

# Lethbridge Christian School Council

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## MINUTES January 22, 2024

Present: Jessica Durand-Kaustinen, Edna Asem, Brenda Hampson, Linda Bateman, Tannis Straughan

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2023 meeting. Approved by Tannis. Seconded by Linda
  - a. Business arising from the minutes:
  - b. Parent Engagement session: Moved to March Meeting
  - c. Parent brainstorming session on how to promote parent council: We will write down ideas and discuss them at the next meeting.
    - i. Wellness Grant: We can apply for this grant. Ideally, we should develop a 4-year plan. Volunteers are needed to help work on the application.
    - ii. School Council table during Numeracy Night and Celebration of Learning: We decided not to have a table because we don't have adequate time to prepare a brochure to give to parents.
    - iii. Parent reps for each class: Encourage teachers to ask parents for emails.
    - iv. Add a volunteer section on the website for volunteer opportunities.
    - v. Bible workbook: Not addressed.
4. Reports
  - a. School Division Report:
    - i. The Parent Learning Session focused on Off-Campus Opportunities for students to earn credit through apprenticeship programs. This topic is relevant to High Schools.
    - ii. Anti-racism and anti-oppression survey results: Some parents had questions about the wording of the survey questions and the survey results. There were also questions about the Diversity and Inclusion Parent Table. Survey results are available on the Community Engagement Page on the Division's website.
    - iii. Policy Committee. There is a change in the composition of the committee. There are three parent representatives instead of one – one each from Elementary, Middle and High School levels.

iv. ASCA: Below is the link to the ASCA Resolutions for the AGM in April. We will vote on the resolutions at the March Meeting.  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/241024>

v. Highlights from the Wellness Committee:

- Healthy Nutritional Choices Policy: The Board moved the policy to a procedure. This gives administrators flexibility while working within the existing wellness policy.
- Nutrition Grant Presentation: Andy Tyslau shared a presentation on how Dr. Plaxton is utilizing their Nutrition Grant for a Farm to Table Initiative. The presentation is informative and can help LCS prepare our Nutritional Grant Application. Below is the link to the presentation. The Nutrition and Wellness Grant applications open in February and are due in May.

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAF544p6Ax4/9UCsUzKk4HkvEjuFG-HFqA/view?utm\\_content=DAF544p6Ax4&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=editor](https://www.canva.com/design/DAF544p6Ax4/9UCsUzKk4HkvEjuFG-HFqA/view?utm_content=DAF544p6Ax4&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor)

- Digital Wellness: The Digital Wellness Team encourages students to focus on responsible use of technology, including creating awareness about feelings experienced while using technology and the purpose of using technology instead of emphasizing reducing screen time.
- Health Curriculum Update: Erin Hurkett highlighted changes to the New Alberta Education Physical Education and Wellness Curriculum. The presentation focused on the Growth and Development Sections of the curriculum. Alberta Education provides outcomes, and the School Division works with teachers to provide resources and details necessary to teach the curriculum. AHS has created resources to go with the curriculum. The AHS resources are available online at: [www.teachingsexualhealth.ca](http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca)  
Below is the link to Erin's PowerPoint Presentation

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/new-curriculum>

- b. Trustee's Report
- c. Division Liaison's Report
- d. Staff Report: Nothing to report
- e. Principal's Report presented by Linda Bateman. The following surveys will be available in the next couple of weeks. Parents are encouraged to complete them. Student Athletic survey; Assurance survey from Alberta Education (for students, parents and staff); and Our School Survey. LCS is classified as a small school so parents from grades 4 to 8 are eligible to complete the surveys. Our School Survey is used for the following year's planning, reporting, and priorities.

Town hall Meeting on February 6: Two middle school and two elementary school parents needed to participate. Students: two middle school and two grade 5.

7. New Business

- a. Townhall in February with Trustees
- b. February/March Teacher Appreciation Soup on February 9. There were discussions about how to advertise the staff appreciation soup and luncheon.

8. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer: Tannis led the closing prayer.

**Tentative Meeting Dates:**

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

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