

Lethbridge Christian School Council

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**Minutes
September 16, 2019**

Present: Jodi Saad, Linda Bateman, Tanya Koster, Angela Calvin, Edna Asem, Brenda Hampson, Les Greeno, Bev Lee, Monica Sandoval, Kelly Peters, Lesley Boorsma, Naomi Skriver, Cayley Pierzchala

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Prayer and Devotional – Edna – Psalm 62:8 Choosing to Trust in the Moment
3. Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2019 Meeting – Approved by Jodi Saad. Seconded by Angela Calvin.
4. Approval of the Agenda- Approved by Tanya Koster. Seconded Bev Lee.
5. Purpose of Parent Council
 - a. Required by Education Act to have a parent council.
 - b. As parents, this is a place to bring our concerns, suggestions. We partner with staff to make LCS the best place it can be for our kids.
 - c. We have representation at the district level. Edna attends a district meeting once a month. If anyone would like to join her, she would welcome you.
 - d. We have representation at the provincial level. Every spring we are given the opportunity to vote on resolutions and a volunteer will carry our vote to the conference.
 - e. Linda Bateman spoke on behalf of the staff that they love parent council and the support given.
6. Reports
 - a. District School Council Report – Edna
 - i. First district council meeting is on October 7 @ 6:30.
 - ii. ASCA Parent Engagement Survey
 1. Edna was invited to complete a 2 question survey. She read the questions and welcomed feedback.
 - iii. A new is being introduced regarding choice in education. For more information you can visit www.education.alberta.ca
 - b. Staff Report
 - i. One more teacher is being hired for Gr. ½ because of the large class sizes.
 1. Staff will meet and discuss how best to divide the students up according to their needs.

- c. Principal's Report
 - i. Upcoming Events are listed on website.
 - ii. Enrollment and Staffing
 - 1. Nothing is finalized until the end of September but currently have 225 students.
 - a. September 2018 – 191
 - b. September 2017 – 187
 - c. September 2016 - 169
 - 2. Will be 11 teachers and 7 support staff.
 - iii. ACSI Teachers Retreat
 - 1. We will not attend the ACSI Teachers Conference as it is in Edmonton.
 - iv. Immanuel Christian High School has graciously agreed to continue to allow us to use their shop each Friday free of charge. We are so grateful for that.
 - 1. Mrs. B is doing a tremendous job teaching shop!
 - v. Bussing
 - 1. At this point in time, things are going well on our buses.
 - 2. Naomi asked if it was possible to add another bus route to cut down time some kids are on the bus. Les advised her to bring up concern with society.
 - vi. Thank you for your patience in working through bussing challenges, family registration and other unique issues. We especially appreciate your care for us and the building/grounds during a busy start up.
 - vii. Adjustment for New Families
 - 1. It's been a great start. Feedback from parents has been terrific.
 - 2. Tanya asked if a survey could be sent to new parents to see how the transition has been and give an opportunity for feedback.
 - 3. Tanya will draft a survey and send to Edna to forward to Les.

7. New Business

- a. Elections
 - i. Chair – Edna Asem
 - ii. Vice-Chair-Bev Lee
 - iii. Secretary-Brenda Hampson
- b. School Expansion Fundraising
 - i. Society is looking for help from parent council with the Back to School Bash. Society is purchasing food but is looking for help with fundraising.
 - ii. Edna would like to send a thank you to Booster Juice for helping with fundraising. She was hoping for a picture of the school/students.
 - iii. Les asked Naomi if her husband could share a picture from sports day.

- c. Back to School Bash
 - i. Taco in a Bag, Hot dog, Slushie. Taco in a bag and hotdog need to be ordered on school cash.
 - ii. Tanya asked if the teachers could promote the event in the classrooms.
 - iii. Feedback from parents was that an entry fee would be too much if parents are buying lunch and bringing board games. It worked with the carnival because of prizes offered etc.
 - iv. Meet the Teacher/Ice Cream Social Feedback
 - v. Amazing turnout. Need more ice cream next year. Could have used double the ice cream.
 - vi. Teacher feedback: Amazing turn out but a little difficult to relay information. Maybe relaying information in a hand out next year would help.

- d. LUNA Feedback
 - i. LCS had a booth at the Lethbridge Uplands Neighbourhood Association Neighbor Day.
 - ii. Edna felt it was a good idea and would encourage us to participate next year. She found communicating this year a little hard because it was so windy.

- e. Volunteers
 - i. Need 8 parents to volunteer to cook hotdogs. The commitment is one hour per month. Let Mrs. Harmon know if you can help.
 - ii. Les reminded parents that there is lots of opportunities to volunteer. Start by talking to their teacher.

- 8. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer
 - a. LCS family member just lost dad, grandpa.