

Louis St. Laurent School Council Meeting Notes

Date:	February 21, 2023
Minutes taken by:	Amy Kantor
Start Time:	7:03 pm

In attendance:

Michelle Dupuis	Bernie Norris	Erin Carter	LH
Cam Rutten	Gerald Barlage	Christine Zadravec	
Lindsay Payne Pynten	Monique Goodwin	Jill Ford	
Amy Kantor		Joel Orozco	

	Item	Presenter
1.	Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement	Michelle
2.	Review of Agenda	Cam
3.	Review of last meeting January 17, 2023 - Alberta School Council Association survey was sent to all parents as planned - Operating Procedures were approved at the last meeting.	Cam
4.	Trustee Report: Lisa was unable to attend this evening.	
5.	School Admin Report & Presentations - Successful Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast this morning, served ~1000 students - February/March/April calendar has been sent - In the future, the calendar will be build through MS Outlook in the new website - Junior High lunch time is going well - Revisions for the schedule for 2023/34 are underway - Student Services are busy with IPP's, exam support. 321 exams completed thus far with 2-3 students per exam - Junior High: reading screening complete, some concerns. Will be trainign staff for a new reading program. Math assessments in progress. Tutors and homework help is available through the Academic Café. - Building resources for improved "hands on" science experiences - Department leads are working with ECSD division consultants - There will be a new "Missed Assignments" policy introduced to students - Frequency of missed assignments and assessments has been increasing - Rescheduling of assessments (exams) is very resource intensive - Students will be expected to submit assignments on time and be present for exams. - Expected absences for exams must be pre-arranged with teachers - New policy will be reviewed with all students in the coming weeks and will be emailed to parents	Michelle

	Special Guest: Constable Mercedes Vankoughnett, School Resource Officer (SRO) School Resource Officers - Louis St. Laurent Catholic Junior/Senior High School (ecsd.net) • Cnst. Mercedes introduced herself and spoke about her background and her current role as the LSL SRO. In addition to her role as SRO she also coaches basketball • She works closely with school counsellors and social workers • Primary goal is to build a positive relationship between students and police • Use diversion techniques with small level incidents & crime to avoid harsh punishments. For example payoff programs, learning assignments, offering resources for addictions. • Strong focus on prevention, education and advice • Parents and/or admin are notified in all cases • Most common concerns at LSL (things parents can watch for) include: ○ online safety ○ bullying (primarily online) ○ vaping • focusing on improving general respect amongst peers and towards staff, respectful and healthy relationships, understanding the importance of consent • parents are strongly encouraged to check their kids phones, remind kids to be selective in accepting requests on line • parents are encouraged to contact the school if they discover anything concerning at home • ECSD continues to support the SRO program • All SRO's meet regularly to discuss common concerns	
6.	Report from Council • Alberta School Council Annual Conference April 21-22, AGM April 23 (Virtual & in person). Information can be found on the ASCA website. Contact the School Council if you are interested in attending. •	Cam, Lindsay, Amy
7.	Next Meeting • April 17 at 7:00pm • May 29 at 7:00pm	
	Adjournment • Adjourned at 8:01 pm.	