

**Lamont Elementary School Council**

Hybrid Meeting held on May 28th, 2024

**In Attendance:**

Kjersti Wytrykush, Heather Rideout, Krista Skinner, Carla Graham, Paul McKay, Colleen Holowaychuk, Kathryn Klita, Reena Swaile, Marlis, Leslie Pavan

**1. Call to Order:**

President Heather Rideout called the meeting to order at 6:06  
Minutes taken by Kjersti Wytrykush

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

**Adjusted: Colleen’s report before Principal report**

Heather made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Krista seconded.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes approved by Heather and seconded by Krista

**4. Trustee Report:**

**LES Trustee Report – May 2024**

**Transportation Fees 2024-2025**

**Eligible - Students who meet the distance eligibility criteria and are therefore funded regardless of whether they attend their designated or non-designated school.**

**(1km or greater for students Kindergarten to Grade 6)**

**(2km or greater for students grade 7-12)**

**Ineligible – Students who do not meet the distance eligibility criteria and are not funded regardless of whether they attend their designated or non-designated school.**

**(Alberta Education now funds students, within their school division, to the school they are attending rather than just their designated school.)**

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>2023-2024 Fees</b>	<b>2024-2025 Fees before June 30</b>	<b>2024-2025 Fees after June 30</b>
<b>Eligible</b>	<b>Fees ranged from \$75.00 to \$325.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Ineligible</b>		<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Kindergarten Eligible</b>		<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Kindergarten Ineligible</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

Additional Bus		\$100.00	\$125.00
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## Budget 2024-2025

(For more information, please see the very detailed budget report in the May 2, 2024, Board Meeting package, which can be found online).

Although the Alberta Education profile saw an overall increase of 4%, the 2024-2025 budget for EIPS and many other school divisions in the province is going to be very tight, as no increases for inflationary costs were included.

2024-2025 Budget Priorities for the Board are:

### 1. Complexity in classrooms

A new complex classroom allocation of \$1.508 million for schools.

This new allocation is based on an algorithm including the following factors:

o Provincial Achievement and Diploma Test results including standard deviation/mean, o socio-economic factors,

o First Nation, Métis, and Inuit self-identified students,

o English as an Additional Language,

o students in care; and

o students with non-levelled special education codes, and student population size.

Overall, the total amount allocated to schools has not changed significantly, but some schools see overall increases and others see overall decreases.

### 2. Curriculum and resource development

### 3. Mental health strategic plan

### 4. Collegiate program and career pathways

### 5. Equity for rural and Equity for all

#### *Rural*

Mileage allocation for schools in Sectors 4 (Lamont County) and 5 (Vegreville) will continue. This is to fund staff travelling to Central Services for professional development and/or meetings. This provides for one principal meeting per month, one assistant principal meeting every two months and one staff person meeting per year.

Letter of Understanding to allow for a travel allowance for certificated substitutes for eight rural schools.

For the two rural small schools, Bruderheim and Mundare, the amount reduced from their block funding for operations has been lessened, allowing them to keep more funding.

There continues to be a \$30 per student Distance allocation for rural (costs more for field trips etc.) provided to schools in Sectors 4 and 5.

#### *Equity for all*

The additional special education programs in Fort Saskatchewan implemented last year will remain. (One program in Lamont is on hold currently though as there are not enough students registered in the program).

Complexity allocation considers lower socio-economic status factors and other factors that are unique to each school.

Classified staff will be able to take their second personal business day without providing the funds for a sub to the Division.

#### **6. Retention of staff**

The Division is looking to hire more permanent educational assistants and less hourly for the 2024-25 year.

Classified staff will be able to take their second personal business day without providing the funds for a sub to the Division.

#### **7. Artificial intelligence and digital tools**

##### **Reserves**

On August 31, 2024, reserves will need to be at 3.2% of prior year expenditures.

On August 31, 2025, reserves will need to be at 6% of prior year expenditures, but this will also include SGF (school generated funds)

##### **System Administration**

Held to a maximum of 3.2% of prior year expenditures.

Schools and departments received their budgets allocations on May 2, 2024.

EIPS finalized budget will be submitted to Alberta Education after our budget board meeting on June 6, 2024.

##### **School Council Engagement Award**

Elk Island Public Schools was nominated and received this award from the Alberta School Councils Association! Thank you to our Committee of School Councils for the nomination.

Blanket Exercise Lamont Elementary School on May 2, 2024. Thank you for the invitation to attend.

Long Service Awards May 7, 2024

Next Board Meeting May 30, 2024

Discussion: (Paul) raised questions about staff raising questions about permanent vs. temporary positions. Some staff members prefer to remain temporary.

#### **5. Town of Lamont Report:**

##### **Lamont Elementary School - Town Council Report May 2024**

**Lamont Farmers' Market** – Currently running every Wednesday until Sept 15, 2024, at the Hall /Arena.

**Park and Recreation Survey** -will run from May 10-September 16, 2024

**Tree Canada Grant** – The Town received \$10,000. This will help to replace the trees that were lost due to black knot as well as add some to the park if there is enough money left.

**Spray Park** – opened May 17, 2024.

**Yard Beautification Awards** – There will be awards in three categories: most improved yard, best yard, and most colorful yard. See Facebook for more details.

**Rural Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee** – a new committee will have a town council representative who will work alongside others from healthcare to increase rural health attraction and retention.

**Alberta Rural Health Week** – May 27-31, 2024

**Community Wide Garage Sale** - June 1, 2024. The Public Library Board will be hosting a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser at the meeting room.

**Lamont Public Library Online Auction** is currently being held to support the library as well. See Facebook for details. Closes May 29, 2024.

**Community Futures Lemonade Day** – June 15, 2024, a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business.

Summer Sizzler Rodeo will be held in July.

### **Council Meetings**

Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook. Next meeting is May 28, 2024.

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

## **6. Principal Report (Presented by Paul)**

Welcome back everyone.

Introduce Marlis –

It's been an event filled month since we last met. We've had several Ukrainian events highlighted by the Ukrainian breakfast. It was so well attended, and the kids were on their best behaviours. We also had a track meet, which was capped off by our Grade 5 boys earning a third place finish in the Medley relay race. We also hosted a community blanket exercise which was attended by approximately 12 community members.

**Events:** As we head into June we have an action-packed month ahead of us. Along with the many field trips we are looking forward to hosting our annual Family Picnic and Art Show on June 6 at 4:30pm. An invite and rsvp were sent out on Friday to help us gauge numbers for the event.

**Ukrainian Sign Up** – On Friday we sent home a link to have families that are interested in signing their students up for Ukrainian next year. We will keep this link open until the middle of June. It is important for families to fill this out to help with the planning for next year. Next year both Mrs. Janssen and Mrs. Kelly will be teaching Ukrainian.

**Friend Request:** New this year to help our teachers set up the classes for next year we have invited families to share the name of one or two friends that a student would like to be with next year. Teachers normally do a great job of this, and rarely do we have a situation where a student doesn't have a connection. A link went out in our Lion letters on Friday, and it will close on Monday June 3. As always, we will do our best to honor all the requests, but sometime for various circumstances that doesn't always work.

**Staffing and Class Configuration:** Staffing is still ongoing currently. I have a few updates that I can provide. I'd like to welcome Leslie Pavan who will be the new assistant principal at Lamont Elementary. Leslie comes to us with a plethora of experience as a curriculum developer, literacy consultant and years as a kindergarten and div 1 teacher. Lamont is lucky to have her. Mrs. Derksen will resume her role next year as the counsellor.

Kindergarten 2 sections – Mrs. Petrushko

Grade 1 -Mrs. Janssen and ????

Grade 2 – Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Whitrow

Grade 3 – Mrs. Vandelannoite and ????

Grade 4- Ms. Mulholland and ????

Grade 5 – Mrs. Calder

Grade 5/6 - ???????

Grade 6- ???????

**Important Dates:**

**May 30 – Kindergarten Open House**

**June 5 – Early Out / Loonies for Lamont**

**June 6 – Family Picnic and Art Show 4:30 – 6:00**

**June 12 – Fun Day**

**June 19 – Grade 6 Social Studies PAT**

**June 20 – Grade 6 Science PAT**

**June 26 – Last Instructional Day / Grade 6 Farewell in pm.**

- 7. LUBA Report** - Presented by Carla Graham  
-Teddy Bears for grade 6 can be picked up or decorated on May 29th, 2024

- 8. Treasurer's Report:** Krista  
Reports included with meeting agenda

**Current Balance:** \$7254.16

**Fundraising Report:**

-no report at this time

-there will be a discussion about moving fundraising out of council (will address at the AGM)

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9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business:**

9. Date of Next Meeting: September 24th, 2024 at 6:00

10. Meeting adjourned by Heather Rideout at 6:47