

Lethbridge Christian School Council

Minutes
October 21, 2024

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 - a. Introductions were made around the table
2. Prayer and Devotional
 - a. Sean - reading from psalm and short devotional, opened in prayer.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Additions to the agenda
 - i. Fundraising idea
 - ii. Parent Engagement Fund

Motion: Sheena

Second: Tanya

4. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2024 Meeting
 - a. Business arising from the minutes
 - i. Whatsapp prayer chain considerations:
 1. Confidentiality
 2. Opt-in to cover government regulations
 3. Payers, additional needs (meal trains, help)
 4. Text vs Email – Text
 5. Moderated forum vs text distribution
 6. Nathaniel will bring updates in November

Sheena motion to approve agenda

Jessica second

5. Reports
 - a. School Division Report – Nathaniel
 - i. Nathaniel appointed vice chair
 - ii. Should have 2 representatives, 1 elementary/1 middle school, break out into groups, gives an additional vote.
 - iii. Different committee groups: Policy Advisory, Intervention, Division Wellness, Community Engagement, School Calendar.
 - iv. ASCE Parent Engagement Grant:
 1. The school maintains a separate bank account for Parent Council funds
 2. Motion and signing authority still needed
 3. \$500 for the fund/\$250 for membership fees for committee members, \$750 total
 4. Fund can be spent on workshops for parents (learning at home, parenting, mental health, cyber-bullying) , Multicultural and

Indigenous support programs, ESL and other language tools, conferences, parent engagement with arts.

5. Fund can't be spent on food, fundraising, prizes, incentives, gifts, entertainment (bbqs)
 6. Example - books from last year's council
 7. Annual report from last year to be submitted - Sean will follow up.
- b. Trustee's Report
 - i. no trustee present
 - c. Division Liaison's Report
 - i. no trustee present
 - d. Staff Report – Tannis
 - i. Staff are feeling busy. Grade 1 assessments. Parent teacher interviews. Staff are tired but having a good year in terms of classes and relationship building. Children are feeling settled.
 - e. Principal's Report – Sean
 - i. Items from Sept
 1. Personal Device Policy Draft: no personal devices, no personal device checks for middle school during break times.
 - a. Personal device: phone, tablet, laptop, smart watch, earbuds, smart glasses, ereaders.
 - b. Exemption with ISP
 - c. No longer allowing devices without sims on yearly Three Hills band trip
 - d. Appropriate measures to ensure communication with students will always be communicated clearly while at school and away.
 - e. 3 stage approach to discipline
 - f. Sean will present the draft to the staff.
 2. Parent Engagement Survey Draft
 - a. 3 open ended questions
 - b. Suggestion to add additional comments
 - c. Anonymous
 3. Christian Credit Union: student accounts bring in additional interest for the child and money for the school. Parent volunteers are handling deposits.
6. New Business
- a. Tanya - Fundraising. Box of greeting cards, \$35/35 cards. \$11 to the school.
 - i. Scheduled for late Jan/early Feb
 - b. Sean - Plans to better use the tennis courts. Gaga and 9-square
 - i. Financial needs to complete the project - wood and 9-square
 - ii. Continue discussions
 - c. Playground age and safety concerns

- i. Nathaniel reviewed funding and grant availability and process to engage community partners. Discussions revolving around staged fundraising; however, the society must be first consulted.
 - ii. AHS survey of the playground. Items to be addressed were forwarded to the society.
 - iii. Parent advisory subcommittee to be discussed on next agenda
 - d. Other fundraising: Poinsettias and coffee in November, Fazl in December.
 - e. Parent engagement funds - ideas for use: partner with other Christian schools, speaker, Serena Jackson (ASCI)
 - f. Division Town Hall ideas
 - i. submit ideas for town halls, any big topics based on education.
 - ii. Criteria: big issues that apply to the whole division, full enough to be able to discuss. Policy advisory is a current big issue.
- 7. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer