

**Lethbridge Christian School Council**

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**Minutes  
March 24, 2025**

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Present: Tanya Koster, Mark Willms, Jessica Willms, Allison Purcell, Nathaniel Kinisky, Sean Alaric, Sheena Nieboer, Amy Granger, Tannis Straughan

2. Prayer and Devotional – Sean

- a. 2 Cor 11:3. Mental discipline.

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. Tannis Motion
- b. Tanya Second

4. Minutes from January 20, 2025 meeting are regrettably not available.

- a. Business arising from the minutes.

- b. Big Box Cards Fundraising

- i. What cause are we raising funds for?
- ii. 330 total. 2 left to pay. 1 returned missing cards. Raised approx \$3400
- iii. Still have additional funds for regular spring equipment.
- iv. Gaga court – Sean to issue newsletter and source quotes for materials.
- v. Spring sports equipment wish lists from teachers. – Tannis to email staff. Badminton racquets. List to bring to April meeting for approval. Tannis/Jessica to purchase

- c. Outdoor planning committee

- i. Members from Parent Council and Society, newsletter to families to source committee members for specific functions (i.e. fundraising, grants)
- ii. Built Together program through Alberta Blue Cross

- d. Prayer chain

- i. WhatsApp community group
- ii. Can post anonymously if needed, or add community events
- iii. By invitation only, opt-in program.
- iv. Moderated

Motion: Tannis

Second: Tanya

## 5. Reports

### a. School Division Report – Nathaniel

#### i. Town Hall – summary

1. ASCA events. AGM this year is fully digital. Fee is covered, gives all the whole school council. Gives a vote.
2. Funds will be available for next year to send parents in person to the AGM (approx. 8 parents, \$1100) to try and encourage parent engagement.
3. Report is available online - Alberta School Council association website.  
\*No member for this year\*
4. March 27 Parent evening, community event – open to everyone.

### b. Trustee's Report – Allison

- i. Town hall information is taken into strategic planning.
- ii. Budget survey 400 responses, to be released end of March.
- iii. Budget to be 2 year weighted average, not as much growth as previous year. 71 students Leth51 isn't funded for.
- iv. Next Meeting for Community Conversations  
May 7 – 7 to 830 location TBD
- v. Election for city council and school board trustees upcoming. 7 positions. October 20, 2025

### c. Division Liaison's Report – no division liaison present.

### d. Staff Report – Tannis

- i. Progressive dinner for the staff from the board.
- ii. Prayer for staff, student. Finish the year well and build each other up.
- iii. Mrs. A back after leave and is happy to be back.

### e. Principal's Report

- i. Registration – 184 current registrations. List of families to contact from our school. (220 current school year)
  1. Question if new busing fees are affecting enrolment numbers, too early to tell. No specific feedback. May 13 Society AGM @ 7:00pm
- ii. 55% feedback from grade 4 and 7 from assurance survey, much improved from last year.
- iii. Feedback on events
  1. Family photos – new photographer selected, Mountain West. Year-round photographers instead of seasonal employees.
  2. Book fair – record year.
  3. Swag store – new manufacturer.

- iv. Parent Engagement – Phil Hills Executive Director ASCI. April 15. Conflict with society board meeting – Sean to email.
  - 1. Suggested topic – source of depression and anxiety in isolationism, screen time etc.
  - 2. Refreshments (if we don't send a vote to the AGM, we can use the \$100 registration donation from the school board to support an engagement event)
- 7. New Business
  - a. Banking authority – requires motion
    - i. LCS School council moves that Nathaniel Kinisky (Chair) and Jessica Willms (Secretary) are added the list of transactional signers and that Edna Asem, Denita Penner, and Brenda Hampson are removed from the list.  
Motion: All in favour
  - b. Society – how can they support parent council better Amy Granger-
    - i. Hoping to partner with council for specific events
      - 1. Events for staff: lunches, treats
      - 2. Fundraising: when during the year can we partner on a fundraiser (pancake breakfast?). Used to have a potluck.
      - 3. A gap among younger age ranges that missed field trips and events during covid. Parents do not know each other, lacking in community.
      - 4. Calendar for next year – once ready- find some space to work together.
        - a. Prescheduled items (i.e. meals for teachers for P/T interviews)
      - 5. Parent Engagement Committee formed between council and society. Sign-ups for additional members.
      - 6. Lunch for staff (plan to include bus drivers) – April 10 prep, April 11.
      - 7. May 23 pancake breakfast
      - 8. Society AGM May 13
- 8. Adjournment, prayer requests and closing prayer

**Tentative Meeting Dates:**  
**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
**Monday, May 26, 2025**