



Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council

Date: November 2, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Lamont High School

1. Call to order: 6:35 pm

In Attendance:

- Melissa Aylward (Treasurer)
- Marlis Marler (Assistant Principal)
- Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)
- Sylvia McDonald (Chair)
- Melissa Young (Vice-Chair)
- Delane Zacharko (via Zoom)
- Terri Barron (Secretary)
- Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)
- Christy Luimes
- Carmen Andruchow
- Brandy Hrycyk
- Maria Dytiuk
- Byron Welch

2. Welcome & Introductions:

3. Review & Approval of Agenda -

Terri Barron made a motion to pass the agenda as presented. Seconded by Melissa Aylward. All in favor.

4. Approval of last month's meeting minutes -

Melissa Young made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Sylvia McDonald. All in favor.

5. Principal Report - Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)

1. Student Enrollment - 344 students
2. Staffing
 - a. Registrar is Shelley Kuzio as Cindy Gruber has retired
 - b. SEAS - New EA has been hired
3. PTIs - 246
4. Grad
 - a. June 8, 2023 at LHS
 - b. Parent committee for banquet is being formed
5. Trends
 - a. Dab pens - school is doing extensive research on this issue
 - b. Family Supports
6. Assurance Review - Nov 22, 2023 at Ardrossan School
7. Upcoming events and important dates:
 - a. Nov 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews and Parent Council @ 6:30
 - b. Nov 3 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - c. Nov 6-9 - November Break
 - d. Nov 10 - Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day
 - e. Nov 13-13 - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
 - f. Nov 14 - ELAA post-secondary fair and RAP information night
 - g. Nov 14-16 - Grad Pictures (Please book online)
 - h. Nov 16 - Picture retake day
 - i. Nov 21 - Your Future: Post Secondary and Career Fair

6. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Read In Week October 2-7, 2023.

I was invited to read at Lamont Elementary School and Mundare School on October 3, 2023. I also read to students at Bruderheim School on October 17, 2023.

School Tours

Trustees and senior administration toured schools in Fort Saskatchewan on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Board Chairs Meeting with Education Minister

On October 12, 2023, Board Chairs and Superintendents from across the province met with the education minister and his staff to discuss concerns and offer solution focused comments on topics including funding, transportation, infrastructure, career pathways and mental health.

October 2023 Board Meeting

French Immersion Decision – the Superintendent brought forward that she had received some new information regarding the French Immersion recommendation and requested the report be pulled from the agenda. The Board agreed and approved the agenda as amended.

Unaudited Financial Report September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023, was received for information. \$4.8 million was spent on Board and System Administration. We were allowed up to approx. \$6.2 million. These dollars were directed out to schools.

Unaudited Accumulated Surplus on August 31, 2023, Report was received for information.

As of August 31, 2023, schools boards need to be under an allowable cap in operating reserves. For EIPS this amount is 3.15% or approx. \$6 million.

For August 31, 2024, the cap will be 3.2%.

School generated funds are not part of the cap.

For operating reserves, we are allowed a maximum of \$6,090,273 (3.15% of our budget) and a minimum of \$1,933,420 (1% of our budget) so we are under the allowable amount.

As of August 31, 2023:

Capital Reserves \$2.2 million (not included in the cap)

Operating Reserves \$4,953,775

Throughout the year, if there are surplus dollars in the budget, those are brought back to the board to approve reallocations.

2023-2024 Enrolment Report was received for information.

17,760 in EIPS

We have seen an increase of 60 students in Lamont County.

For information:

School	Budgeted Spring 2023 Enrolment	Actual September 29, 2023 Enrolment
Bruderheim School	99	115
Lamont Elementary School	298	331
Lamont Jr/Sr High School	341	344
Mundare School	108	116

Community Events/Meetings

Awards Night, Lamont High School - October 23, 2023

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Lamont High School – November 3, 2023

Central and School Assurance Reviews

October 30 & 31, 2023 Central Departments

November 22-27, 2023 Schools,

School Council Rep will be asked and welcome to attend.

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

Trustees will attend the Fall General Meeting in Edmonton on November 19-21, 2023.

Budget Survey

In December the division will be sending out a survey to stakeholders on what they feel the most important things should be prioritized in the budget.

School Council Engagement Grant: Application Process

Email will come out from Emma Small to school council chairs and/or principals. This year you can use it for the ASCA conference fees which is a change from previous years. Please feel free to contact Emma Small for additional information. Emma.small@eips.ca

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The first COSC meeting was held Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The next one will be held on January 10, 2024, at Central office at 6:30pm. A virtual option will continue to be offered and I highly recommend having someone from your school council attend.

7. Town Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11, 2023, Lamont Hall 10:30am Still looking for students to take part in “No Stone Left Alone”

Tour and Dinner Meeting with the Lamont County Food Bank

Both Town of Lamont and Lamont County councils were invited to attend a dinner and meeting with the Food Bank.

Public Library Meeting

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

Will be holding an online auction as a fundraiser. Any donations would be appreciated.

A Christmas craft night fundraiser is planned for Monday, November 27, 2023, at 7pm in the library.

Council Meetings

Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook.

Budget 2024

Council will begin working on our budget for next year with meetings coming up in the next month.

Meeting with RCMP

A meeting with members of council and the RCMP will be taking place due to some concerns from residents regarding community safety.

8. Old Business -

a. Christmas Dinner/Formal Day

i. Photographer, Donation Letters, Menu

Christmas dinner will be scheduled for Monday, December 18. Prep day will be Sunday, December 17. Sylvia has hired Emma Williams to be the photographer for that day. Terri Barron made a motion to approve a \$50 gift card to be given to Emma as a Thank You. Melissa Aylward seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Sylvia McDonald wrote up the letter for donations for businesses and will be distributing them with the weekly newsletter she delivers in town.

The menu will be similar to last year: meat from Old Country Sausage, veggies, and macaroni salad. And, of course, cookies!

9. New Business

A. Family Gym Time - Delane Zacharko

Would like to host some sort of family nights/evenings to give the kids some options to spend their free time. A couple of the members present are going to look into our options for hosting this as there are certain guidelines and rules that need to be followed, checking with FCSS as well.

B. First Aid letter - Jason Lafrance

Mr. Lafrance supplied the council with a letter requesting \$1500 funding for first aid training for the students. Melissa Young motioned to approve his request. Carmen Andruchow seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

10. Questions/Round Table -

11. Next Meeting - Thursday Jan 25, 2024 at 6:30

12. Meeting adjourned: 8:21 pm