

LSAC Meeting Minutes for Tanalian School

Wednesday, March 9, 2023

6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: Leo called to order at 6:35 but we did not have a quorum so well waiting discussed money from super bowl pizza fundraiser; Leo wrote a check for 390.00\$ and gave it to Nate; Nate suggested adding to agenda if we want to do anything with it/spend it; no interest in spending it immediate was express so nothing was added to the agenda for this meeting.
- II. Roll Call: Kacy Layba, Brandy Voran, Mathew Grossman, Nicole Metzgar, Sydney, Nate Davis, Leo Fowler, Darcy Lorentzen, Brandon Hummel, Heid Wilder, Cameron Metzger via zoom (see signed form).
- III. Student Presentations: Sam Fowler; Sam gave a presentation on moose hunting as a Capstone Project (one more LSAC member arrived during the presentation so we had a quorum from this point forward).
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Heidi made a motion to approve minutes as written, Darcy second, motion passed.
- V. Communications
  - a. Principal's Report: see attached site report but highlights are middle school won state battle of the books; girls won regional basketball and are headed to State; two of our athletes went to Canada for volleyball to play on the Alaska team in the Arctic Games; Kacy is CPI certified/trained; Sydnye student teaching; Sasha one-on-one tutoring; Resignation Letter from Hummels (we are all sad!); parent-teacher conference March 10-11<sup>th</sup> plus school connectedness survey; thank you to all for help in putting on sports tournaments here at the school; medical check ups this week; school wide dinner this week for basketball girls seniors but now school staff and family dinner with Lisa also; April is testing; competed in spelling bee and Hazel Metzgar did really well.
  - b. Teachers' Report:
    - i. Hummel: spring crazy is coming but all seems to be doing well so far but sports, testing, and end levels will start to cut into progress making it hectic but looking good for ultimate success.
    - ii. Voran: looking good but also looking to be hectic as we head to the end of year; she coached the younger battle of the books and ended up 16<sup>th</sup> overall (very good accomplishment); focusing on

individual goals to finish strong; ran spelling bee with help of Davis and Sasha.

- iii. Grossman: spring crazy is coming but all seems to be doing well so far but sports, testing, and end levels will start to cut into progress making it hectic but looking good for ultimate success; has really enjoyed teaching 3rd grade and middle school mix.
  - iv. Nicole Metzgar: trying to get as much done as possible before end of year so funnel good energy in good channels; working on modern history.
  - v. Sydney: science classes working on getting done too.
  - vi. Kacy: dropped “youth risk behavior” survey this year for school district and try to just use the school climate and connectedness survey; training our staff in CPI training; headed to IGI; Steven Fink came here after community loss; planning for SNAP meet carrier far.
- c. Correspondence: no additional correspondence
  - d. Maintenance Report: still requesting snow guards on roof where they are not at; otherwise mx is doing pretty good; Humble says his room is VERY warm and has mentioned before and maybe cycling but Nate Davis suggests a quick email to district mx guy (Tim McDermet) right away so he can maybe see what is wrong in real time.
  - e. Technology Report- Mr. Hummel: Nate Davis says Starlink now set up by Sam, maybe have dead spots from limited satellites but should be better but streaming doesn't seem to work; Brandon Hummel says things seem to be going well but has not had a chance to check with Sam about the new Starlink account; Nate Davis says Sam needs feedback about who he set it up.
  - f. Student Government Report- Mrs. Brock (Nate): Nate Davis stepped in for Patti Brock and stated they have the officer's election coming up and will begin to try and sell out Lynx Lear; spirit week next week for sending off the basketball team and they will try and set up video in the library for viewing.

- g. Financial Report- Nate: Nate Davis went over financials (see report) and LSAC has 21,51.05 plus money just made pizza.
- h. Public Comments: Leo Fowler spent an hour looking over Battle of Books books on the email that we can vote on and found it very hard to know what might be good books or not as there are so many books. He also looked at the criteria for picking books that are used and found it was long and included things like “intellectual freedom” as criteria for books chosen and parent actual or thought objection as not criteria to disqualify a book chosen. However 30 possible books for every age group makes the process very time consuming and even just using reviews is still time consuming. Our better option might be for us to just take it year by year or opt out of it entirely. Family Focus is a possible website Sarah Hummel used to find book review suggestions. Common Sense Media was another one. Also could get a new list before summer so parents can review the books that are chosen. Leo also found that parents or teachers could vote on books but not LSAC.

## VI. Old Business

- a. Subsistence Calendar Letter: in an attempt to wrap up our several month long discussion on the Subsistence Calendar and present the LPSD Board with a comprehensive suggestion Heidi Wilder wrote a letter and presented it to the LSAC for discussion. A few edits were suggested and a decision to present the letter to LSAC via email after the edits was made. Upon approval of the edits by the LSAC via email the letter will be sent to the LPSD before the 23rd of March Board meeting.
- b. “Late Start Monday” Letter: in response to a LSAC members suggestion at last month's meeting and to present the LPSD Board with a comprehensive suggestion Heidi Wilder wrote a letter and presented it to the LSAC for discussion. Nate Davis said they are already dropping Late Start Monday with no addition of early out Friday so the Board is already moving in the same direction, hearing voice is still good though so Nate Davis and Nicole Metzgar encouraged us to submit to the Board anyway. A few edits were suggested and a decision to present the letter to LSAC via email after the edits was made. Upon approval of the edits by the

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VII. New Business:

- a. 2023/24 Calendar: Nate Davis explained code and discussion ensued of what to do with FV and FI days. Heidi Wilder made a motion to move Dec. 20th and Jan. 8th days to March 14th and 15th and to move Jan. 12th day to Feb. 16th. Darcy Lorentzen seconds and motion passed.

VIII. Next Meeting: April 5th at 6:30pm

IX. Adjournment: Eric motions, Darcy seconds, motion carriers: meeting adjourned