

LPSD Division SCC\Board of Education Meeting

March 3

We hosted 3 different breakout sessions during the meeting. Our first breakout was What are some key successes from the past year of your SCC. Well let me tell you ladies - I am so glad that I have the support we do - I honestly forgot over half of our successes lol. We were grouped with Winston Churchill and Barr Colony and all have done amazing. Barr Colony focused on wellness with a Winter Bingo challenge and recess packages for classrooms, Winston discussed how they hosted a Cahoot game for the last four weeks and their prizes of instruction of Karate and Zumba and a drawing class from Art Soul Life for the classes that won the challenges. Sometimes I would have never thought to offer prizes like that including some of our parents/families/teachers.

Our next breakout question was what key questions you would like to ask your SCC colleagues - no one in our group had anything burning that we needed to discuss so we continued discussing our school successes from the previous breakout. I was able to brag about our awesome and amazing raffle boxes we are going to do in March - I was even able to show them off!

Our final breakout was what hopes and dreams do you have for your SCC in 2021/2022? How can the division help you obtain these goals. The most important hope/dream was obviously to be able to be in the school again. To be able to host school dances, music and everything that we have been able to do in the past.

Some of the positives that we have been able to take out of this year have been being able to connect locally again - sometimes that seems to get so lost on us all. One other mention from Queen E school was that their SCC attendance was up due to virtual meetings as well as they are holding meetings in the evenings. They suggested that they may have a computer sitting at their in person meetings in the future just to keep that option open.

Todd Robinson gave a quick division question and answer period. Covid trending in a good direction, vaccines are becoming more available which allows us to hopefully open up more. He is hopeful that the next public health review will allow for some relaxed restrictions. The upcoming year there will be a 1 year education plan to bridge the gap that Covid has left - its top three priorities are to cover any learning gaps that is left, priority of grade level reading for grades 1-3 and of course mental health and wellness. Following this one year plan they will return to the 10 year education plan.

They have received word from the AB government that every school division will receive at least as much funding as last year. The SK budget will be released in September and they will finalize everything following that.

There is progress on the addition that is happening at LCHS, they have met with the architect who is from Edmonton.

There is a school cash system coming!! It is piloting shortly with a couple schools and should be in place by the fall for all the schools. The system is called Activity Right. There will also be some upgrades to portal access regarding grades and attendance coming as well.

Due to Covid all field trips and activities have been cancelled but it is hopeful that the division will be able to find ways to offer those missed opportunities to the students either in the remainder of this school year if things open up, especially for things that are within our city or

hopefully in the next school year. An example of this would be the typical swimming lessons that the Grade 4 students attend.

All in all it was a great meeting. The virtual breakout sessions worked very well. Todd also encouraged the SCCs to connect with the school board with any questions, concerns or possible support requests and they would do their best to help to the best of their ability.