

LCI School Council Meeting
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Agenda (Tuesday, April 16th, 2024)

1. Call to Order. Land Acknowledgement
2. Review of the Agenda. Approved by Vicki Hazelwood.
3. Approval of the Minutes from March meeting – requested an amendment regarding the February walkout. Adding in that it was not a school sanctioned event, even though admin was supervising, as a protest against new proposed government legislation for gender transformation regulations of minors.

Approved by Jamie Walburger.

4. Reports:

a. Administrators – Wayne Pallett, Gord Vatcher, Kyle McKenzie

- i. Furniture updates and room expansion – Gord.
 - met with division office regarding the growth of LCI
(Anticipating 1600 students in September 2024.)

Money secured for some growth! Looking to remodel/purchase the following...

- textbook area in the learning commons will change into a testing center along with space for the learning support teacher.
- textbook center will move into the clothing storage.
- clothing storage will move which is also closer to a bathroom.
- Jersey storage is moving too!

- New stools in all science rooms.
- Two labs renovated to be classrooms
- 600 new gym chairs
- 4 classrooms of new desks (table and chair style)
- F200 (by shop) has already been transformed into another classroom.
- Sports medicine – adding sturdy tables plus seating for 32 students (more of a flex space)
- Updated tech components and added 6-8 computers already.
- Finalizing these purchases and hoping they will be here before summer.

ii. Parent information nights

- Grade 9 parent info: April 22 at 7 pm (Large Gym)
- Grade 10 parent info night: April 30 at 7pm (Large Gym)
 - o Has a programming plan for high school grad requirements and a pamphlet of info to give out
 - o Power point presentation to walk through with parents.
 - o Includes RAP/Dual Credit and Work experience programs
 - o Will also discuss summer school for PE10 and CALM20

iii. Middle school visits – Thursday at Paterson. Friday at Senator Joyce Fairbairn

iv. Athletics

Background... Wayne

- 1979: SAIAC – Southern Alberta Intercollegiate Administrators Council was formed
- Helped with scheduling of sporting events of Southern Alberta high schools (MHHS, Picture Butte, Meyers, Raymond etc)
- Governing body which determined tournament scheduling and govern academics and athletics
- SAIAC was recently disbanded and LCI formed a league with Cardston, Raymond, MHHS, LCI, Catholic Central (WCHS and Chinook had left SIAC which changed the teams available to play)
- PARENT: concerned about schools able to draw from various schools to create more dominant programs when each school could in fact create their own team.
 - o Could there be rules about where kids need to play based on the school they are attending?
 - o There would be more opportunities for more kids to play if they are required to play at their own school
 - o Admin response: There is no governing body and rules are different based on the sport in question but will make this suggestion in the upcoming meetings.
- LCI is working with the College to secure hosting volleyball provincials!!! Chinook has also been willing to work with us.

v. Update – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser and Silent Auction

- For the Skill development program: additional funds for more outings
- Only 18 out of 50 tickets were sold so the dinner was cancelled.
- Silent auction will proceed and put online.
 - Tickets for the Bulls, Gift certificates, additional items would be welcome!

b. School Council Chair

i. Intentional with Tech Presentation for Parents – Kaylee Low

* April 24 at 7 pm - LCI Large Lecture Theatre, besides the Learning Commons

Kaylee is a registered nurse who has been researching the effects of technology on the brain, particularly in adolescence. Join us as Kaylee shares her findings and provides ideas for healthier tech habits along with promoting meaningful connections within our families.

* If parents are unable to attend this night, Kaylee is also scheduled to do a presentations at Immanuel Christian Secondary school for parents and students (recommended ages 12+) on Wednesday, May 15 from 6:45-8:15pm. Parents/students are welcome to attend this one as well!

*Kaylee will be presenting about “Tech Nutrition” to Grade 9 PE+Wellness classes on Monday, April 23 and CALM 20/PE10 classes on Tuesday, April 24

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ii. Board Presentation and video RE: Modernization of LCI

- Tiffany shared the video and presented the concerns about LCI building modernization to the Board of Trustees on March 26. It was requested that LCI modernization be moved up in priority on the proposed Capital Plan.
- You can see the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0VEun-oR6w> (Go to time stamp 1:26:15)
- Trustees did pass the capital plan but they are willing to amend it (can be done up until November).
- Tiffany has an appointment with MLA Lethbridge EAST - Nathan Neudorf on April 26 to share the video and will arrange for the Trustees and city council members to tour LCI in hopes of publicizing the needs that LCI is facing.
- Planning to contact MP Rachael Thomas regarding possibility of funding elsewhere as well.
- Clarification: Gym floor cannot be sanded again and the cost to resurface is not worth it as it wouldn't be a complete fix of the issues (approximately \$900,000)!!!
- Tiffany thanked Claudia for all her work with putting the video together.
- Gord suggested contacting LETHBRIDGE TOURISM as they research the economic impact review on hosting certain events (to help show the need and assist in securing funding)
- Video was shared with the School council at the end of the meeting.

iii. Update on year long Grade 9 science

- Trial year – one section of year long science. Has been found to be a favorable schedule with the content coming slower for students in this section.
- Next year LCI is hoping to have 2 sections for this.
- All grade 9s have taken year long math.
- The middle schools recommend which students may best be suited for this.

- A parent can request this accommodation.

iv. Teacher appreciation (Shelley)

- Had little baggies of eggs and a note to give to each of the staff at Easter
- May: staff will get room service! Staff can pre-order treats by filling out a “room service” card to be submitted, filled by parent volunteers and delivered sometime in May.
- Parents/Guardian will have the opportunity to sign up to donate items, as special ordered

v. Clarification regarding Team Hotel Rooms for tournaments

- Opt in-opt out option is made available to families at the beginning of each season.
- Fees will change based on how many families choose each option.
- Payment for Coaches rooms will still be part of every athletes fees.
- This system makes it difficult to provide this information prior to a season beginning and can create challenges depending on how many athletes opt in/opt out.

- A parent volunteer can do hotel bookings for the team.
- Suggested that a “trusted list” of hotels be created to share amongst teams to make bookings easier.

vi. Advisor Program – What is its purpose? Is it working?

- Started at Winston Churchill HS many years ago and has been brought in by other High schools in the city.
- Goal: Provide one more adult who is available to connect with and advocate for each student by building a relationship with students in their advisor class for all 4 years of high school (same Advisor throughout high school). This teacher-advisor is available to help students navigate high school – socially and academically.
- Advisor periods have evolved to be twice a week at LCI. It is VERY subjective based, as to what occurs, based on who the advisor is.
- What could occur in these advisor periods?
 - o Announcements are shared during advisor (along with these being on digital screens throughout the school).
 - o Students are given reminders of upcoming registration items such as Graduation/semester/quarter switch items.
 - o Advisors can help with ASNs and logins
 - o A potential home-school contact.
 - o Games and opportunities to connect with teacher advisor and fellow LCI students across all four grades.
- New: Katrina (VP) has created some challenges to do together as advisor groups.

- PARENT: Sees huge potential with the Advisor concept BUT, would like to see consistency amongst advisors.

- It is becoming harder for students to navigate across the school (especially for short time requirements such as an advisor block) as there are more students in the hallways.
 - o IDEA: Announcements could be shared digitally at the end of a particular period each day (would work extra time into this block to accommodate for announcements)
 - o IDEA: Advisor periods could be scheduled once a week/month with more intentional use of the time.

- v. Parent request: Can LCI offer Science 20 + 30 again?
 - WAYNE: could add this to the upcoming course descriptor and gauge interest based on tallies of students interested (which then often causes a loss to other science courses) as they build the timetable for the next school year.
 - KYLE: Taught Science 30 and found that there is too much content and it is very broad (geology, biology, chem, physics) so students tend to struggle more compared to being able to specialize in one science stream such as BIO/CHEM/Physics. Additionally, not many Colleges/Universities list Science 30 as a pre-requisite.
 - PARENT: Science 30 act as a 5th, 30 level course for entrance purposes and can assist students in having high enough marks to receive the Rutherford scholarship awards at the 10-20-30 levels.

c. District School Council – Shelley Roest.

- Minutes from the April 6, 2024 meeting can be found at <https://www.letbsd.ab.ca/parents/district-school-council/meetings>

- School councils reported back what is posted on each school website for school council
- A catalogued binder is to be kept of all past minutes for 7 years to be available for parent access.
- Suggestion to use district email created by to ease succession planning for new school councils. Email can be where digital files are kept, including bylaws and past meeting minutes.
- KYLE: suggested that a Micro-link could be created with a private URL that houses past minutes and easily sent out to someone if they are looking for the information but not necessarily posted on a school website for all 7 years.

- Board of Trustees - Community Conversation: Monday, April 22 at 6-7pm. Petals, Paws and Beans (989 Columbia Blvd West). All stakeholders (students, parents/guardians, staff and community members) are welcome to join trustees in an informal conversation to share about successes and concerns within our school division.
- Westside boundary info night – Tuesday, April 30 from 4:30-8:00 pm at GS Lakie.
- Board is debating the upcoming budget on May 27. Email trustees if you have suggestions or concerns you'd like considered.

- A Parent session regarding inclusive education will be held on May 30 (time and location to be determined). This is an open invitation for any parent/guardian who has a student with an ISP. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date and shared with school councils.
- **Policy Advisory Committee** – Requesting feedback for policies being reviewed each month prior to sending suggestion to the Board of Trustees to amend.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to go to the Division website to offer their feedback. <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/policies2/policy-feedback>
- Currently requesting feedback on Policy 609.1 - Assessment of Student achievement
- **Poverty Intervention Committee** – access has almost doubled. Financial strain is huge for families. Looking for an increase in personal/corporate donations to support the needs of families in our community. If someone has a story that can be shared with this committee, it is a powerful tool to show the impact of any resources donated .
 - o At LCI – Admin shared about how staff came together to move a student and his family on short notice and how a bike was provided for this student in order to still commute to and from school.
 - o At LCI – Admin shared that a grade 12 student’s parent donated \$1000 for grad fees for struggling graduates. Already used for 3 students.
- Providing 3000 lunches each week between the two school divisions.

GRAD: May 25, 2024 (no school council meeting in May!)

FINAL School Council Meeting: June 11, 2024

Adjourned at 8:20 pm