to use the ASCE grant (\$500) for Intentional with Tech (Kaylee Low) to make a parent evening presentation called “Navigating Tech Nutrition” looking at responsible use and boundaries of technology. (Shelly Roest seconded) 5 in favour, 2 abstaining,

iii. Presentation to the Board/ Video – Modernization of LCI

Tiffany will be presenting to the Board Tuesday, March 25 requesting that they not pass the capital plan based on the need LCI has for modernization with a focus on accessibility and the gym. Tiffany and Claudia are working on a video that they will present to the Board. One of the major considerations is that the school is inaccessible if in a wheelchair. This impact parent meetings, sports events, art performances, craft fairs and more. A person would need to enter through the back of the school to enter. Gym safety is an issue due to the flooring, light, ventilation, and space. There is also a need to move the office to the front area for safety and accessibility. **All are welcome to attend the presentation.**

iv. Review of Policies

c. District School Council – Jamie Walburger, Shelley Roest

There is a new button on the homepage to provide feedback on policy. Do all feedback at once. School based decision making and calendar. <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/policies2/policy-feedback>

There are 7 resolutions that will be discussed and voted on at the April AGM

Community Engagement committee has ICE Scholarship Showcase tomorrow night at 6:30PM.

d. Board Trustee – Kristina Larkin

- Lots to see tomorrow night at the ICE Showcase.

- Thank you to all who attended Town Hall meeting. We value the engagement and input. Summaries will be posted online soon. <https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/home/news/post/town-hall-2024-feedback-summary-report-now-available>

e. Executive Council Member – Robbie Charlebois

f. Additions – Teachers posting weighting and grades to Power School. Please contact teacher. There should be a course outline for weightings.

Future Meeting dates: April 16, June 11