



Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council

Date: September 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Lamont High School

1. Call to order: 6:05 pm

In Attendance:

- Melissa Aylward (Acting Chair)
- Peter Vandermeulen (Assistant Principal)
- Kelly Sawatzky (Principal)
- Terri Barron (Secretary)
- Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)
- Heather Rideout
- Krista Skinner
- Bobbi Moonen (via zoom)
- Nadia Chopping
- Sheryl Skinner
- Bill Skinner
- Josh Rideout
- Lisa Holt
- Delane Zacharko (via zoom)
- Tara Cossey (via zoom)
- Carmen Andruchow

2. Welcome & Introductions:

3. Review & Approval of Agenda -

Krista Skinner made a motion to pass the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lisa Holt. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Review and Acceptance of last meeting minutes

Heather Rideout made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Seconded by Nadia Chopping. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Chair's Report - Melissa Aylward (Acting Chair)

Officer Changes - We had a few changes in council positions. In September, Sylvia McDonald was re-elected as Chair and Melissa Aylward was elected Vice Chair. In January,

council accepted Sylvia McDonald's resignation and Melisa Aylward stepped in as Acting Chair until AGM.

Christmas Dinner- Once again, LHS Parent Council served students and staff with our Annual Christmas Dinner. We served pork roast with gravy and an alternative chicken breast for those who do not eat pork. We had mashed potatoes, pasta salad, veggies, buns and cookies.

Service wasn't without hiccups. We will be ensuring better communication with availability of the kitchen so we can serve lunch on time.

We were lucky to have such great parent volunteers to prep, cook and serve the delicious meal.

Thank you to Principal Kelly Sawatzky, Vice-Principal Peter Vandermeulen and Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk-Mullany for their time in helping us prepare this meal.

6. Principal's Report - Kelly Sawatzky

School Education Plan

- Lamont High School will inspire and support students in exploring career pathways and will help them visualize and plan for their futures.
- Develop and implement a consistent, school-wide system for timely, formative feedback and assessment practices that enhance student engagement, support academic perseverance, and foster motivation across all subjects and grade levels.
- Foster a sense of belonging among all students by promoting positive relationships and implementing programs that celebrate diversity.

Items to report:

1. 2025-2026 Start Up

- a. 314 students, funding to remain stable
- b. New counsellor – Mr. Smit
- c. New options: Personal Image Design 8, Sr High Drama, Graphic Arts, Tourism and Film production 8, Basic Business (Sr. High), General Music (Gr. 11 & 12)
- d. My Blueprint - grades 9-12
- e. Clash of the Classes
- f. Overall, a smooth start up, aside from dip in numbers

2. Bus Update

3. Safety and Investigations

7. Old Business

Christmas Dinner - Melissa Aylward made a motion to approve the dates for prep as Sunday, Dec. 14 and dinner service as Monday, Dec. 15. Lisa Holt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Sawatzky will put a notice in the weekly s'more asking for

volunteers for these dates. Melissa Aylward will print up a letter to pass out to businesses asking for donations.

Operating procedures - LHS Parent Council (last updated 2017) Melissa Aylward has started editing based on the email from ASCA with recommended amendments. We will need to approve them at a future meeting.

8. New Business - N/A

9. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Collegiate/ Campus EIPS

We received the start-up and lease funding for the EIPS Collegiate. (\$1.7million) Currently accepting registrations. Please visit the website www.campuseips.ca as there is so much information to see.

Library Materials

Ministerial Information Session was held with Boards in regard to the revised Selection and Availability of School Literary Material ministerial order.

Junior High Curriculum

Junior High Curriculum piloting, this year, next year optional implementation and 2027-2028 is mandatory implementation. EIPS will be involved in some of the field testing.

COSC Meeting Dates

The next COSC meeting will be held on October 1, 2025, at EIPS Central Office in Sherwood Park. 5:15-6:15pm (Pizza and Refreshments) Meeting Starts at 6:30pm. Meetings are always available to join virtually. New COSC support is Ryan McMillen at EIPS.

Election 2025

Nominations close at noon on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Election day is Monday, October 20, 2025.

Acclamations in Lamont County and Vegreville/Minburn County West.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on October 30, 2025. This will be the Organizational meeting of the new Board. Trustee onboarding will take place during the week of October 27-31, 2025.

10. Town Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Campbell Construction

46 Street now completed, path near the church and alley was installed due to coming in under budget. This project was completed 2 years ahead of schedule.

Party in the Park

Held on Friday, September 5, 2025. It was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came out to participate and all the community groups who supplied food, treats, etc. Many sponsors made the event possible.

We celebrated our centenarians as well as yard beautification awards.

Lamont Public Library

The library is looking for members for both the Public Library Board and the creation of a fundraising society. Board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

Lamont Rural Health Committee

Committee of Council with community members, Health Care Professionals and EIPS Superintendent.

As far as we know, it is the only committee that has representation from the school board. Exciting connections will be built with our schools starting with some of our division 1 students being able to tour the hospital and shadow Doctors , where acceptable. It will be a fun day of learning and curiosity.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Please join us at Tawaw Park at 2pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. The Administration Office will be closed from 1:30-4:00pm.

Election 2025

A Meet the Candidate Event will take place on Monday, September 29, 2025, 7-9pm at the Lamont Rec Centre Hall.

Election will be held on Monday October 20, 2025.

Stadnick Park

Stadnick Park north of the Edna Subdivision will be decommissioned in 2026 as it has been deemed unsafe. Discussion has taken place with the family.

Upcoming Council Meetings

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

The Town of Lamont FB Page is always a great place to look for information.

11. Election of Officers -**Voting in New Council -**

Chair -Melissa Aylward nominated herself for Chair. Second call for nominations, third call for nominations, nominations ceased. Melissa Aylward is chair by acclamation.

Vice Chair - Nadia Chopping nominated Heather Rideout for Vice Chair, Heather accepted. Second call for nominations, third call for nominations, nominations ceased. Heather Rideout is Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Secretary - Josh Rideout nominated Krista Skinner for secretary, Krista accepted. Second call for nominations, third call for nominations, nominations ceased. Krista Skinner is secretary by acclamation.

Foundation Representative -Josh Rideout nominated himself for Foundation Rep. Second call for nominations, third call for nominations, nominations ceased. Josh Rideout is Foundation Rep by acclamation.

12. Round Table Discussion -

13. Next Meeting -

a. Date: Thursday Nov. 29, 2025

b. Time: 6:00 pm

(We will try to keep meetings on third Thursday of every second month)

14. Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Thank you for attending Lamont High School Parent Advisory Council Meeting