

LSL School Council Meeting

January 20, 2025

Attendance: Sandra Haltinger (asst. principal), Jackie Flynn (Principal), Susan Badger, Lindsay Payne Pynten, Amy Kantor, Paulina P (online), Cam Rutten (online), Susan Haws (online), Monique Goodwin (online), Rosie Scherf (online), Andrea (online), Gill Stuckey (online), Maria (online)

Notes taken by Susan Badger

Called to order at 7:01pm

1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement: Jackie Flynn
2. Review of Agenda : Lindsay
3. Review of last meeting (November 27, 2024)
 - Braided Journeys
 - Admin report
4. School Admin Report
 - Open house planning underway-similar format as previous year (Feb 24 7:00pm)
School Council has asked to have a space that night
 - Registration timelines also a top focal point right now
 - Dance showcase Jan 9 was very successful
 - St. Joe's visit Jan 13
 - Diplomas for HS students
 - Feeder school visits Jan 28 , will be visiting a couple of other elementaries that have requested presentations
 - Pre enrollment begins Feb 3
 - BSA Summit host site Feb 22-all BSA's from the ECSD schools to participate
 - Planning for JH Basilica mass at year end
 - Superintendent Lynette Anderson visited in December
 - Reviewed results of the 2023/24 Staff, Student and Parent Surveys and Action Plans
 - Surveys groups: Staff, Teachers, Parents, Junior High Students, High School Students
 - Ms. Flynn reviewed the surveys, discussed which questions scored below the division average and which scored above the division average.
 - The school did a deep dive into the survey results with the staff, brainstormed solutions, developed strategies that informed the school plan
 - For many of the questions that scored below the division average, there are programs and initiatives in place. The school is working on publicising those

programs better with students, parents and staff to connect those who need it with the programs. This will also help make the connections between the survey questions and the associated programs.

- Staff and student response rates were very high
- Parent response rate was very low. Only ~10% of LSL parents responded.
- Discussed looking at future results as a year over year trend to assess if strategies have addressed areas of concern instead of focusing on comparisons to division averages.
- Strengths from the student surveys included that the school celebrates diversity by highlighting cultures and backgrounds, extra-curricular activities and teams, social justice activities
- JH areas for improvement on student survey included mental wellness, respect for opinions, supporting grade 9 students with future planning. Discussed using social media and JH Student Union for engagement. There is also a team working on a mental wellness plan. Ms. Flynn will request the team present at the next meeting.
- SH areas for improvement on student survey included access to extra help, understanding how to use feedback to improve.
- Parent feedback strengths - access to appropriate specialized supports, availability of extracurricular activities
- Areas for improvement as rated by parents included teaching students to use feedback to improve, using a variety of approaches to meet learning needs
- Reviewed results of the grade 9 PAT and grade 12 Diploma results. LSL students did very well on both.
- Reviewed results of Alberta Assurance Survey results.
- Reviewed the school budget. The vast majority goes towards staff costs. Unanticipated costs for this year included desks and volleyball poles.

5. Report from chair – nothing to report this month.

6. Adjournment