

LCPS School Council Agenda
February 19, 2019
7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Council Members:

- ✓ Kevin Buhler
- ✓ Darrell Derksen (Chair)
- ✓ Susan Peters
- Russell Peters (Absent)
- Benj Friesen (Vice-Chair) (absent)
- Carol Martens (absent)
- ✓ Judith Wiebe
- George Neustaeter (absent)
- ✓ John Unrau
- ✓ Darryl Goertzen

LCPS Staff:

- ✓ Jordan Brace
 - ✓ Susan Ward
 - ✓ Dave Gallant
- ✓ Trustee: Tim Driedger

1. Call to order @ 7:00pm

2. Approval of Agenda (Kevin)

3. School Report

- Accountability Surveys

The surveys are now open to parents from all grades. Parents have received codes in the mail or via email to answer the survey online surveys responses are due March 8th.

- Diploma results

-The results have come in and overall our students have done quite well. 3 of the students were not successful and administration will be calling these students to

make alternate plans with the possibility of attending the learning store to receive the courses that they have failed.

- Graduation report

- ❖ 45 grade 12's have achieved a highschool diploma
- ❖ 23 are in progress and finishing courses to graduate.
- ❖ Grad Executive will meet this week to discuss guest speaker and decorations, catering etc... this Thursday.
- ❖ A discussion was had around the scheduling of courses for second semester. Grade 12's finishing at the end of January versus scheduling courses that would see the Grade 12's attend for the full school year.

- Chromebooks

- ❖ Staff were asked to add their thoughts to a shared document about the advantages and disadvantages of using chromebooks in the classroom as learning tools.

✓ A game room where kids could go at lunch to play games.

✓ This would allow kids an outlet to play games. This could also be used as an incentive (maybe for gold card winners)

✓ First person shooter games are a concern with staff, because of the violence.

✓ A frank conversation with students about how they will lose the ability to use the chromebook was suggested

✓ It was also suggested taking away the internet, or temporarily disabling the account.

✓ Staff commented that sometime students rush through their work to play games on their chromebooks.

Suggestion for classroom management:

-First Infraction: warning

-Second Infraction: loss of account for 1 day

-Third Infraction: Indefinite loss of account with parent meeting

→ Netop (software program allows teacher lock the students screen) was discussed, more research needed into this program, talk to RCS for feedback.

➤ *Responses include:*

Pros:

- Used extensively in WILD as there are no curriculum resources.
- A necessary tool for students who have difficulty reading and/or writing and/or organizing tasks.
- Used for project based digital projects
- Used for finding parts and their costs
- Used for Media Design projects and classroom
- Lowered paper consumption (environmentally and economically good)
- Students don't lose work as much
- Students can access their work at school and at home whenever they want.
- Parents can access google classroom to see if students have missing work.
- Parents can be active in their students learning.
- Adaptive technology such as google read and write
- The use of chromebooks helps develop students' digital literacy skills and equips them with skills for the 21st century
- Teachers can actively check a student's progress or access their submitted or unsubmitted assignments. This greatly improves the evaluation process.
- Measure are in place to block content the division finds inappropriate.
- After class ends students can ask questions via email and Google Classroom and access study tools.

Cons:

- Constant switching between assignments, games & movies
- Students are rushing through their work to get to "free time" on the chromebooks
- Some students do not have parental permission to use the chrome books and may feel that they are missing out on some opportunities.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Alberta school council meeting is coming up in April. Mrs. Ward will look for and send an email to the parent council.

5. Trustee Report:

- ❑ 23 applicants were received for the U of C program. With the goal of having 4-7 students graduate each year on a rotating bases. The idea is to “home grow” our own teachers to fill the teaching needs of our school division.

7. Next meeting - March 18 at 7 PM

8. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:12pm