

LSL School Council Meeting January 17, 2024

Attendance: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Amy Kantor, Linda Johnson (staff), Lindsay Payne Pynten, Gerald Barlage, Cam Rutten, Susan Badger, Pamela Ball (staff), Jaqueline Arango Dios, Saffee Ali, Erin Carter (online), Rosie Scherf (online), Laura Hutzul (online)

Absent:

Notes take by Susan Badger

Call to order at 702

1. Opening prayer and land Acknowledgment- Mme Dupuis
2. Review and approval of agenda-
3. Review of last meeting (November 21)
 - a. School admin report-calendar of events reviewed, diploma and PAT results review
 - b. Parent Teacher interviews
4. School Admin report-Michelle
 - a. Fees and field trips-set in May and can not be changed after that; Michelle reviewed the detailed list of option fees, academy fees, additional items that might be needed, field trips...to make up projected school fees including the budget "pie" chart . Per student funding \$8,000,000 with some extra funding for students in specialized support programs like EAL; anything extra has to be paid for
 - b. Projecting a deficit this year-with high school funding on the three year average, that's the way the school gets less when enrollment goes up
 - c. Communication-idea raised that as a parent, a person wouldn't know that the fees list was on the website; or the fact that unused options fees are returned to parents aren't clear-Michelle will facilitate clearer communication
5. Guests-
 - a. Linda Johnson CTF/CTS Department Head-options teachers try to keep their buying costs down using many approaches (doing this makes it a bit more affordable for parents). Linda shared information about the CTF/CTS options and many of the exciting opportunities available to students including the Alberta Skills Competition and showcase.
 - b. Pamela Ball Fine Arts Department Head-consumables, repairs are some of the things that the department pays for; field trips are not mandatory or necessary for course completion; efforts are made consistently to provide experiences at lower cost; Discussed a longer term list of prospective trips for families (for example, giving the grade 7 course outline with a list of ALL the trips they'd possibly have up to the end of grade 12, so that families can better budget/predict). Pamela spoke about opportunities in the Fine Arts programs and thanked the PFA for supporting the purchase of the Drum Line equipment.
 - c. Discussion around the guidelines that the PFA outlined with Michelle to oversee the optional fees aspect to ensure that these endeavors are led by parents

- d. Mme Dupuis mentioned the importance of the students doing some of the work in the fundraising
- 6. Report from council chair -Lindsay
 - a. Development of compendium of implementation manuals for future councils has begun to guide things like meeting agenda templates, minute templates...
- 7. Adjournment at 8:20