

Leduc Composite High School
School Council Agenda
May 6, 2020

1. Call to order, Welcome, and Introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes of March 4, 2020 and Exec Minutes of April 15
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes--None
5. Correspondence
 - a. ASCA:
 - i. Emily attended the virtual "Connect with Education minister" on April 2.
 - ii. Encourage SC to operate and still connect school/parents; digital resources available. Webinars Mon and Wed.
 - iii. Emily attended virtual AGM on April 26; additional Meeting on Oct 17 to handle policy resolutions and other business.
6. Reports
 - a. Black Gold:
 - i. Mar 4 Board Highlights: 2 elem schools hosted Parent/Family Wellness Nights: a little different than our Meet and Greet but involving some of the same supports. Summer school--no administration fee even for free courses. Report from librarian on challenges/suggestions.
 - ii. April 8 Board Highlights: Board meetings are now live-streamed to allow public access. Learning at Home campaign. 3-yr capital plan has 5 projects (including modernizing 2 Leduc elem and adding/expanding 2 Leduc elem).
 - iii. April Trustee Newsletter: Layoffs of EAs and support staff (honour collective agreements, prioritize most vulnerable children). Transportation also reduced (had planned to pay "non-operational rate" till June 30, but now can't. Changes to the funding framework for first time in 15 years--will reduce pre-k; still determining other impacts. New Leduc high school projected 2024 (1,100 students; expand to 1600). Ward review to be decided June 17, 2020. New Humble school closure to reduce BGSD costs.
 - b. Principal's Report:
 - c. Student Council:
 - d. Student Services:
 - e. School Grad Council: Parent query: Will the students get grad caps?
 - f. Parent Grad Banquet Committee:
 - g. AFTERgrad Committee: cancelled for this year.
 - h. Vocational Showcase: cancelled for this year.
 - i. Leduc Community Drug Action Coalition:
7. Other Business:
8. Next Meeting: June 3, 2020, 6:30 pm
9. Adjournment

Leduc Composite High School
School Council Minutes
March 4, 2020

In attendance:

Parents/Community: Emily Meetsma, Rick Salt, Jaime Larivee, Lisa Smith, Volita Johnson

Staff: Shelley Hamilton, Brad Clarke, Renee Drover

1. Call to order at 6.37pm
2. Agenda adopted without changes
3. Minutes of February 4, 2020 adopted without changes
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: None
5. Correspondence: As listed in the agenda
6. Reports
 - a. Black Gold: As listed in the agenda
 - b. Principal's Report: See written report. Comment that Black Gold as a division will see some personnel changes for next year, as 2 principals and 1 associate superintendent are retiring. Provincial budget—looks like funding for high schools will move to a per student rather than per credit basis, and that student funding will be based on prior 3 years of attendance. Result will be staffing cuts and larger class sizes. We also discussed the draft "Parents and Guardians as Partners in Education" document. Unfortunately, parents need reminders to talk directly to teachers when they have concerns (rather than using social media or approaching other people) and to be respectful in those discussions. This document will probably be part of next year's registration package.
 - c. Student Council: see written report
 - d. Student Services: see written report. Feedback by Shelley—students feel unprepared for an academic stream in grade 10. "Student for a day" is suggested as Grade 9 students will come and experience grade 10 with teachers and students for about an hour and a half. Looking for student volunteers to help with the program.
 - e. School Grad Council: Feedback from Shelley. Estimated price per student \$55. Students meet twice a month. Décor done, kids working on music for recessional, a drive for students to bring baby pictures for slide show in progress.
 - f. Parent Grad Banquet Committee: Feedback by Shelley. Price per graduating student @ \$30, which includes gown, rental cap, seat at jubilee, décor, sound system. Pricing at Jubilee Auditorium for parents and guests is \$7 per person. Students picked a "Decades" theme. Students working on a music playlist for the event.

Committee selected 'Kosmos' Restaurant as caterer this year, reason being to keep it local. School Administration will cover some of the cost of the LRC as they have a surplus of funds generated from the previous year.

- g. AFTERgrad Committee: Feedback by Emily—about 8 students at initial planning. Students will come back to school, DJ, games and a movie was suggested. Between the Banquet Committee and PA will try and share the cost of DJ. Flower sale website open for perusal and suggestions. A suggested pickup date is May 7th, 2020.
 - h. Vocational Showcase: Feedback by Brad, not to be pursued at this time
 - i. Leduc Community Drug Action Coalition: see attached report
7. New Business:
- a. Council of Councils (last week, Feb 26): Feedback by Brad. most productive Council of Councils! Discussions about fees and how to develop partnerships. For brand new parents, it may be useful to develop an orientation program for school council. Feedback by Emily— we switched tables with others and engaged in valuable discussions. Students need to be informed and to celebrate successes and to share these achievements. Schools to communicate with the community about what's happening and how they can get involved.
 - b. Open House: starts at 6.30pm on the 18th March 2020. Feedback by Shelley. 15min slot for Charlene Shatz, former parent and current life coach, to discuss parent's perspective. A table in hallway is allocated for School Council. Emily found some T-Shirts, so wearing them on the night should be a good idea.
 - c. School Council attendance: Emily will try and update Twitter and other social media sites as well as direct messaging to get parents involved and attend meetings.
8. Next Meeting: April 8, 2020, 6:30 pm
9. Adjournment at 8.08pm

Minutes recorded by Volita Johnson

Leduc Composite High School
School Council Executive Special Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2020

In attendance via Google Meet: Emily Meetsma, Rick Salt, Lisa Smith, Audrey Jackson, Volita Johnson, Brad Clarke (principal)

- I. Called to order: 6:35 pm
- II. Sharing: Discussion of how lockdown life has affected households, attendees, and students
- III. Principal's report: see attached. Additional notes:
 - Brad mentioned a couple of staff members facing challenges. Even now, the staff pulls together to provide support.
 - Teacher workload has increased. Some very good adaptations to this new style of learning, but some courses not possible to run at this time.
 - Staff aware that some students struggling quite a bit (adapting to this style of learning, anxiety, etc.) Student services team given school cell phones in order to connect better with some students). Staff also trying to be very compassionate and flexible in interactions with students and working hard to continue building connections.
 - Overall parent support has been high. Parents play essential role in providing structure and helping students stay physically and mentally healthy.
 - No specific needs that SC/PA needs to advocate for at this time.
- IV. Grad Banquet trying to re-schedule for late August (hoping social distancing to be eased by then). Will not be a sit-down banquet but still a celebration. Goal is to reduce costs while still celebrating students. Grad Banquet committee to decide on exact format.
- V. AfterGrad: Executive voted to cancel this event for this year, and instead put funds into the Grad Banquet. Will run the flower fundraiser in support of the modified Grad Banquet.
- VI. Future Meetings: Will meet via Google Meet until in person meetings are permitted.
- VII. Adjourned 7:25

Minutes recorded by Emily Meetsma

Principal's Report, April 15, 2020

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- c. Miss Frondall is engaged!
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- b. Completing curriculum - very difficult given the 3 hour per week per course limitation.
- c. Technological disparity among students
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4. Challenges in the future

- a. Postponement of Grad ceremonies
- b. Registration processes
- c. Timetabling
- d. Textbook retrieval



**LCHS Parent Council
Principal's Report
April 15, 2020**

Upcoming Dates

- **Q4 Begins - April 16**
- **Q3 Marks Due - April 20**
- **PD Day - April 24**

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Parent Association Meeting Agenda
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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
Motion to adopt agenda.
Motedioned by: Seconded by: Carried: Yes / No
3. Adoption of Minutes of March 4, 2019
Motedioned by: Seconded by: Carried: Yes / No
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a. Status of Name Change with AGLC and new cheques
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Alberta Gaming: The charitable review had reached the focus group stage--process will be on hold because of COVID. Some additional uses of proceeds allowed now.
6. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report.
Motion to accept Financial Statement as presented
Motedioned by: Seconded by: Carried: Yes / No
 - b. Casino Report: Nothing to report.
 - c. Grad Banquet Committee Financials:
 - i. Status on Grad Banquet Outstanding Invoice from City of Leduc?
 - d. AFTERgrad Committee Financials: Flower fundraiser a success!
 - e. Vacational Showcase Financials: No event this year
7. New Business
 - a. Funding Requests?
8. Parent Comments
9. Next Meeting: June 3, 2020, immediately following SC meeting
10. Adjournment

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Parent Association Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

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1. Call to Order 8.09pm by Rick Salt
2. Adoption of Agenda: **Motion** to adopt agenda.
Moted by: Lisa Smith Seconded by: Jamie Larivee Carried: Yes
3. Adoption of Minutes of February 4, 2020
Moted by: Lisa Smith Seconded by: Emily Meetsma Carried: Yes
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a. Status of Name Change with AGLC and new cheques—in progress
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Tafeli cookies fundraising offer— no takers
6. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report: **Motion** to accept Financial Statement as presented.
Moted by: Lisa Smith Seconded by: Jamie Larivee Carried: Yes
 - b. Casino Report: none
 - c. Grad Banquet Committee Financials
 - i. Status on Grad Banquet Outstanding Invoice from City of Leduc? no change
 - ii. Final Decision on Ticket Price discussed at school council. Tickets go on sale in April.
 - d. AFTERgrad Committee Financials: Growing Smiles fundraiser set up. Web site will be updated with prices.
 - e. Vocational Showcase Financials: None.
7. New Business
 - a. Funding Requests: None
 - b. Parent Comments: Volita Johnson thanked everyone present for their hard work, dedication towards the school, students, activities and the endless time spent to plan.
8. Next Meeting: April 8, 2020, immediately following SC meeting
9. Adjournment at 8.20pm

Minutes recorded by: Volita Johnson