



## Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council

Date: November 19, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Lamont High School

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### 1. Call to order: 6:10 pm

#### In Attendance:

- Peter Vanermeulen (Assistant Principal)
- Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)
- Sylvia McDonald (Chair)
- Terri Barron (Secretary)
- Heather Rideout (Treasurer)
- Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)
- Delane Zacharko
- Bobbi Moonen
- Nadia Chopping
- Tara Cossey (via Zoom)

### 2. Welcome & Introductions:

### 3. Review & Approval of Agenda -

Terri Barron made a motion to pass the agenda as amended (switched Principal's Report with Trustee Report). Seconded by Heather Rideout. All in favor. Motion passed.

### 4. Approval of last month's meeting minutes -

Heather Rideout made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Seconded by Sylvia McDonald. All in favor. Motion passed.

### 5. Principal Report - Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)

#### 1. Past few months

- a. **SEP goal #1: Lamont High School will provide opportunities, inspire and encourage students in exploring and understanding career options, leading to improved feedback on student's ability to visualize and plan for their future.**
  - i. Try a Trade
  - ii. ELAA
  - iii. Grad tracking and post-secondary planning
  - iv. CALM presentations

- v. Take your kid to work day
- vi. Green certificate presentation
- b. SEP goal #2: Implement a comprehensive system of feedback and assessment to enhance engagement, increase ability to handle rigor, and improve motivation to succeed academically across all subjects and grade levels.**
  - i. October 4 PL Day - Collaborative working groups across the division
  - ii. Staff meetings - discussions and activities around assessments. Creation of a 'rubric' which outlines best practices in classrooms.
  - iii. PTIs/Parent conversations
  - iv. Vretta training for staff and admin (new digital platform for PATs and diploma exams)
- c. SEP goal #3: Foster a sense of belonging among all students by creating an inclusive school environment, promoting positive relationships, and implementing programs that celebrate diversity, leading to improved student wellbeing and academic success.**
  - i. White bus meeting
  - ii. Golf/Cross Country/Volleyball
  - iii. Bullying Prevention Week
  - iv. Student clubs

## 2. Upcoming Months

- a. SEP goal #1:**
  - i. Augustana presentation - Grades 11 & 12, Nov. 27, 24
  - ii. CWB Presentation - Welding Certification, Grades 11 & 12, Nov. 21, 24
  - iii. Career Fair in the works!
  - iv. Continuing grad tracking and post-secondary planning
- b. SEP goal #2:**
  - i. Staff meeting conversations
  - ii. January PL day - Assessment
  - iii. Staff attending Common Exam Building Sessions
  - iv. Vretta training with students
- c. SEP goal #3:**
  - i. Christmas dinner/formal day
  - ii. Sr. High Girls Volleyball @ provincials
  - iii. PD - Declarative Language
  - iv. Kelly and Peter - Racism presentation at BFH
  - v. MADD presentation
  - vi. Partnership with LME
  - vii. Kelly attending Learning and the Brain conference

## **6. Town Report - Colleen Holowaychuk**

- Friday Nov. 29 - Friday Late Night Shopping
- Nov. 30 - Town Light Up and Christmas Store 1-4 @ Hall
- Budget survey will be coming out soon, please watch for it on the Facebook page
- Town approved \$150 donation to LHS Christmas dinner
- Some volunteers will come to LHS for prep (Dec. 15) and serving (Dec. 16)

## **7. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk 2025-26 Modular Classroom Plan**

Approved the Plan which includes requesting new modulars, demolishing old modulars which are past their life cycle and include health & safety reasons, and relocating modulars in both Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan to either right size or increase student spaces.

### **Trustee Resignation**

Trustee Jacqueline Shotbolt from Fort Saskatchewan has resigned effective October 31, 2024, due to relocation to outside of her ward.

The Board will not hold a bi-election for the 2 vacant positions (Fort Saskatchewan, and Strathcona County South of Wye Road, former Trustee Jim Seutter who resigned last year).

### **Board Governance Surplus on Aug. 31, 2024**

The Motion approved: That the Board of Trustees directs the placement of the Board Governance surplus on Aug. 31, 2024, of \$39,592 exceeding the allowable carry-forward be allocated to the Leveraging Student Achievement funds.

### **Calendar Survey**

Thank you to our families and staff for taking the time to fill out the calendar survey as we figure out how to incorporate and consider the research on collaboration and professional learning on student achievement.

### **Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting**

The Board attended the ASBA FGM held in Edmonton on November 17-19, 2024.

Remarks from Premier Daniel Smith and Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis.

### **COSC Meeting Dates**

The next COSC meeting will be held on Wednesday January 8, 2025, at EIPS Central Office in Sherwood Park. Meetings are always available to join virtually.

### **Assurance Reviews**

Central assurance reviews were held at the end of October and school assurance reviews will be held the last two weeks of November 2024.

### **Annual Education Result Report (AERR)**

The Board has reviewed the draft AERR early this month and look forward to approving it at our next board meeting. Once approved, it will be posted on the website.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday November 28, 2024.

### **8. Old Business -**

#### **a. Christmas Dinner/Formal Day**

Sylvia McDonald has collected some donations around town and will continue to do so. Dec. 16 will also be “Formal Day” as it has been in the past. We will prepare for approximately 400 students and staff for dinner.

### **9. New Business- None**

### **10. Questions/Round Table -**

### **11. Next Meeting - Tuesday Jan. 21, 2025 @ 5:30**

### **12. Meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm**