

Lord Beaverbrook High School – School Council Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting held In Person and Online via Microsoft Teams

1. Call To Order

- a. Third 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. Introductions of Attendees In-person and Online:

Staff:

Principal – David Sparrow and Vice-Principal – Michele Konschuh

Executive Members

Chair – Brenda P.

Secretary – Kathleen R.

Grade 11 rep – Brenda M. (voted in at November 19 meeting)

Grade 12 rep and Key Communications – Leane B.

Director-at-Large – Jenn S, Jaki S, Shawna A.

Attendees in person:

Holly Y, Krista K, Alina S

Attendees online:

Nate L, Kenneth A, Chris S, Janice Y, Kari I, Judy H, Xiaojie, Andrea S.

d. Verification of quorum

Principal and Chair (or acting representatives) are present, majority of attendees are parents (not LBHS staff)

3. Review of Agenda, including addition of any items. *Motion to accept tonight's agenda - Shawna A, seconded - Jen S. Motion carried.*

4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (motion to accept) a. October 15, 2024
(circulated in advance by email and posted on the school website)

b. Business arising from minutes

Motion to accept the last meeting minutes. Shawna A, Seconded Alina S. Motion Carried

5. Principal's Report - David Sparrow

a. Semester 1 - coming to a close; busy time of year. Celebrations this time of year:

a) Two school trips planned for the spring of 2025 -

- Sailing trip up with Mr. Pehkonen is running, has enough students and verified to go ahead
- Bamfield up with Mr. Mussie is running and verified. However, they are advertising this wonderful trip due to trying to involve more students! They need about 20 students and haven't met that number yet. Because trips like this take a lot of planning and have so many benefits for students, LBHS staff will try to offer it regardless of numbers or not. Mr. Sparrow has committed to providing this trip, even if costs need to be covered in some creative way school's expense (not from school funds though -fundraising?). Both trips offer different

opportunities to students and are an excellent experience for LBHS students (this trip used to just be for middle schools, but now only offered to high schools). It is a privilege to go, as most school's were turned down so it will crucial to keep this opportunity going even for future students.

Question - if we may take a 'hit' could we offer it to students for 'scholarships'. Answer: Funds would not come out of any school pool directly linked to student instruction or day to day funding. Will likely reach out to the Band Parent Council/some time of fundraising and we could have a Parent Society to access funds?

Question - what is cost? Answer - close to \$2000 - cost is determined on the amount of attendees. Flights - cost, etc.

Question - Kenneth -how can I see the prior minutes? Answer we walked him through to see minutes from last meeting on school website.

<https://lordbeaverbrook.cbe.ab.ca/school-council> (scroll to bottom)

- b) A teacher is working on the website and this is a wonderful celebration - Mr. Ryan Morozoff
- c) Teachers that have gone on leave - teachers on temporary contracts are:
 - i) Mr. MacIntyre - Social 30 teacher - temporary teacher is Ms. M
 - ii) Ms. Chow - Science -will be replaced temporary by experienced high school science teacher to be announced
- d) Celebrations in Sports (lots of hard work, sweat and tears go into it):
 - i) Football - both teams made city championships! (this is a fantastic rebuilding since our population changed so much). Parents always stepped up to be linesmen, thank you!
 - ii) Volleyball - stellar teams and junior boys played Friday night and achieved silver! People in the stands from other schools were impressed with team and crowd as well, great sportsmanship, honour with being defeated. Nothing to be ashamed of, and deserved silver!
 - 1) All teams had a great season - score keepers - 2 staff and kids involved too! Thank you.
 - iii) Swimming - off campus - phenomenal

- iv) Cross Country - run at St. Mary's course - very hilly! They are true athletes. CLAP! CLAP!
 - v) This week beginning - basketball (4 teams here), wrestling.
 - vi) PLEASE COME AND WATCH/CHEERLEAD this season! Things will be posted to Mr. Mercer's Athletics page.
- e) November Diploma exams happened already
- f) Exam schedule will be posted onto the school website, shortly. Finalized this week. There is a delay because the framework of assessment and reporting is evolving. In the aims of continuous improvement. Outcomes based reporting is new (grade 10, 11). Do we offer final exams for grade 10 and 11s? The CBE Board has asked high schools to continue leading up to first diploma exams. Ability to give a finalized exam schedule is no longer there for grade 10, 11s, up until the first diploma exam. The last day of instruction is the 16th, with some exams starting possibly on the 13th and 14th. As a school we are ensuring that regular classes continue, if they cannot offer formalized exams. One way to 'chunk' exam preparation, chunk it up during regular instructional time. Not teaching to the test, but focus on soft skills - studying, test taking, etc. The delay has been a shift in the dates (285 students writing in the gym, with the needed desks!). The logistics is quite a new way of fitting dynamics into the schedule. Asking teachers to think about summative assessments. Working together to have a whole school solution to it!
- i) Question - how much can a parent's opinion make a difference to take away formal exams for grade 10, 11 impact? Answer - Because LBHS is able to embed the soft skills might be more beneficial then giving only 4 exam sitting, but a monthly summative (deductive reasoning - how to take multiple choice answers - remove distractors, test taking skills, study habits, annotating reading passages). Each subject test taking skills vary, so coaching on how to take those formats of exams. (parents seemed happy to hear the response to embed into day to day instruction of classes). Normalize test taking, opportunity for feedback to show growth.
 - ii) Question - Would it help with anxiety as well? Is the wellness committee looking at adding how they deal with life? Answer - yes Answer - AB

Government is recognizing gaps in skills and social/emotional literacy have been showing up in schools. Question - wellness - AB Government will be implemented to junior high (red flag, from data surveys, accountability pillar survey, is reporting back that students need more TLC so to speak)

- g) There was 'excitement' about water main break on Monday, Nov 18th - 1:30 pm (no water pressure in building). The city noticed Acadia Rec Centre had a problem. They found 7 years ago there was a break nearby that impacted the school. It was redirecting the water back to LBHS, not to ARC. Students were safe in their classes, to fix (2 hours, quickly). Some toilets needed fixing.
- h) Chinook Learning Situation - confirmed they will be moving next year (Sept 2025). Will schedule into the space, get furniture ahead of time.
- i) They successfully live streamed to classes, the Remembrance Day ceremony. It was a memorable ceremony.
- j) Band students were in Canmore and had fun!
- k) Wellness Committee (see below)
- l) e. Other - new fire alarm, security, etc.
- m) Transportation update – was not addressed on Nov 19th, but we will ask to address additional bussing resources from the City of Calgary? (this item will be carried forward to next month as the weather is now changing, winter weather delays, etc.)

6. Focus Item – Engagement at LBHS

- a. Increase meeting participation/engagement
- b. Fundraising communication for all school groups and trades fee-for-service
- c. ASCE Grant \$500 / Collaboration with feeder schools / Parent/Guardian survey results
 - Survey circulated via email, website and QR code at Student Conferences

- Top 5 presentation choices voted: (1) Mental Health - echoes the data from AB Government and survey data from schools! (2) Math & Science tied with (3) Planning for Work and/or Post-Secondary, (4) Money Matters (5) Social Media
- Preferred method of communication voted: (1) Direct Email (vast majority) (2) School Messenger (3) Website (4) Social Media (very few votes)
- Ideas for Mental Health Seminars - past minutes, free seminars are included in agenda (see below)
- How many of us are trained mental health practitioners, the challenge is to recognize and acknowledge struggles and then do we access the supports they need? As the adults in their lives - mental health literacy - for school staff November 29th - AHS will come in and give teachers 'go to educator training'. This will be a new offering for staff, so their mental health literacy increases. How to recognize and how/where to access supports. All these opportunities offerings will impact our mental health literacy of all the adults.
- **Ideas/suggestions** - Connie Jacobs - without connections that's when things spiral. Could she coach teachers on how to recognize spiralling? How can we read between the lines? Could her services be for parents guidance/reassurance (help for us as we are struggling)?
- Could it be opening up to larger school communities - feeder schools, community members, etc (400 in theatre schools). In the school theatre - more calming centre for the mental health experience.
- Shawna A. will contact her and easiest to find out theatre booking - during a regular council meeting. Better toolbox to help our students. Ask her to speak on *'how do we read between the lines with our kids and take care of ourselves at the same time'*? It would be nice for the speaker to share *'community resources'*.
- *Fun Fact from parent survey (29 replies): direct email, school messenger, website. In the future, will give QR code to teachers for conferences (print and display on tables). There are strict guidelines to School Council to use social media, so a relief to us!*

7. Save the Date!

a. Free ASCA Webinar

- Saturday November 23 1pm to 4pm
- Agenda:
 - Keynote Speaker: Tammy Schamuhn, Institute of Child Psychology, "Emotion Regulation & Children: Understanding their Brain is YOUR Superpower"
 - Current Education Environment: See Agenda
 - Ministry of Education, ADM Kindy Joseph
 - ASCA Learning Opportunities, Operations, Events, Proposed Advocacy Resolutions process, etc.

Click this link to pre-register:

https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/virtual-engagement-event?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=School%20Council%20eNews%20November%202024&utm_content=School%20Council%20eNews%20November%202024+CID_96175ef957ccafef0ee2069de71e1646&utm_source=MailGuide%20email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Virtual%20Engagement%20Event

b. Free CBE Health & Wellness Series - Webinars

- Wednesday November 20 1pm to 3pm – "Can We Talk: Healthy Relationships"
- Thursday November 21 12 noon to 1:30pm – "Building Resiliency in Today's Youth"
- Thursday November 28 10 am to 11:30am – "Mental Health for Highly Sensitive Teens; Unique Struggles for those Emotional Feelers"
- Pre-recorded sessions:
 - "Adolescent Brain Development and Navigating Parent-Teen Relationships"
 - "Screen Time: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly"
 - "Understanding Autism & ADHD to Promote Long-Term Success"
 - "Focused and Engaged: Finding Balance through Self-Regulation"
 - "Sleeping Your Way to Better Mental Health"
 - "Behavioural Challenges of School Aged Children"

Click this link to pre-register for the November series or view pre-recorded sessions

<https://cbe.ab.ca/aboutus/school-culture-and-environment/health-and-wellness-in-school/Pages/child-and-youth-well-being-family-andcaregiver-series.aspx>

c. Upcoming Job & Trade Fairs:

- 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 (Jennifer B)

a. LBMPA Growing Smiles fundraiser, including poinsettias, fresh evergreen holiday wreath, or other beautiful plants to choose from. Order online via link (also posted on LBHS website main page).

<https://lordbeaverbrook.cbe.ab.ca/news/lbmpa-holiday-fundraisers-20241105212511>

Orders Due: November 21 @ 12 noon and delivered December 6 (time TBA). Link to online order form: lbmpa.growingsmilesfundraising.com

b. LBMPA Purdy's Christmas Campaign with many festive treats to choose from! To shop and place your order, join our group using the following link:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2014401-118214>

Orders Due: November 24 @ 11:59pm and delivered week of December 2 (date/time TBA) *NOTE: Profits from orders placed through this link will go entirely to the Music PROGRAM. To support a particular student, please contact them directly so they can provide you with their individual link.

c. Highlights from Vic Lewis Music Festival in Canmore and the Remembrance Day Ceremony

d. Reminder of upcoming events/concerts

- Thursday December 5 / Christmas Band Concert @ LBHS gym at 6:30 pm
(watch email for more information)

9. **Grade 10, 11, 12 Parent Reps** (Matt I., Brenda M., Leanne B)

- Grade 10 question - about bathrooms as a concern. Suggested monitor, fulltime. Answer from our Chair, Brenda: at COSC meeting she asked Trustee, etc about this issue. To her, this seems like such a waste of teacher resources (not to babysit), suggested rethink how you design washrooms. Think of the airport (lack of doors), new schools. Question - Have the new schools had this change in layout? Answer from Ms. K - Canmore high school - doors are open, walkway. Could use a single use washroom on both floors. Has been better with cell phone policy. Administration is looking into this and trying new ways to monitor, teachers have volunteered their time to be present in the hallways, monitor traffic. Better than last year, with a new policy. There are more places to hang out (east courtyard, benches on hallways, cafeteria as meeting places). Online acknowledgement of student privacy as well.

10. **COSC/ASCA Update**

a. Community of School Councils (COSC) in-person meeting October 23

Click this link for presentation:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.aspx>

- Record enrollment – 143,000 students (increase 5,000+ students; equivalent of 8+ elementary schools)
- 40,000+ English as Additional Language Learners (28% of total enrollment)
- Majority of Government July funding announcement to CBE directed to classrooms to support teaching and learning as well as reduce operating pressures
- Connecting students to career interests (earn wage\$ plus high school / post-secondary credits)
- Need for learning spaces (new schools, modernizations & modular classrooms)
- Breakout sessions (high school bathrooms)

b. CBE Board of Trustees' October 30, 2024 letter to Honourable D. Nicolaides Minister of Education

- Adequacy of funding for public education
- Funding needs to be: (1) adequate to cover costs of delivery; (2) funding model needs to be simple and flexible; (3) transparency is important; (4) model should be responsive to changing environment; (5) predictability of funding is valued

Click this link for CBE Board of Trustees' October 30, 2024 letter

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-oftrustees/Documents/20241030-Letter-to-Minister-re-Weighted-Moving-Average-Funding-Framework.pdf>

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. Motion to nominate Brenda M. for Grade 11 Parent Rep. Motion to accept - Christa, seconded Shawna. Motion carried.

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

If you are interested you can email at schoolcouncil4LBHS@gmail.com

13. NEXT MEETING OF LBHS SCHOOL COUNCIL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned (Motion to adjourn) *Motion to adjourn - Krista K, seconded Shawna A. Motion carried. Time: 7:46 pm*

Minutes prepared by Kathleen R (secretary), reviewed by Brenda P (chair) and to be approved with any changes at the January 21, 2025 LBHS School Council meeting.