

Lamont Elementary School Council

Hybrid Meeting held on September 28, 2023

In Attendance:

Kjersti Wytrykush, Heather Rideout, Krista Skinner, Nadia Chopping, Reena Swaile, Carla Graham, Amanda Marchand, Naomi Arzate, Erica Yost, Kirby Oshust, Bobbi Moonen, Lisa Holt, Mia Davidson

1. Call to Order:

President Heather Rideout called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

Bobbi Moonen made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Kjersti seconded. All in favour.

3. Principal Report (Presented by Vice-Principal, Naomi Arzate)

Principal Report:

1) Introduction –

2) State of the union

a. Total enrolment – 328 students

- i. 45 kindergartens
- ii. 41 grade 1
- iii. 46 grade 2
- iv. 53 grade 3
- v. 40 grade 4
- vi. 43 grade 5
- vii. 55 grade 6
- viii. 5 PALS

b. Staffing changes –

- i. Pals – Mrs. Terri Barron, Ms. Amber
- ii. Grade 2 – Mrs. Depeel
- iii. Grade 3 – Mrs. Vandelannoite
- iv. Grade 4/5 – Mrs. Ash until November break. Miss.

Howatt will not be returning to LME and we will be looking to hire someone for the remainder of the school year at the end of October.

- v. Grade 6 – Mr. Knapp and Mrs. DePeel

3) August / September Highlights:

a. It was a great start up. All the kids, staff and families have been so welcoming. We've had a busy September. Meet the teacher had a great turn out. The combination carnival, and Community awareness brought out many of our families and everyone appeared to have a great time. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and school council for the countless hours they put in to make the evening a success for our students.

- b. Hot Lunch began in the second week of September much to the kid's enjoyment. This program couldn't happen without our lunch staff. They work hard to prepare over 400 meals four days a week for Lamont and Bruderheim. We were able to increase the service with an increase in the grant from the provincial government and a generous donation from Cenovus at the end of last year.
- c. Grade 2,3,4 swimming has kicked off this week. Response has been close to 100% participation.
- 4) Looking Ahead
 - a. Friday September 29 is Orange Shirt Day
 - b. Saturday September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - c. October 25-26 Hybrid parent teacher interviews. Phone and in person options.
- 5) Questions for Parent Council (items were added to new business)
 - a. Agenda sponsorship
 - b. Teacher allowances

4. Trustee's Report:

Colleen was not present at the meeting but forwarded the following report:

Lamont Elementary School Council Trustee Report – September 27, 2023

New Minister of Education

Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis was sworn in on June 9, 2023.

First Team Training

The Board and our new Superintendent Sandra Stoddard met on August 23, 2023 for a workshop on First Team training.

2023-2024 Organisational Meeting

August 24, 2023

New Chair and Vice Chair for the Board

Chair Cathy Allen from Sherwood Park

Vice Chair Susan Miller Strathcona County

Board Retreat

September 18, 19, 2023 at Pigeon Lake with our Superintendent
Planning workshop

Elected Official Meeting

The Board met with NDP MLA Kyle Kasawski on September 20, 2023.

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The first COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, October 2023, at Central office at 6:30pm
The meetings are normally 2 hours. There will be a virtual option available.

Prior to the meeting, there will be a meet and greet, pizza supper at 5:30pm

5. Town of Lamont Report (report sent in by Colleen)

Lamont Elementary School - Town Council Report September 27, 2023

Summer Fest

Parade – Great event with 77 entries and over 100 floats.

Rodeo – Lamont Agricultural Society, thank you to Lamont Elementary and Lamont Public Library and community members for volunteering. Groups volunteering have an opportunity to raise funds for their groups as the Ag Society will pay volunteers.

Picnic in the Park

September 7, 2023,

Thank you to everyone who attended. We had great attendance.

Alberta Municipalities Convention

September 27-29, 2023 Council will be attending.

Tawáw Park - July 7, 2023, the announcement was made at the Party in the Park on the Friday. The park will be installed on September 28 and 29, 2023 between 9am-5pm.

Community volunteers are welcome to participate. Thank you to Cenovus for their very generous support of this project.

Truth and Reconciliation Day

Please join us on September 30, 2023, at Tawáw Park. All are welcome; town, county and visiting residents.

6. Treasurer's Report: presented by Krista Reports included with meeting minutes

Krista made a motion that Bobbi and Tanya will audit the Financial Reports for the Year of July 1st, 2021-June 30th 2022 as well as July 1, 2022-June 30th, 2023 at the conclusion of the meeting.

Motion seconded by Nadia Chopping. All in favour
Both will be approved during the next meeting.

We have a current balance of \$6412.08

7. **Fundraiser Report** presented by Heather Rideout

The cost of the carnival was \$474.46 (This covered the cost of repairing games, decorations and prizes) A float of \$300 was pulled out for the event, which was deposited back in the total of \$698.92. The event did run at a cost to us of \$75.54.

The “cheaper” prizes were a hot commodity with students. Will need to restock for future carnivals.

8. **New Business:**

a. **By-Law Updates:**

-reviewed current bylaws as well as proposed changes including names the group will be recognized as for banking purposes, updating policy to use lamontparentcounil@gmail.com email address. There were also spelling and grammatical errors corrected. There was also a change in the notice of AGM announcement and quorum at AGM.

Motion was made by Krista Skinner to change the wording in the Treasurer roles to now read, “Arranges for annual audit review of LESC books prior to October 15th of the new school year”.

Accepted updated bylaws. Bobbi Moonen seconded. All in favour.

b. **Student Agendas:**

The motion was made by Heather Rideout that the parent council will pay Lamont Elementary back for their invoice for student agendas to a maximum of \$2000.00

Motion seconded by Bobbi Moonen. All in favour.

c. **Teacher Allowance:**

The motion was made by Heather Rideout that the Lamont Elementary School Council will provide \$100.00 per teacher for discretionary costs for a total of \$1600.00/

Motion seconded by Kjersti Wytrykush. All in favour.

d. **Proposed Halloween Dance:**

-Lamont Elementary School Council will be hosting a Halloween Dance for the families of Lamont Elementary.

-The dance will take place on Friday, October 27th (time 6:00–8:00pm)

-Paul will be DJing and Heather will chair the committee.

-Amanda Marchand volunteered to help with set-up and organization and has decorations that can be used.

-Will sell Kernals popcorn and possible glow sticks

e. Elections:

Election for chair: Krista nominated Heather Rideout and it was seconded by Nadia Chopping. No further nominations. Position acclaimed.

Election for Vice-Chair: Kjersti nominated Carla Graham and it was seconded by Bobbi. No further nominations. Position acclaimed.

Election for Treasurer: Heather will nominate Krista Skinner. Nadia seconded. No further nominations. Position acclaimed.

Election for Secretary: Krista will nominate Kjersti Wytrykush. Nadia seconded. No further nominations. Position acclaimed.

Election for Fund-Raising Coordinator: Nadia nominated Tanya Nemirsky. Krista seconded. No further nominations. Position acclaimed.

f. Signing Authority Changes:

Motion presented by Krista Skinner

Krista moves to implement banking changes to ATB account transit #08389-219. Account number #####.

Removing previous vice-chair Nicole Kammer's signing authority.

Adding new Vice-chair Carla Graham and new Fundraising coordinator, Tanya Nemirsky, with any two to sign on the accounts.

Motion seconded by Nadia Chopping. All in favour.

9. Date of Next Meeting: November 13th at 6:00pm (Hybrid)

10. Meeting adjourned by Heather Rideout at 6:34 pm.

