

## LSL School Council Meeting April 9, 2024

Attendance: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Patrice Koshman, Cam Rutten, Gerald Barlage, Amy Kantor, Bernice Lindsay Payne-Pynten (online), Erin (online) Monique (online)

Absent/Regrets : Lindsay Payne-Pynten

Notes taken by Susan Badger

Call to order at 7:02pm

1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement -Patrice
2. Review agenda
3. Review of last meeting-February 12, 2024-Amy
4. School Admin report-Michelle
  - a. Enrolment projections: likely over 1400 next year

| Grade             | # of students | Grade             | # of students |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 7                 | 246           | 10                | 224           |
| 8                 | 270           | 11                | 222           |
| 9                 | 253           | 12                | 226           |
| Total Junior High | 759           | Total High School | 652           |

1. Students and parents can see the course requests in PowerSchool
2. There will be changes to the schedule next year for junior high:
  - One less option per semester – additional time will be given to core subjects (Science, Social, Math). Teachers have been requesting more instructional time in cores as many hours can be lost to celebrations and activities
  - JH academy kids-will lose their options next year (the only way they could do that would be to lose the work out block)
  - SPARK happens in only one semester, so it will be a bit different
  - Spanish program
  - There may be an adjusted Thursday schedule when events occur retaining the four blocks but reducing the instructional time. This eliminates cancelling blocks to protect the instructional time.
  - 950 an hour per year must be met
  - Answering question regarding Alternative courses: ECSD through Alternative Education does offer a PASS program with teachers and where students can complete courses through modules. This is an alternative option to resolve conflicts but

we encourage students to take all courses through regular classes.

- Specialist teachers crossing over which means junior high and high school timetables do coincide with AM and PM crossovers
- HS timetable has some alternating weeks for the flex Thursday (weeks 1/3- and 2/4)

- b. Father Michael McCaffery is a new Catholic HS opening in the fall. Students from that catchment will be enrolled there. Students may stay at LSL if they are enrolled in a special program.
- c. Calendar -end of year; grade 12 grad no banquet...Corpus Christie for ceremony and then Expo Centre for promenade; 7's and 8's done on June 25. Staggered entry in Sept also (8, 10, 12 morning on the Tuesday, then grade 7s all day on the Wednesday, 9 & 11 on Thursday morning); AGM Sept 25<sup>th</sup>?
- d. Looking ahead to Sept 2024
  - i. Family BBQ
  - ii. AGM
  - iii. Meeting?

5. School Council Chair report-Lindsay

- a. ASCA grant \$500.00 available to host or facilitate a parent learning opportunity (could be attending the conference, in person parent information night, among other options would be relevant)-Lindsay wants to know if there would be interest in having a member of our parent population attend or host an information session-digital safety, mental health, career preparation...
  - i. ALIS-Parents can set up an account and complete some things together, among other ways that career paths can be exposed
  - ii. Might not be a gap with the students, but more so with the parents (such as, how can they support their students, how much to be involved in the process, parenting resources for helping your child plan for their career, for instance)
  - iii. Shauna Seitz FSLW -parenting across cultures sessions another possible option
  - iv. Date and time-TBD-find out about availability of speakers/presenters

6. Adjourned at 8:00pm