

**Leduc Composite High School
School Council
Meeting Minutes – May 4th, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Missy Chehayeb at 6:41 p.m.

In attendance:

Parents Missy Chehayeb (Chair)
Troy Clayton (Treasurer)
Lori Bauckman
Sharon Burghardt
George Cumberbatch
Carolyn Jamieson
Emily Meetsma
Michelle Tait

BGRS Trustees
Barb Martinson
Dennis Nosyk

Admin
Dr. Paul Wozny (Principal, LCHS)
Dave Holbrow (Asst. Principal, LCHS)
Chris Stiles (Asst. Principal, LCHS)
Shelley Hamilton, (Empowerment Counsellor, LCHS)

1. Thank You & Introductions

2. Additions to & Approval of Agenda - Motion to Approve **E. Meetsma** **Carried**

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Apr 6, 2016 Motion to Approve: E. Meetsma **Carried**

4. Black Gold School Board Report – (Trustees Martinson & Nosyk)

- a. *Trustee Nosyk read the Board Highlights from April and advised that: the parents and students currently signed up for the Vimy trip are being polled on whether to continue with the trip as planned; the City of Leduc is providing a Grant of \$250,000 to construct a playground at West Haven school.*
- b. *Trustee Martinson advised: that the Board of Education has met with MLA Anderson and MLA Smith regarding new school construction and modernization, the effect of the proposed Carbon Tax on transportation funding, the importance of School Resource Officers, the Municipal Government Act (specifically whether individuals should be able to sit both as Councillors and Trustees); Trustees will attend the ASBA Spring Meeting in June; there may be an Emergent Resolution to ASBA in the fall on reducing or eliminating private school funding.*
- c. *Trustee Martinson thanked those that volunteer in schools and reminded us that School Councils are advisory to Administration and Trustees are advisory to schools, but neither should micro-manage schools.*
- d. *Trustee Martinson commented that school visits are very nice and offered appreciation to LCHS staff who are assisting students in preparing for Diploma Exams. She is concerned that there are too many demands on the education system (ie, health, mental health, etc) but only one pot of money to fund it all.*
- e. *Trustee Nosyk commented that it costs the school board between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to outfit a new school, but this is not provided for in the funding given to build the school.*
 1. **Parent Comment:** *Thinks it is an interesting question that support for independent schools is now coming down to money. It may cause more overloading of the public system if funding was pulled from private schools and students left private schools to move to the public system.*

5. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- a. **Parent Connections** – *As per report submitted by L. Bauckman
The 2016 Road to High School & Beyond Workshop was completed on April 28, 2016.*
 - i) *26 Adults and 15 students participated in the workshop; 35 adults and 27 students had registered in advance.*
 - ii) *Feedback Evaluation forms were received from 22 adults and 11 students. Analysis of the feedback is underway with preliminary review indicating the parent sessions were extremely well received. The feedback on the student session was also positive.*
 - iii) **Many thanks to:**
 - **the LCHS Staff that assisted with the event:** Paul. Wozny, Vince May, Shelley Hamilton & Larry Sherwood;
 - **to the Session Presenters:** Cst. Bridget Morla, Lisa Watts, Charlene Schatz, Debbie Ponich, Kaeltyn Reimer and Meghan Parry; and especially to,
 - **The LCHS Student Ambassador Facilitators:** Brett Cole, Kathleen Hastings, Sarah Smeltz & Alyssa Damielson; as well as,
 - **The LCHS Student Ambassador Event Volunteers:** Caitlin Kaiser, Joshua Meetsma, Mikayka Holte, Belicia Macias and Celeina.
 - iv. *The event was completed \$41.78 under budget:*

6. Reports & New Business

- a. **Leadership** –S. Hamilton
 - i. Popcorn Sale last week to raise money for sponsor child.
 - ii. There will be a spring version of “Cider House” featuring freezies instead of cider.
 - iii. Leadership group is looking at rebranding next year to differentiate from the Leadership Class. Considering LEO Ambassadors due to affiliation with Lions Club.

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- iv. Tremendous leadership demonstrated by LCHS students who volunteered at the Youth Leadership Conference. Very self-directed & self-motivated.
- v. Spirit Day/Tiger Pride Day – June 1st. Announcements, then assembly, then lunch & then 3 blocks of 50 min each.
- b. **Grad Council – C. Stiles**
 - i. *Progressing quickly with online ticket sales going well*
 - ii. *Banquet planning – staying local was lightening rod issue with much discussion around staying in Leduc or using a facility in Edmonton. Budgeted expecting 55% of grads to attend banquet. Current participation rate is 37%. Hoping for 500 to 700 participants in total. Strong ticket sales for dance only option.*
 - iii. *240 to 250 eligible grade 12 students with 230 on the grad list.*
- c. **Empowerment-** *As per Report submitted by S. Hamilton*
 - i. *May 4th was “Hats on for Mental Health” Day with lots of students participating*
 - ii. *May 9th is Mental Health Morning with approx.. 9 sessions going on through the morning. Teachers have chosen if they want to host sessions in their classes.*
 - iii. *Oct 19 set for next year’s Post Secondary Fair*
- d. **Leduc Committee Drug Action Committee – As per Report submitted by M. Chehayeb**
 - i. *New member to replace Cst. Julian Celms as SRO during the summer.*
 - ii. *Leduc RCMP and Edmonton Police Service have a joint partnership called the Green Team that is will to do presentations and education.*
 - iii. *Cst. Kropielniski was on a drug course in B.C. He shared information on a new drug called “Shatter” which is also known as Honey Butane Oil. It is a derivative of marijuana made using butane so if kids have butane they may be using it to make Shatter. Solvents used in making this new drug are very dangerous. Shatter is smoked, often in e-cigs/vaping. THC levels in Shatter are extremely high, but the drug doesn’t smell like weed.*
 - iv. *Substance Abuse Awareness event on April 27 was fairly well attended with 15 people. Really great information.*
 - v. *Tobacco Trends presentation May 18th at the Public Library from 6 to 8 pm.*

7) Principal’s Report – As per Report submitted by Dr. Wozny.

- a. *Thank you LCHS School Council, Parents’ Association and Parent Connections for a superb **Road to High School & Beyond Workshop** held at LCHS on April 28, 2016. Our volunteer community members, parents, students and staff did a wonderful job sharing incites and tips for a successful transition from grade 9 to grade 10 and beyond.*
- b. *Our LCHS Professional Development Staff Workshop on April 22nd, 2016 featured Dr. Hal Urban – Educational Researcher, Author and Stanford Scholar. Dr. Urban shared valuable tips and research on improving student/teacher rapport and reducing anxiety and stress levels in the classroom.*
- c. *Congratulations to our superb LCHS Band for their Silver Medal Award at the Whistler, BC, Band competition. Thank you Mr. Don Steenwinkel for you superb coordination and leadership with our students at this prestigious Canadian music festival.*
- d. *Our LCHS Medical Services Helping Phalanges teams won a number of high-level competitions at the St. John Ambulance Provincial Competition held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at West Edmonton Mall. Thank you to team coach/teacher Ms. Lasychuk for running this valuable program and mentoring our superb Health Services students in this high level provincial competition.*
- e. *The LCHS Drama One Acts Competition was a success with superb student performances and many students, parents and community members enjoying the shows in our beautiful Maclab Theatre at LCHS. Thank you to director/teacher Mr. Jim Nahrebeski for your dedicated and tireless leadership and facilitation.*
- f. *Saturday, May 28th, 2016, LCHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony (Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium), Formal Banquet (Leduc Recreation Centre), and After-Grad (LCHS). Thank you to the many parents, students, staff, and community stakeholders for supporting this wonderful annual LCHS tradition of honouring our students! Thank you to our LCHS School Council/Parents Association and volunteers for organizing and hosting the non-alcohol After-grad at LCHS.*
- g. *The City of Leduc is interested in partnering with LCHS to put on a “Building Social Capital” workshop next year. It would targeted for October 2016, video conference based with possible City Council meeting on site.*
- h. *Looking at establishing an umbrella Student Council from which to draw students to assist with planning and execution of events such as the above workshop.*
- i. **Parent Comment –** *There should be a planned opportunity for reflection on such an event in order to encourage parents to develop a conversation around the video conference.*

Adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Staff Room