

Lord Beaverbrook High School – School Council Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting held In Person and Online via Microsoft Teams

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1. Call To Order

- a. Second LBHS School Council meeting for the 2024/2025 school year

2. Welcome and Introductions

a. Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of reconciliation, we would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot confederacy, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

b. LBHS Procedural Items

All parents/guardians of LBHS students are automatically voting council members; we strive to have meaningful involvement by all members of our school community and to advise and consult with the Principal on matters relating to the school. This creates an opportunity to connect with school administration for a deeper understanding of school events, decisions and future planning. LBHS School Council is not a fundraising entity.

Housekeeping items on-line attendees: please remain muted and only unmute if you have questions or would like to share as part of the discussions; to vote on items this evening, turn your camera on and raise your hand

c. Introduction of guests & Executive Members

Attendees:

Staff: David Sparrow (principal), Michelle Finley (vice principal)

In person: Brenda P (chair), David J (vice chair), Jen S (acting secretary), Matt I (grade 10 parent rep), Brenda M, Shawna A (director at large), Alina S, Admieu B, Leanne B (grade 12 parent rep)

Online: BG, Chrissy S, Chris, Harry, Krista K, Sabrina Z

d. Verification of quorum

Principal and Chair are present, majority of attendees are parents (not school staff). Confirmed quorum.

3. Review of Agenda, including addition of any items (motion to accept)

- a. Questions from a student via parent to be addressed as part of principal's report
- b. Motion to accept agenda made by Shawna A, seconded by David J, carried.

4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- a. September 17, 2024 (circulated in advance by email and posted on the school website)
- b. No business arising from minutes
- c. Motion to accept minutes made by Shawna A, seconded by Matt I, carried.

5. Principal's Report

- a. School Year Underway
 - * As of September 30, enrollment was 1973 students, about where it was projected to be
 - * First meeting of the student advisory council recently took place; forum to talk about student concerns

- b. Extra Curriculars / School Trips
 - * School trips being planned – sailing trip 1 or 2 boats, depending on interest; trip to Bamfield (UVic/UofC/UBC research station) in planning stages
 - * No international trips are allowed by the CBE until safety protocols can be reviewed
 - * Band will be going to Whistler
 - * Football and other fall sports ongoing
- c. Transportation update
 - * Calgary Transit doesn't have enough buses or drivers system-wide but extra resources have been added to the New Brighton (719) route – an additional bus and an articulated bus; other routes could still use additional buses; 311 calls definitely have an impact on planning; looking ahead to Copperfield next year – 190 grade 9s projected to be coming, even more need for buses
 - * still parking spaces available in the student lot, additional spaces will be available next year when Chinook Learning Services moves; lot is city managed so there are limits to how it can be handled
- d. Student questions from Review of Agenda: comments around bathroom maintenance, Lion's Den, vending machine restocking; coffee cart?
 - * bathrooms are in constant flux; fixed as problems emerge but some fixes are just to keep the bathroom open; staff is continually monitoring to address vaping/marijuana use; constantly trying to improve enforcement up to and including resource officer fines – made more difficult by not all parents seeing vaping as an issue; single stall bathrooms are available for any student as required; suggestion of separate location for smoking (must be off school property, not sanctioned); suggestion of vaping smoking cessation programming (has been made available); there are two support staff who move around the school checking bathrooms and assisting students who need a little extra help getting to class; suggestion about smoke detectors in bathrooms but there are potential issues (students removing them, possible asbestos in the walls)
 - * Lion's Den – permanently closed – didn't make any money, student run, couldn't sell the "fun" stuff (chocolate, chips, etc.) due to CBE rules
 - * vending machines have 'healthier' choices – baked chips, popcorn – stocked once or twice a week by an external vendor
 - * coffee cart is student-run through the Adapted Learning Program (ALP); students need to be ready to run the cart; expected to be back soon

6. Focus Item – Engagement at LBHS

- a. Increase meeting participation/engagement
- b. Fundraising communication for all school groups and trades fee-for-service
- c. School Council Volunteers for Meet & Greet – Student Learning Conferences October 24 5:00 to 8:00pm
- d. ASCE Grant \$500 / Collaboration with feeder schools – rules, parent/guardian surveys
- e. Guest speaker presentation topics canvased to School Council email list October 5 to consider in upcoming parent survey at Student Conferences:
 - LBHS Past Presentations: Social media safety / Teens struggling with alcohol & substance abuse / Parent strategies to support your teen's exam stress & anxiety
 - CBE Past Webinars: Understanding Vaping / Teen Brain Development / Mental Health & Anxiety / Healthy Sexual Development
 - Other topics of interest raised by parents at past LBHS School Council meetings: Pillars of Wellness / Math&Science / English&Social / Trades&Work Experience / Trustee visit / Bullying / Parental support teen learning at home / Healthy living & connecting with others Sports activities / Anxiety & depression / Calgary Regional Consortium / Money management
 - Additional topics from parents this year: Truth & Reconciliation / Guest speaker from First Nations/Metis
 - Suggestion to add "support for students to plan for university or post secondary"
 - ASCA Survey: Volunteer Recruitment / Bullying / Mental Health / Advocating to your elected official about school needs / Truth & Reconciliation / Role & Work of School Councils / Cyber Safety/ Social Media (see item 10.b below for survey link)

7. Save the Date!

- a. Wednesday October 23 from 7:00 to 8:30pm – Community of School Councils (COSC) meeting, In-person meeting, at CBE Education Centre, 1221 8 Street SW. Free underground parking is available. The parkade entrance is on 12 AVE SW. Link to website to RSVP: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.aspx>
- b. Thursday October 24 and Friday October 25 – LBHS Student Learning Conferences
- c. Saturday October 26 – Conference & Resource Fair hosted by Learning Disabilities & ADHD Network (Calgary Region) at The Genesis Centre (7555 Falconridge Blvd NE, Calgary). Offering great practical sessions for parents and teachers, including Executive Functions, Mental Health, ADHD Medication, Math Strategies, IPPs & more. Cost is \$30 (includes free parking and individually boxed lunch). Link for more information and to register: [link for detailed information](#)
- d. Wednesday October 30 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm – LBHS Cosmetology Team hosting first client services appointment day - offering a variety of professional hair services including haircuts, blow-dry styling, hair coloring/highlighting and scalp treatments – direct supervision by licensed Red Seal Hairstylists and use of all professional salon quality products – call 403-777-7946 to book an appointment (limited appointments available)
- e. Upcoming Post-Secondary Presentations / Open Houses:
(check the October 11 School Messenger for further information and links to register)
 - Wednesday October 16 from 2:00 to 2:30pm – University of Regina @ LBHS East Courtyard
 - Thursday October 17 (morning / students only) – Education Liaison Association of Alberta @ LBHS with recruiters from many post-secondary Alberta schools
 - Friday October 18 and Saturday October 19 from 10:00 – Open House @ SAIT
 - Saturday October 19 from 10:00 to 3pm – Open House @ Mount Royal University and @ University of Alberta
 - Wednesday October 23 from 8:45 to 9:15am – University of Alberta @ LBHS East Courtyard
 - Saturday October 26 from 9:00 to 3:00pm – Open House @ University of Calgary
 - Sunday October 27 from 1:00 to 5:00pm – Scholarship Canada University Fair @ BMO Centre plus a presentation on finding and applying for scholarships at 12:00 noon.
- f. Upcoming Job & Trade Fairs – program has outgrown LBHS' available space:
 - Wednesday October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00pm @ James Fowler
 - Wednesday November 20 from 6:00 to 8:00pm @ All Saints
 - Wednesday February 19, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00pm @ Central Memorial
 - Wednesday March 19, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00pm @ Notre Dame

8. Music Parents Rep (Brenda P on behalf of Jennifer B)

- a. LBMPA is running a new & exciting Little Caesars fundraiser with many kit options to choose from, including pizza, Italian cheese bread, crazy bread and cookies. Order online via link (also posted on LBHS website main page). Orders Due: October 17 @ 11:45pm and delivered week of November 4. Link to online order form: [Pizza Kit Order Form](#)
- b. Reminder of upcoming events/concerts:
 - November 1-3 / Vic Lewis Music Festival in Canmore
 - Thursday November 7 / Remembrance Day Ceremony @ LBHS gym
 - Thursday December 5 / Christmas Band Concert @ LBHS gym

9. Grade 12 Parent Rep (Leanne B)

- a. Date for graduation ceremony and banquet has not been set; Outgrew the First Alliance Church venue (up to 630 graduates next spring) so ceremony will be at the University of Calgary's Jack Simpson Gym (2 guests per student plus extra tickets available); Banquet to be held at the BMO Centre downtown (tickets expected to be around \$100/pp); Grad photos (Jostens) anticipated first two weeks of December
- b. Question around whether a parent group could help support the student grad committee if there is any value or interest in that assistance.

10. COSC/ASCA Update

- a. ASCA – Membership application submitted and Principal has approved payment for membership fee
- b. ASCA – Engagement Grant Survey seeking input to help select upcoming speakers and topics. Survey closes October 28 at 12noon. Link to survey:
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/alberta-school-council-engagement-asce-grant>

11. New Business

12. Elections

All parents/guardians are members of School Council and are eligible to run for any executive position. Nominations with a seconder can be accepted from the floor. Motions are approved with a 70% vote. Motions are made by show of hands.

- a. Vacant positions: Grade 11 Parent Rep., Volunteer Coordinator, Community Members (2 positions) / Other School Council Members (up to 3 students elected by students or appointed by the Principal, representative Acadia Community Association appointed by ACA, representative Acadia Recreation Centre appointed by ARC)

13. Next Meeting of LBHS School Council: Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 6:30pm

* Motion to adjourn made by Brenda M, seconded by Leanne B, carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Minutes prepared by Jen S (acting secretary), reviewed by Brenda P (chair) and to be approved with any changes at the November 19 LBHS School Council meeting.