

LSAC Minutes Tanalian School  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order – at 6:35
- II. Roll Call – Heidi Wilder, Elisha Wegner, Jen Opland, Leo Fowler, Eric Davidson, Nate Felter, Brandey Voran, Nicole Metzgar, Matthew Grossmann, Rachel Grossmann, Sarah Wardell, Patti Brock, Cam Metzgar, Darcy Lorentzen, Nate Davis
- III. Adoption of Agenda – motion to set agenda as written by Leo Fowler with the exclusion of student presentation since student is absent, Elisha seconds, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.
- IV. Student Presentations (0-3 slots per meeting):
  - a. ~~Mikiah Lorentzen~~
  - b.
  - c.
- V. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. March 2025 Meeting: Eric motion to approve, Jen seconds, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.
- VI. Communications
  - a. Principal's Report- Nate – MAPS testing is next week with makeups next Friday. All high schoolers and some middle schoolers head to Newhalen for SNAP meet week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. On the last week of school the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be early dismissal at 2 pm. School officially closed Friday at 2 pm, principals go for one more week. Staffing changes: Janine Denny resigned after 6 years of service. Nicole leaving the classroom, will be principal at Port Heiden remotely from PTA, still curriculum director. Will be looking at how to spread her teaching hours throughout the current teachers. There is an online English teacher named Marley that is an option. Nate picked up the distance principal position as well. Current AK budget projection – about \$1 million in the hole if we do not get the \$650K increase from the state BSA. If we do get the \$650K increase we will still be in the hole about \$400K.
  - b. Teachers' Report
    - i. Nate Felter – has been teaching full days the past few weeks and will continue until the end of April when he starts passing back to Brandey as the end of year approaches. Wrapped up units in writing, finished books in novel study, and a unit in science. Students are learning the song "My Own Superhero" for graduation. A lot of review happening to get ready for MAPS testing.
    - ii. Matthew Grossmann – working to keep kids motivated to finish strong. Trying to do a science fair with junior high and some high schoolers. Talked about all sides of global warming and ice caps.
    - iii. Sarah Wardell – working with student teacher and students to fill in gaps, and work on remedial skills with some students and catching up others. Testing 3 students now. Staying busy with paperwork as well.

- iv. Patti Brock – finishing up a lot of standards. Working on end levels. Some have finished and some haven't, but are still working. Also working on the song for graduation. K-2 does not test next week but will test for MAPS and Amplified week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Amplified is one on one testing so takes time.
- v. Brandey – algebra 2 is going well. Will complete the curriculum before SNAP Meet. Will work to finish the end level when students return.
- vi. Nicole – not teaching next year after 21 years. Will be a big change. A lot of education AI apps, students experimenting with writing apps. Looking at how to use new tools and see if they are beneficial or helpful. Doesn't write the paper, but works as an assistant. Students were engaged in writing for 2 hours. The app was created to create writers not write for them. Some students loved it, some hated it.
- vii. Cam – working towards testing – open response questions and constructing written response answers. Kids are evaluating each other. It's been a good exercise.
- c. Correspondence- Nate – News talking about potential Mt. Spur volcano, district has come out with a plan on what to do if there is an ash issue. Request from grant people for Indian Ed, inviting people to be involved. SNAP Meet speakers - organizers realized there is a subject that could be concerning to some parents about healthy relationships and an email was sent out to HS parents to be transparent.
- d. Maintenance Report – Nate – all seems good.
- e. Technology Report – need to try computers for testing prior to testing because of possible issues with daylight savings. Working to get printer issues fixed still.
- f. Student Government Report - Mrs. Brock – had officer elections and now have new officers, President - Mikiah Lorentzen, VP - Jordan Alsworth, Secretary – Eric McGee, Treasurers – Hazel Metzgar and Malachi Grossmann. There will be another meeting with both sets of officers to learn how to conduct meetings. Working on a movie night April 11, 2025. Planning sports award banquet towards the end of school year. Planning to serve pizza at the sports banquet. Date unknown.
- g. Student Representative Report - none
- h. Financial Report- Nate – LSAC – \$1385.15, \$600 missing from last meeting came from the wrong account and has been corrected. Booster – not fully reconciled. Spent about 30K and made about \$30K. Best guess is the balance is \$8-10K because that is what we started with at the beginning of the year.
- i. Public Comments - none

## VII. Old Business

- a. Food Program: Attached Lunch Bank Guidelines were shared by Nate through email, for transparency. Working to get software system to charge only half for lunches when subsistence food, like wild game, is served. Working to get numbers reconciled to show a year-end report which will help get an idea of how we will move forward. We no longer hand out food from the kitchen unless it will go bad before it can be used in an upcoming meal. Still working through how it all works out.
  - b. Prayer Added to agenda: Nate has been talking to Kasie who has talked to legal. They responded. See email from Nate. 4 questions asked by legal and Kasie made them known to PTA via email. LSAC needs to respond to these questions. 1<sup>st</sup> question – Kinds of prayer – sectarian prayer or not sectarian. 2<sup>nd</sup> question answer: members of the community or LSAC members. 3<sup>rd</sup> question answer – after call to order, before adoption of agenda. 4<sup>th</sup> question answer – yes, will send a sample/template. Heidi will work on response and will send it to LSAC to add/review to send back to the district. Also, once email is formulated, Leo will send it to First Liberty contact.
    - i. Motion was made to add prayer to agenda by Leo, Eric seconded, discussion ensued, motion carried with a 4-2 vote: Leo, Eric, Heidi and Jen approved, Elisha and Darcy voted no in desire to move through process and steps with the District first and both agree that prayer before meeting starts is a possible good solution. Motion carries. Will add to agenda for next month with a majority vote.
  - c. Petition to move all staffing to Borough Villages: created letter to the district from LSAC. All in agreement to send a letter after minor edits.
  - d. Basketball Co-op for both teams for 2025/26 Year: boys do not want to co-op but girls do. Boys have said they would consider if it would help the girls, but prefer not to. Discussed pros and cons to co-op and no co-op. LSAC is in favor of moving forward on co-op.
  - e. Funds for middle school to SNAP: student government giving \$500, parents paying \$100 each. LSAC will leave as is.
  - f. 2025-26 Year School Calendar-discussed and moved vacation days and flexible in-service days. Motion to approve by Elisha and seconded by Jen, all approve, motion carries.
- VIII. New Business
- a. none
- IX. Next Meeting: May 7th, 2025 at 6:30 pm
- X. Adjournment: Elisha motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, all approve, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.