

Logos Steering Committee Meeting - Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024

6:45 p.m.

JMD Library and via Google Meet

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Otherwise, to join by

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Attendance: Tara Kwasney, Aaron Wong, Vanessa Steinke, Crystal Sawatzky, Denise Gavinchuk, Kim Giacetti, Nikki Woodford, Jessica Cardozzo, Devonne & Jonathan Skuba

1. Welcome & Prayer - Tara Kwasney at 6:55pm

2. Program Development

- **Logos Handbook debrief & next steps** - Aaron Wong
 - Behind schedule, but still aiming to have a draft ready for online feedback
 - Hoping to publish final draft by June to implement for use in September including agreements
- **Terms of Reference draft** - Tara Kwasney, Vanessa Steinke
 - Reviewed draft and updated live as a committee. See updated version and use comment feature to provide feedback by May 15.
 - **ACTION:** Vanessa will ask to include agenda item to discuss suggested amendments to the Parent Council Bylaws re: adding a Logos Representative, and suggest representation from different divisions on the Council to reflect a similar structure.
 - **ACTION:** Aaron will ask Marianne to review the Terms of Reference together with the Logos Co-chairs

3. Report from Logos Coordinator - Aaron Wong

- **ACTION:** Logos Coordinator to include opportunities to make announcements about prayer opportunities (eg: Prayer Guardians, etc...) into the Logos Newsletter - deadline: last week of the month
- Alpha was a hit with the junior high students! Youth Leaders from the Bunker, and St. Albert Alliance Church are excited to do this again next year.
- Easter Rotation and services went well
- Indigenous Peoples learning occurred on Friday. Aaron met with a leader to learn more about this as a spiritual practice and wanting to discern more about how to facilitate learning about the Indigenous culture in the context of our Christian faith. The smoke was an issue as well.
 - **ACTION:** Aaron to request that there is better communication including an alternative activity, noting that parents want more information beforehand to make informed decisions.
 - Parents are encouraged to communicate feedback to administration as well.
 - The initial draft version of the Logos Handbook that was shared for feedback included statements regarding learning about Indigenous ways of knowing and giving parents advanced notice are sensible.

- **Vinyl stickers** - Aaron created these and will give out one per student
- **Right Now Media** - Aaron investigating purchasing this resource, however it is costly (\$100/month) and most staff and parents already have it, but it could be a helpful resource. Will also look into Focus on the Family resources.
- **Professional Development** - Aaron proposed finding a program for PD. Will also try to incorporate staff devotion that they do together as a Logos staff.
- **Goodies & Games** - engaging and well attended! Helpful that people brought their own games. Lots of mingling through board games and volleyball. Logos staff were great and many came to provide extra coverage.
- **Logos Christmas Concert**
 - Tentatively booked Dec 18 at St. Albert Alliance Church
 - Could include Cookies & Carols?
 - Include JMD Choir?
 - Aaron will contact Robyn Flett re: tech
 - Idea to include Junior High students to help, participate in choir, bake cookies, etc...
 - If there is a Holiday Concert, Logos families expect their children to sing Christian carols

4. Fellowship & Community Building

- **Parent Prayer group** - Nikki Woodford
 - In person & online:
 - 3-8 people come in person and meet in the library on Wednesday mornings. Thanks to Helen Nowell for facilitating space for people to pray!
 - Looking for ways to include people who are not able to come in person. Has been helpful for Nikki to post prayers on the Logos Facebook page.
 - Curious if there's a way to maintain privacy, but still pray specifically when needs arise?
 - Prayer request box
 - **ACTION:** Nikki has a box and Aaron will help get a space for the box, possibly in the Library
 - Year end prayer gathering - Nikki organizing
 - Beginning of the year: explore opportunity to pray for each of the staff and students
- **Staff & Teacher Appreciation** - Tara Kwasney & Nikki Woodford
 - Desire to bless the staff and come up with a plan for next year
 - Opportunity to do something before the end of this school year?
 - **ACTION:** Perhaps do fruit, muffins, breakfast on May 17? Aaron will inquire with Admin. Nikki & Jessica, will coordinate and invite people to help.

- Consider how to cover costs

- **Events** - Tara Kwasney
 - ☒ Praise and Pizza Thurs. Oct. 12
 - ☒ Carols and Cookies Wed. Dec. 20
 - ☒ Goodies and Games Thurs. Apr 18
 - ☐ Logos Family BBQ Thurs. June 20 (revised from June 18)
 - Do the same as last year and add soccer
 - Ensure there is a designated clean-up crew
 - Include sign up to volunteer when ordering using the Google Form
 - Organizing team: Tara will lead and coordinate volunteers. Tara & Vanessa will create a list.
 - **ACTION:** Aaron will get 2 bbqs from District Office, tables, and book gym

5. Program Promotion

- **Spirit Wear** - Dylan put the same options in the Spirit Wear store. In future, Logos Steering will design Spirit Wear and just need to know the deadline (fall & spring).
 - **ACTION:** Tara will download historical information to Vanessa. Vanessa will work with Marney to come up with or coordinate next year's design.
- **Vinyl stickers** - see above
- **Meet the teacher** - September
 - Include dates to look forward to
- **Open House**
 - Logos presentation including a student, parent & teacher testimonials -
ACTION: Ask St. Albert Public Schools to take this on after the handbook is reviewed.
 - Display in the front hall
 - Student samples of work
- **Logos Signage at Demko**
 - **ACTION:** Aaron will bring up again with Marianne

6. Other Business

- **Additional Logos Steering Meeting** if there's an opportunity to review the next draft of the Logos Handbook

7. Adjournment - Tara Kwasney

- Logos Steering Committee Meeting: TBD?, 6:45 in the JMD Library and/or Virtual