

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

November 23, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Attendance: Craig DeJong, Kaylee Low, Stephanie Beekman, Rochelle Neville, Leah Heidinger, Shannon Pratt, Stacey Wetmore, Clovis & Kelly Chasse, Jenn Giles, Sherri Sterling, Fiona Kirkby

1. Welcome:

-meeting called to order by Craig @7:00 pm, followed by introductions.

2. Reports:

a) Administration (Craig DeJong)

i. Documents- shared the SJF “Assurance Plan” please provide feedback.
Also emailed updated “Restrictions Exemption Program Plan” from the Division.

ii. New Trustee- We have a new Trustee assigned to us, Allison Purcell
(Allison.Purcell@lethsd.ab.ca).

Allison had another meeting tonight, will likely attend next meeting.

iii. Holiday Concert- with current restrictions, number of guests will be based on the capacity of the room they decide to have it. More information to come.

b) Professional Learning Update (Jenn Giles)

i. Information gathered regarding the interests and needs of the students.
School inquiring, UDL (Universal Design for Learning). Contacted George Couros who does speaking tours. A three-part series has been set up for staff, George Couros in January & March, then Katie Novak in May.

Books purchased for the staff, “Innovate Inside the Box” and “Innovation Inclusion & Achievement.”

Focusing on UDL and blended learning. Help transition between in-person and remote learning. Concepts could also be applied if there's a new curriculum.

c) Athletics Report (Craig DeJong)

i. Basketball just started. Teams have been selected for the year. Still opportunity to play in general sessions if not on the Rep or D teams. G club sign up this week, starts Friday @ 11:40 am. It is all inclusive.

Mr. Spring coaching Rep girls team with PS1 student. Rep boys coach Mr. Watson & Mr. Sutherland.

D team focusing on three on three until Christmas. Then shift to five on five after Christmas.

Jan. 28 & 29 -Rep team hosting tournament – playing mostly teams they normally wouldn't play in our league.

ii. Volleyball girls Rep team (coached by Mr. Bohnert) 2021 LSA double city champions.
Thank you to all coaching staff!

iii. Cross Country competed will this season. Gr. 8 student won gold in all three races.

iv. Parents welcome to volunteer. In need of referees.

d) Division School Council Meeting (Stacey Wetmore)

i. Trustee Report

-Allison Purcell was voted Board Chair

-Board decided as the procedural piece that they are going to move 'in-camera' starting at 2pm – 3:30pm. The meeting will be open to the public at 3:30pm with a public forum at 5pm.

ii. Alberta School Councils Associate (ASCA) report:

-ASCA offers workshops under the umbrella of the Division deal (We can partner with another School Council if we want to reduce fees).

-The division pays the School Council Membership of the SCA which means we can attend events for free.

-The next event is Nov 27th, 1 – 4 PM which is focused on the new curriculum (to register:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/virtual-engagement-event>)

iii. Superintendent's report:

-Enrollment report is available on the Division website for each school.

-Parent Learning Sessions occur before the Division School Council Meetings. Upcoming topics include: Literacy (Dec 6th) and Digital Citizenship (Jan 10th).

-Community Engagement Website is available for parents to look at and provide feedback, as well as get summaries on previous surveys; parents can sign up for automatic notices to receive updates; the most recent engagement items will be on the Division home page

iv. Community Engagement Grant:

-In addition to the \$250 received by School Council from the Division, each School - Council has / will receive \$500 in support from the Alberta Government

-If the money is not used, it is sent back.

-The money can be used for things that support parent engagement (workshops to - increase capacity in school council, information sessions/workshops, student learning at home, mental health, cyberbullying, etc.); support for multiculturalism and indigenous families and professional development), but cannot be used for things such as food, capital assets, previous expenditures, honorariums/gifts or entertainment activities.

-We should discuss together at a future meeting what we would like to do with this money so that it is not returned!

Full minutes from the Division Council Meeting are available on the Division website:

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/district-school-council/meetings>

3. New Business:

a) Question asked regarding Teacher Appreciation before Christmas – Council to discuss if this is something we would like to do. Not going to be fundraising but could make this happen if we would like to.

4. Adjournment @ 7:27 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 25 @ 7:00 pm