

**Lethbridge Christian School Council**

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**Minutes  
September 21, 2020**

Present: Edna Asem, Sean Alaric, Lesley Boorsma, Sheena Olson, Kelly Peters,  
Angela Calvin, Tina Siemens, Laura Lenzen, Tannis Straughan, Brenda  
Hampson

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Welcome Laura and Tina!
2. Prayer and Devotional – Edna. I Timothy 1:7 “Fear Not”
3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Approved by Sheena Olson.
  - b. Seconded by Tannis Straughan
4. Purpose of Parent Council
  - a. Voice of parents. An opportunity for parents to communicate and work with staff.
  - b. Have representation at district level. Edna attends meetings once per month.
  - c. Also have representation with ASCA. Once a year, given the opportunity to vote on resolutions.
  - d. Mandated by School Education Act and is an important part of every school.
  - e. Fundraise and volunteer in various capacities in the school. (Covid rules are not allowing for that at the moment)
5. Approval of June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Approved by Sheena Olson
  - b. Seconded by Angela Calvin
6. Elections
  - a. Chair – Edna
  - b. Vice Chair – Tina
  - c. Secretary - Brenda
7. Reports
  - a. School Division Report
    - i. Nothing to report. First meeting is next month.
  - b. Staff Report
    - i. Nothing to report. First staff meeting is October 2.
  - c. Principals Report

- i. A lot of time has been spent planning and working with covid guidelines. With change, comes a lot of emotions for all of us but students have done extremely well.
- ii. The second week of September, kindergarten was divided in two classes.
- iii. New staff at LCS.
  1. Lois Van Roon - Learning support/Vice Principal
  2. Michelle Harding - Secretary
  3. Pam Tinordi-McLean – Student support worker. On campus full time to provide emotional/mental supports for students.
  4. Pam Corliss – Educational Assistant
  5. Nikki Kish – Grade 4 online learning, Middle School classes
  6. Kara Bayly has stepped aside from full-time position at LCS but has been in the building as a substitute teacher.
- iv. Covid protocols
  1. Cohorting for contact tracing purposes – As a result, staggered break schedule. Evens and odds on different break schedules and the playground is divided.
  2. Mask/Sanitization Procedures
    - a. Grades 4-8 required to wear masks in public areas and encouraged to wear masks at all times in classrooms. Masks are never used in PE or on breaks.
    - b. KG – Gr. 3 encourage students to wear masks and at times, require them. Eg. Singing
    - c. Edna asked if classrooms/supplies were sanitized during the day. Sean noted that students have designated seating arrangements and shared supplies are limited. The middle school students are encouraged to use a non-toxic spray to sanitize before/after lunch. Desks are sanitized at least once per day and high touch surfaces are sanitized at least two times per day.
    - d. Edna asked if middle school students were encouraged to help with sanitization. Sean replied that immediate use material is sanitized. Eg. Computer keyboards and mice, sports equipment.
    - e. Edna asked what chapel looked like right now? Sean replied that it is a work in progress. Each

morning starts with a teams chat where students are able to see the principal's face, see the text etc. Slowly building on Monday and Friday morning times to include a song, longer devotion, saying the Lord's Prayer together. As time goes on, a virtual speaker is a possibility.

## 8. New Business

### a. Communication with Families

- i. Edna expressed appreciation for extra work by teachers to communicate with families via phone calls, emails and even a first day of school picture!
- ii. Edna asked if communication protocols had changed as some communication came directly from Garrett Simmons. Sean noted that anything from Garrett is division information. LCS specific info will come directly from LCS.
- iii. Feedback from parents was that the communication coming from LCS was slow in August compared to some of the high schools. Sean noted that protocols were constantly changing so getting accurate information to parents was difficult but it is something worth noting for next school year.
- iv. Edna asked if the newsletter could include a printable monthly calendar that parents could print out and put on their fridge.
- v. Brenda asked if hard copy laptop forms, field trip forms etc. would be coming home as newsletter indicated. Sean will look into that.
- vi. Some families have not been receiving school emails. School messenger is in the process of being updated. In the meantime, other sources of info include the school website and school guide app. Downloading the school guide app and subscribing will provide notifications when changes have been made to the school website.

### b. November Pivots

- i. First pivot date is November 12. Parents can request change from home to school or vice versa.
- ii. LCS currently has 8 families using at-home learning.

### c. Hot Lunch

- i. Hotdog hot lunch not happening right now as guidelines indicate that everything would need to be individually wrapped which would be cumbersome.
- ii. Hot Lunch delivered from local restaurants will be starting the middle of October. Communication on how to order will be coming soon.

- d. PAT dates
    - i. Edna noted the various PAT dates on district website and wondered why so many dates
    - ii. Sean explained that as a school, he has a choice as to whether or not Gr. 6 students write the exams this year and whether they are used for data only or for marks as well. Sean personally likes the data that comes from it and asked for parent feedback. Both Brenda and Edna like the idea of students writing the exam to prepare them to study and write exams in high school.
  - e. Masks
    - i. A parent has voiced concern with masks preventing bonding, and the ability to read facial expressions to interpret emotions. Is there anything being done to help with this? Breaktime and PE are the best time to engage with friends. Right now, classrooms not a spot where this can happen.
  - f. Parent Council Format
    - i. Edna asked if parents preferred a meeting via zoom or meet in person with masks. Consensus was meeting via zoom.
9. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer
- a. Praise the Lord for how he has brought us together in a new school.
  - b. Thanksgiving for peace in the school. Tannis mentioned that all her sweet kg children walked into school the first day without their parents and there was no tears or tantrums. An answer to prayer!

Next meeting will be October 19, 2020