LSAC Minutes Tanalian School
Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026
6:30 PM

I. Call to Order: at 6:34pm
II. Roll Call: Leo Fowler, Eric Davidson, Katrina Weber, Nate Davis, Michael Prinz, Glen Alsworth III, Matthew Grossman, Patti Brock, Allie Reed, Jasmine Tiedeman, Brandey Voran, Sarah Wardell, Katie Burrows, Chassy Stelling, Kacy Humphreys (via zoom)
III. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve as written by Eric Davidson, Katrina Weber 2nd, motion carries
IV. For the Good of the Order: Excerpt from Benjamin Rush Essays, a founding father and signer of the Declaration of Independence, “In the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, we find the following words which are directly to my purpose: ‘And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up’ [vv. 5-7]... The learning of the Jews for many years consisted in nothing but a knowledge of the Scriptures… But the benefits of an early and general acquaintance with the Bible were not confined only to the Jewish nations: they have appeared in many countries in Europe since the Reformation. The industry and habits of order which distinguish many of the German nations are derived from their early instruction in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible. The moral and enlightened character of the inhabitants of Scotland and of the New England states appears to be derived from the same cause… [The Bible] should be read in our schools in preference to all other books.”
V. Student Presentations (0-3 slots per meeting):
    a.
    b.
    c.
VI. Approval of Minutes:
    a. A PREVIOUS MONTH: May 2026: motion to approve by Eric, Katrina 2nd, motion carries.

VII. Communications:
    a. Principal’s Report- Nate: Off to a good start! Matthew Grossman is the new head teacher and is doing a great job. Nate is no longer in the building full time as he is the new personnel director for the district. The new office is close by, in building 3 of teacher housing, but as Tanalian Principal he welcomes visitors and is still available to all. He handed out the new site report which includes the unveiling of the state volleyball banner. The current volleyball team is in Unakleet at the moment. A new reading curriculum has been adopted this year. Our lunch bank is healthy right now at $15,000 thanks to many parent and business donations as well as a $25,000 donation to the whole LPSD district from Silver Bay Seafoods, which put approximately $3200 into our account (about $80 per

student). We can now provide fresh food snacks for our students again. Thank you!

b. Teachers' Report-

   i. Sarah Wardell- Teaching AK history for HS this year plus 7th grade math and 3rd grade reading. This month consisted of helping kids with their skill building and she has been testing her kids for placement.

   ii. Alison Fowler- not present but Nate gave a quick summary of her full classroom! She has 9 preschoolers this year.

   iii. Brandey Voran - 3rd through 5th grade pulse teaching a HS math, Algebra 2. Student teacher Allie Reed leaves next week. The students are working on creating a US map using salt dough, in science the students learned engineering skills building tallest paper towers, new reading curriculum was a challenge at the beginning of the year as it arrived a week late and not all at once so figuring out how to teach while learning it herself was difficult but she's liking it and things are going much smoother now. This week she started her volleyball club for jr. high again. Allie has helped a lot with the reading and is enjoying it, seems to be going well for the kids.

   iv. Patti Brock - Reading curriculum has been challenging to implement but kids seem to like it and it's going better as the year moves forward. However, there is not as much for kids to actually read. There is more teacher reading to students than students reading for themselves so far. Student teacher Jasmine leaves next week as well but has enjoyed teaching the kids writing in the afternoons. Patti has taken on the Amplify testing for K-8th grade this year then has students who need enrichment join her in the afternoon.

   v. Matthew Grossman - New head teacher, science project this quarter was cardboard boats, put together the schools new $5000 hydroponic systems and is utilizing it for science with the kids. They are growing lettuce, peas, radishes, cilantro, chives, etc. He has a new student Justus. Also he has been doing some maintenance around the school: getting bats out of our fire suppression system building, cleaning up school grounds/classroom shelves, and building drums for preschool. Thank you TEC for burying the power line that was put in last spring.

   vi. Glen Alsworth III (Sasha) - First year teacher. Things are all going well so far, just implementing systems and figuring out all the testing. It felt a little crazy at first. Math class after lunch was very sleepy, so he's using some creative thinking to get them engaged, such as learning how to use range finders to make learning fun plus it gets them up and moving.

   vii. Michael Prinz - Our new onsite tech specialist, and he travels throughout the district to service other schools. The 4th grade class

has deemed him the “ipad medic”. New to Alaska. He’s working out a few kinks but things are going well.

viii. Kacy Humphreys - Family engagement trainings are available, for example: keeping internet safe for kids at home and school or healthy rhythms and sleep. Please let her know if there is any topic your parents or students would like to learn about that is beneficial to the community and this grant could make that happen. Kicks for kids - free shoes for those who need it - is funded by a state health program and facilitated by the LPSD social work program. Kacy’s dept also does 1 on 1 counseling, small groups, trauma informed programs, sources of strength weekly in schools, PSAT, teacher training, etc

c. Correspondence- Nate: none

d. Maintenance Report- Matthew: Clearing bats out of the fire suppression system building, smoothing roads, cleared trees, built drums on playground for preschool, made a call to try and get 19 supersacks moved that have been on property for years as they are starting to degrade and stink, laminator finally works!

e. Technology Report- Michael: Getting devices sent out to the children especially new students, making sure youtube adult content is blocked, laptops all locked down to adult content if anything gets through reports are sent, but please let him know.

f. Student Government/Representative Report- Sasha: meeting weekly, movie night was a hit and the students sold all the pizza, Harvest Fest is Oct 26, prepping for the regional volleyball games that we’re hosting, motivated group of high schoolers. Going well!

g. Financial Report- Nate: LSAC $1419.15, Lunch bank $15,130, Booster club $13,295.51

h. Public Comments: none

VIII. Old Business:

a. Girls Basketball Co-op: LSAC and principal and parents are in support of a girls co-op for basketball. History and Update given. Potentially on the school board agenda for the next meeting.
b. SNAP Pronoun Letter: no update at this time

IX. New Business
a. Middle School VB Club: Brandey Voran volleyball club approved. Motion to approve by Eric, Katrina 2nd, motion carries
b. Other Club applications: possible chess at a later date

X. Next Meeting: 6:30pm November 4, 2026

XI. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Eric, Katrina 2nd, motion carries