

LSAC Minutes
Tanalian School
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

1. Call to Order: Interim President - Leo Fowler at 7:09
2. Roll Call: Leo Fowler, Eric Davidson, Heidi Wilder, Kacy Leyba, Sarah Wardell, Matthew Grossmann, Elisha Wegner, Darcy Lorentzen, Laura Wilder, Brandey Voran, Branden Hummell
3. Student Presentations: None
4. Approval of minutes: Eric made a motion to approve meeting minutes from LSAC meeting on November 9, 2021. Elisha Wegner seconded the motion and all approved. Motion passed.
5. Communications:
 - a. Principal's Report: Nate was weathered into Iliamna Air Taxi and thus not present; see attached site report for details.
 - b. Teacher's Report:
 - i. Mathew Grossman: Matthew recently gave feedback to LPSD math curriculum board re: end level tests and the need to make them more straightforward. It is his opinion that the new Reveal curriculum may be slightly too rigorous for our district; a good challenge for our strong students, but possibly frustrating for the average student.
 1. Comments:
 - a. Question from Leo: Who makes these End of Level tests?
Response from Matthew: LPSD teachers using Envision Math Curriculum Bank, then it is adjusted by a panel of other staff members to be relevant over the years.
 - b. Question from Heidi: Is this new math curriculum too much of a challenge to adapt to or should we press on and try to make due? Response from Brandey: Elementary isn't bad; it has a tight spiral of varied concepts and the end of the year is going to be a good indicator of how much students are retaining. She may switch the Elementary students back to Envision depending on results. Geometry curriculum is well written, but heavy on proofs and challenging for students. Not sure that the Algebra curriculum is the best, but the previous algebra curriculum isn't Common Core State Standards aligned.
 - c. Question from Matthew: Can we offer a "basic" (2.0) within our standards based system in addition to the proficient (B / 3.0) to give a C level if we chose to keep the new curriculum? Would LSAC or parents be willing to comment to LPSD if this is a route we would want to take?

- d. Question from Nicole: What do we want our end product to be? How do we move towards that since standards-based learning is our system?
 - e. Question from Elisha: How does the post-secondary / collegiate transition work out for students? Response from Brandey and Sarah: Typically students are well prepared for college level courses due to the rigor of our courses/ curriculum and the opportunity to complete online university level classes throughout their upperclassmen years in LPSD.
 - f. Question from Kacy: How do our students who do not spend their final years in LPSD in college level courses do after they leave LPSD? Response from Nicole: Success is determined by the values of the community and over all our students are successful in the paths they choose.
 - ii. Brandey Voran: All classes are making progress and moving forward with curriculum delivery. Classes are largely hitting the halfway mark of the year with the new curriculum. Elementary classes are finally getting traction post Covid outbreak. Working on tessellations in Geometry. Christmas skits & music coming up in the next 2 weeks.
 - iii. Brandon Hummel: All science is going well. He's looking at the pacing guide and all seems to be on par. Teaching Ecology units across the board. Grades 6, through 10 are working with weasel boxes for trapping. Also closing in on choosing curriculum for LPSD science board. New curriculum will be K-12.
 - iv. Nicole Metzger: Christmas skits coming 12/17.
 - v. Sarah Wardell: Quarterly IEPS & goals/ objectives work being done as Q2 draws to a close & progress is being made across the board.
 - c. Correspondence: None
 - d. Maintenance Report: None
 - e. Technology: Copy machine getting fixed soon! DSR came to fix the internet today, but nothing was fixed or finalized due to the need for a part.
 - f. Student Government Report: Patti not in attendance tonight, but student government is active. They are finally in a rhythm of holding weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 3:00.
 - g. Financial Reports:
 - i. Student Government: \$4,763.10
 - ii. LSAC: \$2,406.05
 - iii. Booster Club: \$7,796.10
 - h. Public Comments: None
- 6: Old Business
- a. TCAG board is now composed of Luke Wagner, Patty Bilbrey, Sonnet Smith, Mathew Grossman, and Nate Davis
 - b. Covid response--

- a. TCAG Entry/Return protocol: look at exact wording of new addition
 - i. Chose to leave on agenda for next meeting once Nate can join LSAC
- b. Discussed Covid testing post State vball
- c. LSAC officer elections
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Leo Fowler & Heidi Wilder both nominated for president
 - ii. Leo Fowler nominated for vice-president
 - iii. Kacy Lou Leyba nominated for secretary
 - iv. Eric Davidson ran unopposed for the alternate seat
 - v. Elisha Wegner ran unopposed for seat E
 - b. Elections:
 - i. Heidi Wilder voted new president
 - ii. Leo Fowler voted new vice-president
 - iii. Kacy Lou Leyba voted new secretary
 - iv. Eric Davidson ran unopposed and is the alternate
 - v. Elisha Wegner ran unopposed and has seat E
 - vi. Darcy Lorentzen stayed in seat D, her seat was not up for elections.

7. New Business:

- a. Adjusting voting procedures for LSAC seats for our transient community.
 - i. Comments:
 - 1. We need to thoroughly look at the LSAC handbook for protocol.
 - 2. Possible options: Absentee voting like for PAIC or via Zoom or email? Can we put ballots in each PO box? Can we adjust our ballot to open this to our community more?
 - 3. Need to add name and signature.
 - 4. Do we want to make a motion now? Or make a motion for next fall for a more inclusive process?
 - a. Chose to “table” this discussion and return to it closer to elections in ‘22-’23 school year.
 - b. New LSAC members need to sign an annual oath & code of ethics for their term.
 - c. National School Board Association (NSBA) letter re: transgender bathrooms added to new business for next meeting.
8. Next meeting set for January 11th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
9. Adjournment: 8:17 Leo Fowler made motion to adjourn, Eric Davidson seconded, motion carried.