

LSAC Minutes
Tanalian School
Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1. Motion to formally adjourn the last meeting from January 11th since Kacy had to leave before a motion was passed to end the meeting, thus dissolving the quorum.
 - a. Motion made by Kacy Lou Leyba. Seconded by Elisha. Motion passed.
2. Call to Order by Heidi Wilder at 7:05 pm.
3. Roll Call: Heidi Wilder, Kacy Lou Leyba, Elisha Wegner, Eric Davidson, Leo Fowler, Sarah Wardell, Brandey Voran, Carlon Voran, Nate Davis, [Branden Hummel, Cameron Metzger, Matthew Grossmann by Zoom].
4. Student Presentations: None
5. Approval of minutes: Motion made by Leo Fowler. Seconded by Eric Davidson. Motion passed.
6. Communications:
 - a. Principal's Report: NAEP Testing (4th & 8th grades) now Monday, 2/7 instead of Tuesday, 2/8 due to NAEP travel logistics– feel free to direct questions to Kacy. Wanted to thank LSAC for jumping on last minute Zoom meetings during the Covid outbreak in January. Tanalian's entry and return guidelines have influenced LPSD's; your research and tough conversations are worth it. Nate echoed the teachers' support of subs and explained all the ways our amazing student teachers were able to jump in and help school to continue to go on as smoothly as possible. Basketball is going strong. Boys team just got 2nd at the Sockeye Tournament with 2 all tourney players & the sportsmanship award coming home to Tanalian, even with the great age disparity we are currently seeing on our team. The girls team is hoping to travel this week. This has been a "resiliency and perseverance season" for the girls' team since we only have 5 students playing, trying to stay eligible and healthy. Youth basketball will be starting M, T, Th. 3:30-4:30; varsity home games will provide opportunities for half-time games and we will schedule a few games for youth basketball later in February / early in March. Basketball co-op team did not report to the school board meeting in January due to a full itinerary. Admin will meet on this in upcoming weeks and then re-propose to the school board in Feb. board meeting.
 - b. Teacher's Report:
 - i. Mathew Grossmann: "Things are a bit goofy since this is the first somewhat normal week since Christmas." Thank you to LSAC for fighting for kids to be in school as much as possible. We are continuing to piece things together and finding creative ways to engage content and keep moving forward. We had a meeting last night for the Chess Club. Mid-semester tournament upcoming March 26th & another one at the end of April. Chess Club coming back week of February 7th for grades 5-8, but also any interested students.
 - ii. Brandey Voran: We have had a lot of distance teaching between overlapping quarantines, covid, etc. but we have continued to move

forward. Brandey wanted to say thank you to all the parents for good communication and consistent remote learning. She knows it's not easy, but all things considered it went very smoothly as a team effort. 3rd & 4th grade got 1st place in Battle of the Books districts. State will be February 14th. Thank you to parents for all their work reading books at home. We're all looking forward to more sunshine.

- iii. Brandon Hummel: Same hurdles in transition that have made the last week feel like a fast-moving escalator, but the students jumped on and away we've gone. Eligibility was tricky to navigate with remote learning. Students seem anxious, but are "back at it" now that they're back in person. We're in good shape for pacing in all levels of science.
- iv. Cameron Metzger: Luckily January is over, as it was a month where classroom instruction felt minimal because of Covid. We did a lot of independent work and individualized instruction with an average of 50% attendance if he had to guess. The upside was that we were able to get in a lot of Battle Book practice! 5th & 6th graders got 1st place today and will be going to State. Tomorrow he will be subbing in the 2nd grade battle at 8:45 for Patti. 7th & 8th graders will battle at 12:30. Cam is hoping for less Covid & better attendance in Feb.
- v. Sarah Wardell: Things are going well. Had 2 IEP meetings this week that went really well and we've been able to address academic needs for students. Sarah is headed to the AK SpEd Conference in Anchorage next week to network w/ other educators and learn about all types of topics. She is excited to have such great subs to cover students while she's out.
- c. Correspondence: Climate & Connectedness Survey is out for parents & staff. Nate gave a reminder of the importance of this survey for grant reporting, pre-evaluation, etc. Teacher and Principal Surveys are also out.
 - i. Leo requested for Laura to send these out again in case they have been buried in emails.
- d. Maintenance Report: Media Room copy machine has been down since May. This Thurs. at 8 am the copy machine people are supposed to be here to fix it.
- e. Technology: The basketball camera has been fixed! We discovered a wiring issue, but it has been receiving signals now and it should be up for this weekend. Live streaming on Facebook is a continued challenge, so we are encouraging the NFHS subscription for those wanting to watch games from home / afar.
- f. Student Government Report: Patti not here to give a full report, but Nate explained that they had a meeting today and are planning for a Valentine's Day dessert fundraiser. Date TBD. Student Gov is also hosting Lynx Lair & Lattes on the weekend at home games.
- g. Financial Reports:
 - i. Student Government: \$5,094.66
 - ii. LSAC \$2,406.05
 - 1. Update on Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser from Leo: Order forms due Fri 2/4. Lake Clark Air will fly the pizzas out with the freight

100% discounted. Sending the pizzas frozen to make delivery easier. Papa Murphys gave us \$3 off per pizza for family size so the profit should be \$4-\$5 per pizza. Delivery date: Friday 2/11? Elisha & Heidi stepped up to take on delivery since Kacy will be out of town.

- a. Proceeds to be donated to: Linda B. Johnson Memorial Fund, at least in part? TBD at next meeting once proceeds are in.

iii. Booster Club: \$8,596.10

h. Public Comments: None.

6: Old Business

- a. a. Recap correspondence request from Mr. Davis.
 - a. School board / teacher contracts: End of opportunity to comment.
 - b. End of Level Assessments: Google Survey that Kacy created went out to all parents and possibly more LPSD schools. 7-8 responses last time Nate looked.
 - c. Indian Policy: Opportunity to provide feedback formally closed.
 - d. Sport Co-Op Possibilities: Opportunity to give feedback by next board meeting. Nate requested feedback from Vorans & Wardells, since both families have varsity athletes in their families currently:
 - i. Carlon Varon: Co-op is a good opportunity for kids to play at a continued competitive level and add in consistent practice. This is an opportunity for positive influence amongst peers. There is also a precedent in the state of doing the co-op successfully, especially on Kodiak Island.
 - ii. Brandey Voran: Katie McGee and Coleson Voran wouldn't have had the opportunity to continue to play college (basket)ball had they not been able to play high school ball. We like the opportunity to play 5-man in a co-op setting if we don't have our own team at Tanalian. This opens doors for students and players. We would need a coach who is willing to do it (co-op) since it includes more complications. The Kodiak team practiced 4 days a week as independent teams, then 1 day per week with rotating travel for teams.
 - iii. Leo Fowler: said he'd talked w/ Glen (Alsworth Jr.) and he was in favor of co-ops too. This provides opportunities for coaches to work together and could provide opportunities for coaching workshops since many LPSD coaches have never played the sports they coach but are willing to participate so students can have extracurricular opportunities. The travel aspect of the co-op sounds expensive and like it would require proper management of resources.

- iv. Elisha Wegner: Is there potential for more than 2 schools to co-op? Nate: Yes. But the more schools, the more complications.
 - 1. Elisha question: Could we have a mixed 3 basketball team? Nate: Yes, 3 v 3 w/ 1 girl at a time. 3v3 is done at the district level, but co-ops can go to State.
 - v. Wardells: Agree with what's been said. Trying to understand how the logistics of practices, sharing coaches, etc. work. Would rather co-op than mix 3.
 - vi. **Elisha would like to make a motion to pass a resolution for the PTA LSAC to support co-op basketball and volleyball teams for small schools across the district who are unable to recruit a 5/6 man team, so long as this is done in an economically feasible and responsible way.**
 - 1. Heidi motions in agreement. Eric seconds. Motion unanimously passed.
- b. Covid response: Proposed adjustments to our site-based plan can be seen in Heidi's "Committee Resolution of the Tanalian School LSAC" document. The goal and resolution of these changes would be that 1) Students are in school more often, with 2) minimized distractions, while 3) maintaining as many options and transparency to our parents for them to make individual decisions for their families.
- a. Kacy proposed a work session to further discuss this since our meeting is running late. Leo proposed a special session or committee to discuss the resolution.
 - b. Lunch hour meeting this coming Thurs. (2/3) at 1:15 pm in the preschool room or by Zoom decided upon. Goal of said meeting: to have a resolution proposed to LPSD Covid Council by Mon (2/7) at 10 am.
7. New Business:
- a. National School Board Association (NSBA) letter re: transgender bathrooms
 - i. Tabled and moved to old business.
8. Next official LSAC meeting set for Tuesday, March 1, 2022
9. Adjournment at 8:27. Motion made by Kacy. Leo seconded.