

LSAC Agenda Tanalian School

Tuesday, October 4th, 2022

7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: called to order by Heidi Wilder at 7:40pm.
- II. Roll Call: Elisha Wegner, Heidi Wilder, Eric Davidson, Leo Fowler, Kacy Lou Leyba, Nichole Metzgar, Darcy Lorentzen, Pattie Brock, Branden Hummel, Matthew Grossmann, [by Zoom Brandey Voran, Nate Davis, Cameron Metzgar]
- III. Student Presentations: Teagann Smith, [Brielle Lorentzen](#), Sam Fowler, Zahara Rock (Rachel Opland decided to wait for another month).
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Eric Davidson. Seconded by Leo Fowler. Motion passed.
- V. Communications
 - a. Principal's Report: 45 students enrolled currently; staff back, teachers back; no maintenance position created: Riley, Ray, and Cage taking on some maintenance hours; Regional Cross Country went really well, big thank you to all who helped, Ali, Ellah, and Noah qualified for State meet and will be headed to town on Friday, Booster Club helped with some but now needs help: fundraising, banners, any help is welcomed; Covid response is healthy come to school, sick/fever stay home, over 24 hours return if symptoms gone; two student teachers doing well and helping when Mrs. Brock was gone.
 - b. Teachers' Report:
 - i. Nicole Metzgar: It's October, going well, students experiencing out are already better than last year.
 - ii. Patti Brock: 8 students K through 2nd grade, doing well, class went on well with Mrs. Davis and student teachers, students engaged and always wanting to know what is next.
 - iii. Matthew Grossman: JH in the am, 3rd grade in the afternoon, has JH building extension at end of Brock's deck to help mobility, Matthew Dickerson was in and helped teach creative writing and JH which seemed to be a hit and some really took to it.
 - iv. Brandon Hummel: Highschool also did coding and went really well and some students did really well and exceeded the lessons, he is going to take some more advanced coding classes himself so he can do more with students; science is going well even with new curriculum; he is back in math but kids are doing well even as he is learning more himself and he is using two types of curriculum to line out pass/schedule with student's abilities.
 - v. Kacy Leyba: she is new councilor alongside Steven Fink for PTH, NND, IGI; working on CTE, Graduation preparation plans, SEL, improving program/curriculum, and currently Driver's Ed, Small Engine, and Avtec going on for certain students.
 - vi. Brandy Voran: 4-5th students, same as last year and now only elementary all day long so classroom easy transition, building salt-dough maps of USA states and capitals, building straw and water towers but limited

material so learned to improvise and use critical thinking; also did coding work with Ali and Carlon using a program called SWIFT specifically for coding with elementary students, Ali had them physically due in classroom the coding they were doing so incorporating kinesthetic learning as well.

- vii. Cameron Matzgar: Sep. was bumpy but Oct. is getting into routine; has Level 2/2-3rd grade with new curriculum to him; Level 7-8/JH in afternoon but able to stay in one classroom so that is nice; working on subsistence activities.
- c. Correspondence: None
- d. Maintenance Report: Mr. Grossman asked for better ventilation in the boy's bathroom, Mr. Davis suggested **submitting a request to maintenance@lpsd.com**.
- e. Technology Report- Mr. Hummel: Issues with internet from last year seem to be better; replaced new unit so gym internet seems to be resolved.
- f. Student Government Report- Mrs. Brock: Met Monday, October 3rd, 2022 and called about banners; opened Lynx Lair for volleyball community game on Friday the 30th of Sep. but needed to restock and made an order in the Monday meeting.
- g. Financial Report: see attached financials, LSAC funds only listed, will get Booster Club financials as soon as possible from Mr. Davis but Booster Club has no board so presented to LSAC to ensure continued transparency.
- h. Public Comments: None

VI. Old Business

- a. National School Board Association (NSBA) Letter Discussion: Kasie, the LPSD Superintendent sent an email responding to our email in April. **Heidi will forward that email to all LSAC and community to read and prep any further action items for moving forward.**
- b. Covid Response Update: **Mr. Davis covered in the Principal's Report so move off agenda.**
- c. 22-23 Sports Declarations: Due to enrollment we will stay with the April 2022 meeting declaration (see minutes from April 2022).
- d. Change in subsistence calendar: adjusting the subsistence calendar by about 3 weeks or so, started school around Oct 1, and ended 150 days after that - around Memorial day?: Continued discussion from April 2022 meeting (see meeting minutes from April); lots of discussion but primarily Mr. Hummel in favor as would allow for more moose hunting and less interruption to school (in Port Alsworth) and Mr. Grossman is not in favor as would like to leave it or even extend five more days (2-3 inservice, 2-3 student days) to allow for more outdoor activity time, less pressure on teachers and students to work hard in such a short time, not enough days to qualify for retirement, cross country would be challenging as never done during school. 5 additional days would potentially help with teacher retention, especially at smaller sites. Options moving forward were discussed. To keep a subsistence schedule, a waiver is approved, first by the school board, then it goes to the state for final approval. Question was brought up that if we do not continue with the subsistence schedule, would extras (hot lunch,

extra curricular activities, sports travel) be cut. **Should we bring up the whole community for feedback, survey? Discussion to continue and move to old business?**

VII. New Business

- a. Member elections and Officers yearly election: Elisha appointed for secretary for October meeting. Seats A and D for Kacy and rotating seat up for reelection. Election should be in November or December at the latest.
- b. Superintendent Club approvals: 4 clubs presented, see request forms for more details. All clubs approved by LSAC, President signed request forms and returned to Laura to present to the school district for additional approval.
 - i. Mr. Hummel - community service club for grades 3rd and up; to meet 2-3/week depending on needs; help with tasks around community (i.e. splitting and stacking wood, moving large items, building board walk for easier access around school). Stipend of \$300 would go towards supplies.
 - ii. Brandey Voran - volleyball for grades 5th -8th. 4 days a week.
 - iii. Lisa Rivas - beading
 - iv. Mr. Grossman - chess
- c. Battle of the Books: Concerns raised by some parents that books contain controversial and inappropriate content that leaves students feeling uncomfortable and confused, this content does not support local culture (content pertains to but not limited to Homosexuality, Covid Vaccinations, Anti-Police, etc.). Large and involved discussion followed with several suggestions on who to handle the concerns such as no longer participating, picking our own books and doing our own Battle, finding other schools with similar concerns and Battle with them with our own book list, vote on Battle books when able in the Spring yearly, contact the our Board and State and National selection committee with our concerns. From a teacher's perspective Mr. Metzgar read all the books himself and flagged pages with controversial topics and was going to inform parents of those pages and skip content in class: this was highly appreciated by parents and the extra work recognized. Discussion ended with an awareness of doing more research on options, maybe pooling community, and continuing discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting: Eric motioned for Nov. 1st at 6:30pm, to help not be so late, for the next meeting. Darcy seconded. Motion past.

IX. Adjournment: Eric motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm, Darcy seconded, motion past.