**Lamont Parent Council Virtual Meeting**

**December 8th, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Jay Robertson, Kari Huk, Krista Skinner, Nadia Chopping, Perry Koraluk, Rob Ratzloff, Sheryl Skinner, Carla Graham, Tara Cossey, Colleen Holowaychuk, Rynae

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm by Nadia Chopping

Minute Approval: tabled until next meeting

Principal Report by Kari Huk:

1. Temporary Online Learning January 6,7 and 8
	1. Before Christmas Break, teachers will be sending home packages of information, including Brightspace login information. Format for the 3 days will be: 30 minute whole class literacy session in the morning followed by small group sessions; 30 minute whole class numeracy lesson in the afternoon followed by small group sessions. All learning will take place on the Brightspace platform. Times for whole class literacy and numeracy lessons will be staggered to accommodate families that are sharing devices. Schedules will be communicated by teachers and posted on our website.
	2. [EIPS Information Session: Navigating Brightspace](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bZ8VEixYKwFGmrjJHgMCkGG4PEXBrGhk/view)
	3. *Temporary Online Learning* at<https://www.eips.ca/school-re-entry-planning/temporary-online-learning>.

Teacher Report provided by Rynae:

1. Lamont Food Bank Donations: donations have been collected at the school. (Food and Toys)
2. Virtual Christmas Concert: concert will be shared by classroom teachers

Trustee Report:

Finished off, both schools and central results reviews this month.

Thank you to Principals and their staff, parents who joined us. We had some great conversations about the 2019-2020 results, parent engagement, transition after high school and re-entry living with COVID.

Reminder of COSC meetings, usually the first Wednesday of the month. Next one is in January. They are held via zoom so makes it much easier to attend. I would encourage a parent rep to attend if possible. Always great info for parents.

Colleen attended the ASBA FGM November 16 &17, 2020 - great speakers. Peter Mansbridge was one of them.

There was a proposed position statement brought forward to have the govt cancel Diploma exams for the remaining school year. Our board made a substitute motion asking for the Minister of Education to keep them optional for students. We feel it is important to allow students the choice. Announcement today that they will be optional.

PATs will be written by EIPS Grade 6 and Grade 9 in Language Arts and Math. Out of school learners may be exempted as can others if required. There is a process to go through to be exempt.

          November 24, 2020

Premier announced Grades 7-12 will transition to online out of school learning due to the pandemic. At this point the plan is to return to in school learning January 11 , 2021.

Diploma exams will be optional for the remainder of this school year.

November 26, 2020 Board Meeting

Approved the fall budget:

\*$201.53 million includes $4.72 million of reserves.

\*Accumulated surplus is estimated to be $13.55million at August 31, 2021.

\*Student enrolments down by 501, many of these students are unable to be tracked of where there are now.

\*Boards across the province are reporting similar declines in student population.

\*many students unaccounted for across the province, but if they have gone out of province or country we cannot track them.

Approved the Annual Education Results Report for ElPS. Can be found on the website.

Town of Lamont: Nothing to Report

Treasurer Report: Nothing to Report

Fundraising Report: Looking at COVID friendly options. Neither option requires money upfront.

Option 1: Stephanie Williams: An at home sign making night. Tools and materials would be provided. There would be limited choices of signs to make. A minimum of $10 per sign would go to the school.

Option 2: YEG Cakes. Kits available with supplies. $10 per cake kit would go to the school.

Option 3: Yah Maker: Paint Night

\*\*\*Executive to discuss and then share information next meeting

Friends of Lamont Information Shared by Tara

Online Raffle Tickets: 5 days left for ticket sales. School to promote.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2021

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:33 by Krista Skinner and seconded by Sheryl Skinner.