

Lamont Elementary School Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Hybrid Meeting held on Sept 24th, 2024

In Attendance:

Kjersti Wytrykush, Heather Rideout, Krista Skinner, Colleen Holowaychuk, Carla Kwiatowski, Kirby Oshust, Bobbi Moonen, Jacy Froland, Jessie Ouellet, Zoe Anderson (staff rep.), Leslie Pavan (A.P.), Marlis Marler (Principal) Allison Cossey

1. Call to Order:

President Heather Rideout called the meeting to order at 6:01
Minutes taken by Kjersti Wytrykush, compiled by Krista Skinner

2. Approval of Agenda:

Krista made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to move Colleen's info up.
Kjersti seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes approved by Heather and seconded by Krista

4. Trustee Report:

Lamont Elementary School Council Trustee Report – September 2024

Annual Pancake Breakfast to Kickoff School Year 2024-2025

Trustees welcomed central office staff with the annual pancake breakfast on August 22, 2024.

Board Organizational Meeting – August 22, 2024

Board Chair – Cathy Allen

Vice Chair – Susan Miller

Allocation of \$1.6 million additional dollars received from the Government

In July, the Province announced additional one-time funding to all Boards.

As taken from the announcement:

“Alberta’s population is booming and causing unprecedented growth in our education system, adding a historic number of new students across the province for the 2024-25 school year. Alberta’s government recognizes and sympathizes with the challenges school authorities face with increasing enrolment, rising operational costs and inflation.

That is why it is investing \$215 million to help alleviate these pressures, beginning in the 2024-25 school year. We are providing school authorities with an additional \$125 million for the 2024/25 school year to address higher-than-expected enrolment growth and unavoidable cost pressures, including inflation. Funding may be used to hire additional teachers and classroom support staff, so school authorities can manage class sizes and the growing number of students.”

EIPS' portion is approximately \$1.6 million based on the enrolment numbers used in the spring budget. This number will be updated based on our true enrolment on Sept. 27, 2024. There are no restrictions on how EIPS uses these funds.

Given that the spring budget already covered inflationary costs, administration wanted to allocate the majority of the funds to schools, to address a key budget priority – classroom complexity.

The method of allocating the newly released funds follows the classroom complexity allocation methodology based on an algorithm which includes the following factors:

- Provincial Achievement and Diploma Exam Test Results including standard deviation/mean,
- Socio-economic factors,
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit self-identified students,
- English as an Additional Language,
- Students in care; and
- Students with non-leveled special education codes and student population size (students with leveled special education codes are funded through separate System Programs and Inclusive Education allocations).

In addition to classroom complexity, Next Step received an allocation and dollars were also put toward the Educational Assistant Capacity Building Project.

Sherwood Heights Groundbreaking was held September 12, 2024.

Premier Announcement and Meeting with Minister of Education on Investment in New Schools September 17 & 18, 2024

We sent our letter to indicate strongly that we are shovel ready for the Fort Saskatchewan Collegiate.

New Governance and Evaluation Committee

There are a number of Board related work items that could be accomplished by Board committee work.

These items include:

- Annual review of the Board handbook
- Development of the Board Retreat agenda and logistics
- Carry out the Board self-evaluation and development of Board Work Plan
- Superintendent evaluation
- Preparing for the election and on-boarding of new trustees

Board Policy 24 Personal Communication Devices

Rescinded and outlined in an updated Administrative Procedure 145 – Use of Personal Mobile Devices

Encourage that you read and understand the pieces and responsibilities of staff, student and parents and caregivers.

Consideration of the Research on Collaboration and Professional Learning on student achievement.

Motions approved:

That the Board of Trustees direct Administration to develop alternate, potential, calendar options, that are aligned to research, for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years, for consideration, and:

That the Board of Trustees also directs Administration to create a draft "Collaboration and Professional Time" Administrative Procedure that outlines the utilization of professional

development time, develop a calendar survey for stakeholders with accompanying video, and ensure all proposed calendar options maintain the November Break.

That Board of Trustees receive for information the Facility Services 2023-24 Summer Projects update.

387 projects total, with 36 in the Capital Projects department and 351 in the Maintenance department.

Maintenance program includes gym floor refinishing, painting, inspection of fire protection systems, air handling system duct cleaning, parking lot repairs.

COSC Meeting Dates

Held at EIPS Central Office at 6:30pm

October 2, 2024 includes the meet and greet beginning at 5pm, meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

5. Town of Lamont Report:

Lamont Elementary School - Town Council Report September 2024

Yard Beautification Awards

Awards in three categories: most improved yard, best yard, and most colorful yard.

They were presented at the Picnic in the Park.

Alberta Municipalities Convention Red Deer, Alberta September 24-27, 2024

Lamont Farmers' Market Sept 25, 2024, at the Hall /Arena.

Tree Canada Grant The Town received a \$10,000 grant Planting will take place on Sunday September 29, 2024, 10am at Hillside Park Pavilion.

Truth and Reconciliation Day Monday September 30, 2024, 1pm at Tawáw Park

Yard Waste Pickup Weather permitting, the last pick up will be October 25, 2024.

Council Meetings Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7pm. Always live streamed on Facebook. Next meeting is October 8, 2024.

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

6. Principal Report (Presented by Marlis)

- September has been great, very smooth.
- New playgrounds! Thank you for all your hard work bringing this together!!!
- GOA screeners - grade 1-3
- Meet the teacher/community night
- Swimming lessons up & running, Terry Fox raised \$1300, t-shirts handed out for all
- Enrollment has increased 337. Got 2 new allocations. °Hired 3 new EAs (Pals/gr 3, kinder & gr 5) ! Increased FTE of 2 teachers to help w large class sizes in gr 5 & 6 °Advertising for 0.5 FSLW
- Christmas concert
- Requested quotes for B-ball backboards

7. Treasurer's Report:

Krista shared the financial statement for year-end. Current balance is \$7254.16

LES SAC Monthly Financials

Presented Sept 24 2024 by Krista Skinner

July 1 2023 - June 30 2024

Current Stmt Balance	\$	7,254.16
O/S Cheques	\$	-
Free Balance	\$	7,254.16

O/S Cheques			Amount
Chq #	Dated	Reason	

Date	Item Description	Cheque #	Credit	Debit	Balance
July 31 2023	August Stmt Balance Forward				\$ 6,487.92
Sept 6 2023	Cheque to Heather Rideout - Carnival Supplies	563		\$ 474.46	\$ 6,013.46
Sept 14 2023	Withdrawal Float for Carnival			\$ 300.00	\$ 5,713.46
Sept 15 2023	Deposit Float/Carnival		\$ 698.62		\$ 6,412.08
Nov 1 2023	Deposit - Halloween Dance Cash Deposit		\$ 1,400.10		\$ 7,812.18
Nov 3 2023	Lamont Elementary Agendas	566		\$ 1,542.51	\$ 6,269.67
Nov 3 2023	Lamont Elementary Teacher Discretionary Func	564		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,669.67
Nov 20 2023	Heather Rideout Dance Supplies	565		\$ 339.54	\$ 4,330.13
Dec 8 2023	Deposit - Christmas Market		\$ 5,871.35		\$ 10,201.48
Dec 8 2023	Erica Yost Christmas Market Items	567		\$ 420.79	\$ 9,730.99
Dec 18 2023	Holiday Gift Shop	568		\$ 5,049.70	\$ 4,730.99
Jan 31 2024	Closing Balance on Jan 31 2024				\$ 4,730.99
Feb 6 2024	Deposit Candygrams		\$ 502.50		\$ 5,233.49
Feb 16 2024	Deposit Little Caesars		\$ 4,804.00		\$ 10,037.49
	Deposit Chq 54 Little Caesars order		\$ 114.00		\$ 10,151.49
	Cheque to Little Caesars	570		\$ 2,698.00	\$ 7,453.49
April 18 2024	Cheque to Tanya re Candygrams	569		\$ 199.33	\$ 7,254.16
May 31 2024	Closing Balance on May 31 2024				\$ 7,254.16
June 30 2024	Closing Balance on June 30 2024				\$ 7,254.16
July 31 2024	Closing Balance on July 31 2024				\$ 7,254.16

Krista made the motion: That the LESC will write a cheque for the balance of the bank account to the Friends of the Lamont Elementary School Society (FLESS) and close the bank account, keeping in line with provincial legislation.

Seconded by Bobbi Moonen and voted all in favour.

Heather made the motion that Jessie and Carla will audit the school council financials for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Krista Skinner and voted all in favour.

8. Fundraising Report:

Will now go through the friends. A list of previous fundraisers have been provided

9. Old Business

No old business

10. New Business:

Amendments to the by-laws

Reasoning:

1. Financials: currently Lamont Elementary School Council (LESC) has a bank account and holds fundraising opportunities. As the provincial legislation that we fall under does not actually support this, AND we are unable to secure our funds via insurance, we will be proposing that we write a cheque to the Friends of Lamont Elementary School Society (FLESS) for the balance on the account and then close the LESC bank account.

This document is online and will be updated once signed.

Krista made a motion to adopt the suggested amendments

Reena and Jesse second. All in Favour.

Halloween Dance:

Proposed Date: Friday, October 25th

Must have people willing to volunteer, Heather and Krista are not willing to do it alone again. Bobbi, Reena, Krista, Heather and KJ will commit to working on it.

Christmas Market

Erica Yost was not able to attend this meeting, however she did indicate that she would like to spearhead this again for this year.

Wishlist for School

Marlis to discuss with staff and bring back to next meeting

Elections (3 calls made for each position)

- i. Chair - Heather Rideout
- ii. Vice Chair - Tanya Nemirsky
- iii. Secretary - Krista Skinner
- iv. Members at Large - Kjersti Wytrykush and Jacy Froland

11. Date of Next Meeting: October 17th, 2024 at 6:00

12. Meeting adjourned by Heather Rideout at 7:08pm