

Minutes
September 18, 2023

Present: Edna Asem, Brenda Hampson, Sean Alaric, Tannis Straughan, Tanya Koster,
Sariah Seaborn, Erin Shearer, Danita Penner

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Prayer and Devotional – Edna – Hebrews 12:1-2 “Keep your Eyes on Jesus by Making Worship a Priority”
3. Approval of the Agenda – Approved by Tannis Straughan. Seconded by Tanya Koster.
 - a. Additions to Agenda
 - i. Role of School Council
 - ii. One Million March for Children
 - iii. Questions from Parents
4. Approval of Minutes from April 2023 Meeting – Approved by Tannis Straughan.
5. Elections
 - a. Chair
 - i. Duties
 1. Work with principal to prepare agenda. Distribute meeting minutes.
 2. Establish meeting dates for the year. Make sure dates don't conflict with school division council.
 3. Coordinate what school council does in this building including organizing potlucks, family night, and staff appreciation events. Coordinate fundraising. Work with staff to recruit parents to volunteer.
 4. Liaison between school division and LCS school council. Review school division policies and prepare annual reports.
 5. Prepare a welcome letter in September and Summary Letter in June for LCS parents
 6. Liaison for ASCA.
 7. Attend School division council meetings. Meetings are generally the first Monday of every month.
 - ii. No person in attendance is interested in taking on this role.
 1. Tannis suggested reaching out to specific parents who have younger children in the school.
 2. Sean will send out specific communication to the school community outlining the need and looking for interested parents to contact himself or Edna.
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. Duties include assisting the chair in whatever is needed. Edna is willing to sit as vice-chair this year to assist the Chair and allow for a smoother transition.

- c. Secretary
 - i. Duties
 - 1. Take minutes during the meeting and send to Sean and Edna.
 - 2. Be signing authority on parent council bank account and reconcile monthly bank statements.
 - 3. Complete year-end financial report for school division.
 - ii. Edna nominated Sariah Seaborn. Tannis Straughan accepted the nomination and Sariah accepted the role.

6. Reports

- a. School Division Report – Edna
 - i. Last meeting attended was in April due to other commitments.
 - ii. First meeting for current school year will be October 2.
 - iii. Edna has reached out and connected with new superintendent.
 - iv. Tannis noted that Immanuel Christian is hosting a night for their families and staff to meet the new superintendant and asked if LCS could do the same. It was decided that inviting him to LCS numeracy evening would be a great idea!
- b. Trustee Report – Not in attendance
- c. Division Admin. Liaison Report – Not in attendance
- d. Staff Report
 - i. Start of school year has gone very well considering all the last minute changes.
- e. Principal's Report
 - i. Enrollment up to 225 and are still receiving some inquiries.
 - 1. KG -22, Grade1 – 34, Grade2 – 15, Grade3 – 33, Grade4 – 21, Grade5 – 29, Grade6 – 29, Grade7 – 25, Grade8 – 17
 - ii. Highlights from Assurance plan
 - a. Experiment with options in middle school. This year, every student will be able to experience their #1 option choice. Plan is to run a three year rolling option list. For example: French, Leadership, Service and Mercy so by the time students have gone through middle school they will have had experience with all three skills that Sean would want students to leave LCS with.
 - i. Tanya asked what objective of option classes are.
 - 1. In a school the size of LCS it is difficult to have experts in any field but the goal is to keep as many doors open for our students as they prepare to move on to schools that have many more options.
 - ii. It was also asked what the \$50 option fee covers.
 - 1. Woodshop and photography have supplies and off site activities that come with a cost. All students pay the same fee.
 - 2. Goal is to give students as many athletic opportunities as possible. Josh Devine is the athletic director. Volleyball started today.
 - 3. Thinking classrooms and sustained inquiry.
 - a. This is the idea of having students enter into a critical judgement or in other words “Criteria based Judgement.”

For example, instead of learning water cycle we might ask students, “Are we drinking the same water people drank 2000 years ago?” Doing something with the knowledge learned and being aware that our judgements can change based on what we learned and our rational thought.

4. Literacy
 - a. Lead literacy teacher employed by school division
 - b. Will be working with teachers to build tools to aid in teaching literacy.
 - c. Edna asked if there was still bridge funding due to covid gaps. Sean answered that the government hasn't said if that funding would be continuing yet.
5. Numeracy
 - a. Family numeracy night in February. As a side note, Sean's plan is have a three year rotating night plan including literacy, numeracy and spiritual growth.
6. Some changes to reflect who LCS is to allow the statements to directly tie in to what LCS does as a school.
7. Implementation of new curriculum. Teachers had some support from the division through workshops the week before school started. Gr. 4-6 new ELAL and math curriculum. K-Gr. 3 new Science curriculum.
8. PAT will be completed by Gr. 6 this year. PAT can be a great tool when used as data to see if benchmarks are being met rather than judgment on student.
 - a. Edna commented that completing these kinds of tests in middle school help students prepare for pressure they might face in high school or college when faced with tests.

7. New Business

- a. Annual Plan
 - i. Fundraising
 1. Edna asked if we should pursue hosting a race as discussed last year.
 2. Brenda suggested that we stick to smaller fundraisers as we don't have the “hands” to organize a community event on that scale.
 3. Sariah mentioned that she has a contact that may be able to help us out with fundraising if we have a specific targeted fundraiser in the area of science, technology, engineering, math.
 4. Edna asked everyone to bring their fundraising ideas to the next meeting.
 - ii. Community Events
 1. In the past have hosted family nights, potlucks, pancake breakfast etc. Do we want to plan any for this year?
 - a. Society Board is planning pancake breakfast for May 10.
- b. Parent Engagement Session - Immanuel Christian School has asked if we want to co-host a parent engagement session. See below flyer for details. If interested, a flyer would be made for LCS.

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& meaningful connection
within our families.

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6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
310 Main Street, Champion

For ALL PARENTS (of children any age)
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*This presentation will include
sensitive topics with research
material about the possible risks
& effects of social media,
pornography, sextortion,
video game addiction, online
predators, suicide, & sexting.



speaker
Kaylee Low^{RN}

c. Additions to Agenda

i. Role of School Council

1. LCS School council meetings are informal and we have no by-laws.
2. The majority of members must be parents of students enrolled in school
3. Members may advise principal and school board with any matter relating to the school to ensure have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the minister.
4. Establish dispute resolution process to address disputes between the principal and the school council.
5. The Minister, on the request of the board, can decide to dissolve school council if it is of the option that the school council is not carrying out its responsibilities.

ii. One Million March for Children

1. Event happening across Canada in every city on September 20. New Brunswick premier made changes to policy that students under 16 must have parental permission to assume a new gender. A peaceful march is being organized to call on all provincial governments to adopt the same change. Lethbridge event starts at city hall on September 20 at 11:00.

iii. Parent Question

1. Is it common practice for phone not to be picked up during school hours?
 - a. Sean said it shouldn't be but noted that Michelle takes lunch from 11:30-12:00 and the end of the day is typically a busy time.

iv. Hot Lunch

1. Sean asked if hotdog lunches should be brought back.
 - a. If hot lunch coordinator is up to extra responsibilities including purchasing all the food and condiments, it was a great fundraiser.
 - b. Requires 8 volunteers per month. 2/week for a 2 hour commitment.

8. Adjournment, Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer
 - a. Pray for teachers and students as new school year starts.
 - b. Prayer for families in school community who are going through hard things.

Next meeting is Monday, October 16, 2023