## Lethbridge Christian School Council

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## Minutes November 18, 2024

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- Prayer and Devotional

   Nathaniel opened in prayer
- 3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Additions to the agenda
    - i. Card fundraiser
    - ii. Parent advisory meeting

Motion: Tanya Seconded: Sheena

- 4. Approval of Minutes from October 21, Meeting
  - a. Business arising from the minutes.
    - i. Playground subcommittee tabled for next meeting
  - b. Asci update from Sean
    - i. Parent engagement grant: Phil Hills speaker
    - ii. Sean to work out date Spring 2025.
    - iii. Topic ideas: importance of community, social media for children, connectiveness.
    - iv. How to increase attendance for events, faith night in January. How to market better to families.
  - c. Fundraiser: card box fundraiser
    - i. Recommend sending a box of cards for each family to sell. To be returned if not sold. Higher success rate with boxes. Or a sample card.
    - ii. Lost box \$10.
    - iii. Types of card boxes: holiday, all occasion, general birthday, kid birthday
    - iv. All occasion to be sent home with kids as a sample.

Motion: Tanya Seconded: Sheena

- 5. Reports
  - a. School Division Report Nathaniel
    - i. Calendar development set by school board, Sean occasionally adjusts for the ASCI teacher convention.
    - ii. Boundaries, bussing.

- iii. Timing for report cards/parent teacher interviews division is requesting feedback. PT interviews before report card in the fall.
- iv. Govt \$6.8B for capital building/funding, new projects. Shuffle and reprioritize spending. Submitting for 2 new schools, LCI remodernization, 5 accessibility re-modernizations.
- v. Town halls encourage parents to attend.
- vi. Possibility of provincial teacher strike issues: pay, class sizes, resources, EAs
- b. Trustee's Report no trustee present
- c. Division Liaison's Report no trustee present
- d. Staff Report no staff member present
- e. Principal's Report Sean
  - i. Assurance Results Report Review
    - 1. Declined in PAT grade 6 excellence, however still above average.
    - 2. Fewer outliers this year, balance of responses fall in the bell curve.
    - 3. Parental involvement low as discussed.
    - 4. School size classifications: LCS considered a big school 120 kids from 4 to 12. We have 126 from 4 to 8.
    - 5. Parents of grade 4 and grade 7 students will participate in the survey. Sean will request that all students take the survey.
    - 6. Help parents understand what avenues exist for involvement
    - 7. Social studies is being piloted this year, will not be included in the survey next year.
    - 8. Increase survey results been sliding year over year. How to get parents to complete and how to get students to give honest feedback. "I don't know" responses count against the school results.
    - 9. Citizenship: consistently high, health and social
    - 10. Student perception of engagement declined
    - 11. Education quality: high
    - 12. Learning supports: parents ranked staff treating students high. Student dynamics declined, problems with peers. Access to learning supports an services: turnover in support team in recent years, Mrs Ojo has been here a year!
    - 13. Parental involvement: as discussed low.
    - 14. Program of studies overall doing well
    - 15. Lifelong learning declined significantly
    - 16. If too few parents respond, Sean can't see the results.
    - 17. Discussion regarding a new survey for the problem results that were lower than expected.
  - ii. Current survey 10 responses so far.
  - iii. Budget Overview: Division budget

- 1. Textbooks bible workbooks coming home at the end of the year mostly empty. Very expensive.
- 2. \$1.5 budget, 1mil to salary, leaving roughly \$60000
- iv. Division new grade 7 to 10 curriculum.
- 7. New Business
  - a. ASCA membership registration
  - b. Source of information at a provincial level. Gives us a vote and a voice.
  - c. WhatsApp prayer group trial
    - i. Email to explain and sign up
    - ii. Messaging comes into one phone number, out from another one.
- 8. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer

Tentative Meeting Dates: Monday, January 20, 2025 Monday, March 24, 2025 Monday, April 28, 2025 Monday, May 26, 2025