

LSAC Minutes Tanalian School

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: @ 6:32pm
- II. Roll Call: Nate Davis, Alicia Fries, Katrina Weber, Leo Fowler, Eric Davidson, Heidi Wilder, Elisha Wegner, Patti Brock, Alison Fowler
- III. Adoption of Agenda: motion to approve as written by Eric, Heidi 2nd, motion carries
- IV. For the Good of the Order: Leo shared about founders gathered together when working toward the constitution, Benjamin Franklin challenged them and called them to prayer stating the following:

“In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. . . . And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that “except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.” I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. . . . I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”

2 James Madison’s Notes on the Convention, June 28, 1787, Max Farrand, The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1911), I:450-452

- V. Student Presentations (0-3 slots per meeting):
 - a. none
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March 4, 2026: motion to approve by Eric, Leo 2nd, motion carries
- VII. Communications:
 - a. Principal’s Report- Nate- we are in the final push to the end with May 8th being the last day of school. Seniors are all finished as of yesterday. Students are starting end levels, final exams and finishing up for next fall. PTA had power outages, thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get things fixed. School was the last to come back on. There is currently a

temporary fix until the ground thaws. With the outage, we lost 2 days of school. One was made up this past Saturday April 11, and we will make up the next day on the 20th. BOB went well. Kudos to parents and teachers. Last of the AKstar testing finished today. Results will come in September. Metzgar girls are already in Juneau, Cam and Max will be here until May 9th. We had a great going away party this past Friday. Next year Sasha Alsworth and Matthew will take 6-12th grade (17 total students) together. Sasha will teach high school English instead of it being online. The current plan is for Patti to continue with K,1-2 and Brandey 3-5.

b. Teachers' Report

- i. Patti - finishing year with end levels and trying to wrap up standards and finish strong. Started end of year project - a Penny Book to take home and keep filling up. Kids are still enjoying writing everyday!
- ii. Sarah - working on getting kids finished up. Focused on spelling with younger kids, using a multi-sensory method. Consumer math - filled out 1040s - learned how to do it together and they got a W2 for a made up person. Brought up a lot of good discussion. Finished up taxes. Learned about property taxes. Next week we will start reviewing for the end level.
- iii. Alison - doing great. Kids are fantastic. It's a very young group this year. Classroom pets - 5 caterpillars. Fun to learn and do art with them. Testing is done. The last day is April 30th. Will bring kids in two days a week to introduce next year's group.
- iv. Matthew - close to being recovered from SNAP! Great week. Two people here from the Kinik tribe to teach kids about the 3D printer. The end is coming quickly, and it will be tight on some classes. Three students went to NYO state. Malachi for the 2nd year in a row was voted prom prince, and is on district student government. We lost Hazel and Augustine and Gloria the last couple weeks of school.

c. Correspondence -Indian Ed Meeting, 4/24 Fri 1p

-ESEA Meeting, 4/29 Wed 3:45p

- d. Maintenance Report - power outage - learned the generator was not commissioned and it was low on coolant. Will now start it once a month to make sure it is ready to go in case it is needed again.
- e. Technology Report - Sarah's classroom - screen isn't working and cannot print. The laminator is still out.
- f. Student Government/Representative Report - in transition - current student gov finished up today. New President - Jordan Alsworth, VP - Jocelyn Oettinger, Secretary - Erik McGee, Treasurers - Malachi Grossmann and Elliott Wegner, Student Representative - Autumn Oettinger
- g. Financial Report- Nate Lunch bank \$9430.71; LSAC - \$1419.15; Booster - \$10,377; student govt. - about \$9K - covers banners

- h. Public Comments - comments and discussion about possible co-ops for sports. Great opportunities and challenges to it. Jordan will put a proposal forward and then we will discuss it again at the next meeting as an LSAC.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Food Program: district paying for cook and kitchen - will hopefully continue
- b. LSAC Training - keeping on radar
- c. Cell Phone/Smart Phone School Policy - sent out email - teachers seeing improvement in the classroom

IX. New Business

- a. TOPS scholarship handoff: Andrea McGee and Sarah Wardell have overseen this. Students who have graduated from Tanalian can get as many years of funding as they attended Tanalian, there's currently five students. Three next year. Can be used for vocational training, bible college or college/university. Students must send in an application with references and have a 3.5 gpa. The students just have to send in a transcript and maintain a 3.0 to keep the scholarship. Primarily funded by PAIC and TEC. Each year around \$1K in scholarship per student is given. Sarah is stepping down. Need replacement. The role of board members is to review applications (to be sent in by May 1st) and in August the board meets to review, approve, and mail checks. It is a non-profit. Ask Laura to send out an email to the community in search of new board members.
- b. 2026-27 School Year Calendar Approval - motion to approve what was discussed - move (4) flexible vacation days from January - (3) to March 18, 19, 22 and (1) to April 12; keep (1) flexible vacation day on January 4; move flexible inservice day from March 12 to March 5. Alicia motion to approve, Eric 2nd, motion carries
- c. In talking to the kids about SNAP, some concerns were brought up on Pronouns being introduced at the Sources of Strength class. This is not something that should have been introduced to the students. Potential follow up from LSAC and/or parents.

X. Next Meeting - May 6, 2026 @ 6:30pm

XI. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:27p by Elisha, 2nd by Eric, motion carries