

**Lorne Akins Junior High School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm**

**Attendees:**

Loretta Manning, Sharleen Edwards, Roger Scott, Mary Anne Fehlberg, Rick Dorn (guest teacher), Dan Wiles, LeighAnne Chisholm, Roger Scott, Danielle Moffat

Call to order 7:08pm (L. Manning for S Havertape)

**1.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve – Dan Wiles

Second – Roger Scott

**2.0 Approval of the minutes**

Motion to approve – Sharleen Edwards

Second – Roger Scott

**3.0 District Initiatives and Policies – Trustee Wright**

Provincial Budget:

- Fee increase for transportation – concerns for families being able to afford the increase
- Increase guaranteed for teachers, cuts to come from other areas (i.e. custodial)
- Budget not based for increase in student enrollment
- New schools coming on board – hiring of new staff

Site Allocation process:

- Admin decision for site locations (Superintendents, City Manager)
- Agreement has been signed but not by Catholic School Board
- Possible new site in Jensen Lakes area, area sized for 1 school

Capital Budget:

- 10 year report that shows high need

**4.0 Teacher of the Month (R.Dorn) – L.Manning**

- 25 years at Lorne Akins and teaches science and PE, Fit for Life
- Coached Basketball for 15-18 years and coaches Football at PK
- Teaches Science Challenge (Grade 8 option)
- Course content alternates between science lab and computer lab with a variety of individual and group work
- Course work examples: solar system mobiles, catapults, weight bearing towers, mouse traps, explore science careers
- Course allows the students to develop problem solving skills and nurture self awareness
- 12-25 children enrollment per year
- Activity presented– 15min to build a structure from straws, 1 m of masking tape and drop from approx 20 feet
- 3 teams dropped the eggs but no survivors!
- Great demonstration of skill development in the class!



Egg Drop!

## **5.0 LA Happenings – L. Manning**

- See attached LA Happenings

## **6.0 New Business – L. Manning**

### **6.1 Provincial Budget Impact on our District (L. Manning)**

- St Albert Public School Impacts – punitive to districts that are growing in their enrollment
- Funding based on cap number of their enrollment (lower of 2014/2015 or 2015/2016)
- Based on spring projected budgets, approx 122 students unfunded (over \$800,000)
- Past trend from Spring to September - enrollment grows
- Teachers to receive 2% raise in 2015/2016.
- Support staff (CUPE employees) 3% in 2015/2016 but unfunded.

- Special Education reduced by 1.9%
- Plant Operations reduced by 3.1%
- Other Grants reduced by 3.1%
- 11% percent that is operating costs for school will be reduced overall by 3%
- School Trustees across the province are planning to build a strategy to lobby the government

**7.0 Information Items:**

**7.1 Final Exam schedule (L. Manning)**

- See attachment

**7.2 Power School Training (L. Manning)**

- Phase out of School Logic so ongoing for staff

**7.3 Farewell Dance / Dr. 9 Day Out (D. Wiles)**

**8.0 Adjournment at 8:18 (L. Manning)**

**9.0 Next meeting on May 12, 7:00pm at SARFC**