

LSAC Minutes Tanalian School

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: at 6:35
- II. Roll Call – Cam Metzgar, Nicole Metzgar, Nate Davis, Teagann Smith, Ray Chmiel, Patti Brock, Eric Davidson, Leo Fowler, Nathanael Fetter, Brandey Voran, Sarah Wardell, Darcy Lorentzen, Heidi Wilder, Noah Davis, Noah Opland, Elisha Wegner
- III. Student Presentations (0-3 slots per meeting):
 - a. Landon Fowler – worked at Lake and Pen Air. Learned how to load and unload caravans, and 206, customer service, good work ethic, good relationships with co-workers. In addition to loading and unloading planes, other tasks were cleaning and side projects. Standards met were employability levels 9-10, 2 & 5.
 - b. Teagann Smith – Experiencing out – collective year in student government. Positions held: Representative 8th grade year, Treasurer 9th grade year and President 11th and 12th grade year. Estimated hours for meetings and service time is 113 hours total. Communicated with the district requesting funds for extracurricular activities. Helped get banners to raise funds, worked at raising money to get a weight room started.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. February 2024 Meeting: motion to approve by Eric, Darcy 2nd, motion carries.
- V. Communications
 - a. Principal's Report- Nate – finished Regional BBall, which took a large amount of help. Still cleaning up and catching up, but went very well. This coming Friday is an Inservice day. March 20-21 are vacation days. Testing is the first week in April. Then SNAP week after that. With district financial cutbacks the middle schoolers flights will not be covered this year. Graduation is April 27, 3pm.
 - b. Teachers' Report
 - i. Brandey Voran – Nate, student teacher, is starting to take over on all subjects with Brandey observing. Working to push kids to finish strong. BOB was the same week as Regionals, 5-6 finished 16th, 3-4 finished 11th overall and went to second round. Working on Bird calendars – art and poetry. Algebra students are doing great and getting ready to do pi day. Kids are working on memorizing as many digits of pi as possible to win a gift card to the Lynx Lair.
 - ii. Sarah Wardell – student teacher, Jared Wilcox, taking over a lot with Sarah observing and collaborating. All students doing well.
 1. Parent asked how kids work with change of student teachers coming in. Overall great. There is a slow transition over time but they adjust well.
 - iii. Patti – getting ready to start End Levels. Starting early, so they can repeat if 80% is not achieved. Also trying to not interfere with other testing. BOB results: Kindergarten and 1st grade got 1st place. 2nd

grade tied and went into a sudden death and got 2nd place. Working with kids in Amplify. Four students have tested out, which is the goal.

- iv. Nicole – New senior student, Chuol Chuol, has joined the school. 17 kids in US government class. 15 in ELA class, which is a mismatch of reading and writing 8-11th grade. Parent-Teacher conferences tomorrow and Friday.
- v. Cam – only nine weeks left of school. BOB last week 5-6th grade tied for 16th, 7-8th got 8th place. 6-7th working on poetry/writing.
- c. Correspondence- Nate – FY26 calendar draft came from the district. School board meeting next week. Big budget time of year.
- d. Maintenance Report – Good. Tim and Jacob here today running through a few items. Ongoing incinerator issue. Working on possibly getting a new one from Newhalen. PAIC – looking at purchasing one, but land to put it is an issue. Maybe an option to partner school and community.
- e. Technology Report – student reports on their computers – slow and/or need to be plugged in to keep running for students with older computers. Nate told them to file a report. Still printer issues. Issues printing to certain printers from computers. May need to reset printer on computers. Some have gotten theirs to work again.
- f. Student Government Report- Mrs. Brock – pi day, giving certificates to students for memorizing pi numbers. Working on purchasing a bench and plates for the weight room. Planning to have movie nights to help raise funds for middle school SNAP meet budget. Patti – students have done a great job.
- g. Student Representative Report - none
- h. Financial Report- Nate LSAC - 785.15 (difference from last month...looking into what that was for) booster - 28451.42 (not reconciled yet)
- i. Public Comments - none

VI. Old Business

- a. Food Program: Going well. Feeding 15-20 students a day. Counting is very laborious and not a super clean process yet. Question was asked about what happens with the funds that have been raised and how does that impact what each student pays? Also, with the food that has been donated, how does that impact what each student pays? No change as of yet...\$5/student.
- b. LPSD Yearly Budget Discussion: keeping it on everyone's radar
- c. Petition to move all staffing to Borough Villages: District wants to work with the villages. LSAC member commented that the jobs should be filled by someone that is qualified for the job. District is starting to make decisions based on this new unofficial policy. LSAC will work on making a comment

on this. LSAC would not like to see long-time, qualified employees lose their job, especially if there is not someone qualified/local to fill the position.

- d. Basketball Co-op for both teams for 2025/26 Year: There are pros and cons for both. When attendance is low it is hard to know if you'll have a team. Pro - meeting students and parents from other villages; more similar to other schools (on road system and lower 48) where students need to make the team (could be a con for some students). Con - hard practicing. Need to declare by April and confirm by August. Will add to next agenda.

VII. New Business

- a. Funds for middle school to SNAP – fundraisers are being run by the student government to help raise funds. Once we know how much is still needed LSAC will look at the possibility of donating.
- b. 2025-26 Year School Calendar – briefly reviewed. Will be on the next agenda.
- c. Add in prayer at the beginning of our meeting. – the district is checking to make sure this will be okay legally.
- d. Add to beginning of the agenda to “review and approve agenda” to allow additions to the meeting’s agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting – April 2nd.

IX. Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Eric, Leo 2nd, motion carries at 8:11.