

LSAC Meeting Minutes Tanalian School  
Wednesday, March 4th, 2026  
6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: at 6:36pm.
- II. Roll Call: Alicia Fries, Brandey Voran, Mikayla McFadden, Patti Brock, Leo Fowler, Eric Davidson, Katrina Weber, Elisha Wegner, Heidi Wilder, Matthew Grossmann, Nate Davis
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda as written by Eric, Elisha 2nd, motion carries.
- IV. For the Good of the Order: Leo Fowler shared about the 250th anniversary of our country being this year. Invitation to prayer and dedication of our country to those who are religious, by President Trump. Invitation to commit to an hour of prayer for our country each week. [WhiteHouse.gov/freedom 250](https://www.whitehouse.gov/freedom-250). May 17th - National Day of rededication of our nation as one nation under God. May 7th is this year's National Day of Prayer. (first Thursday of every May)
- V. Student Presentations (0-3 slots per meeting):
  - a. none
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. February 2026: Motion to approve by Eric, Leo 2nd, motion carries.
- VII. Communications:
  - a. Principal's Report- Nate - Exciting winter. Jr High needs to pay their own way to SNAP Meet again this year - total needed is \$2100 for six students. A fundraiser mentioned last month by Mr. Metzgar helped to raise funds. AMES1 Construction bought a lot of pizzas in that fundraiser and paid for the remaining balance of \$871 to help send the kids! Basketball was a challenge this year, due to weather and sickness. Girls sadly didn't get to go to regionals, due to a broken foot and sickness. The boys went to regionals, but lost in overtime their first game with Newhalen, who is going to state. BOB - kids did great. Three teams went to state. All three made it through the first round to the twelve team competition. 5/6th tied for 4th in the first round and only missed one question in the second round. Next LSAC training is March 10th. District and staff changes - Cam and Nicole Metzgar are leaving. Sasha Alsworth is taking Cam's position. Bill and Kate Cornell are leaving the district as well. Nate is taking the position of Director of Personnel job. Head teacher, possibly Mr. Grossmann for next year. Director of Personnel - recruiting teachers and personnel and paper work that goes along with that; help with any issues that arise and be an encouragement to teachers across the district.
  - b. Teachers' Report
    - i. Brandey Voran - Really emphasizing with kids that we are down to the last bit of the year and to stay focused and finish strong. They earned their pizza party. Augustine qualified for the state spelling bee. Possibly needing to raise funds to go. HS getting ready to do

Pi Day, next Friday. Mikayla is changing from Patti's class to Brandey's class next week.

- ii. Patti Brock - Reached 41 out of 50 for "every state Valentines". Pushing the deadline until St. Patrick's Day. The kids have learned so much about the states because of it. Celebrated 100th day. Kids are getting so much better at writing. Practice it everyday. They are excited when they get their writing prompts. They also did a research project and created a book.
- iii. Matthew Grossmann - Still teaching. Still haven't had a whole high school class and probably won't until the end of the year.
- c. Correspondence- Nate - Counseling department has been working on getting Sources of Strength integrated into our district. Received a handout on it. Kacy is working on this for the district.
- d. Maintenance Report - Jake came through and knocked out a couple of maintenance items last week. Riley and Matthew step in when they can. Overall pretty good.
- e. Technology Report - Sounds like several computers won't connect to a printer. Possibly an internet issue. All phones dropped from Wifi. Keep an eye out for a new wifi.
- f. Student Government/Representative Report - Students have been busy, partnered with Lisa for Valentine's banquet. Broke even, but were excited to bless the community. Super fun event! Student elections are coming up.
- g. Financial Report- Nate - Junior High SNAP - 1293.39; LSAC - 1419.15; Lunch Bank 8952.38; Student Government - 9633.91; Booster - 9830.85
- h. Public Comments - None.

#### VIII. Old Business:

- a. Food Program: Nothing new. Lisa has a separate contract with AMES1 and takes food to where they eat. Small additional cost but overall a win-win. AMES1 contract employees renting two housing units (Hummel's & Richter's). Twice marijuana was smelled and AMES1 sent those workers out of Port Alsworth on the next flight. Great response.
- b. LSAC support of Middle School: AMES1 support - confirmed kids are fully funded. Potentially redirect funds to Augustine going to the spelling bee in Juneau. Eric made a motion to approve \$400.00 for total roundtrip airfare for Augustine on condition that she chooses to go. Leo 2nd, motion carries.
- c. Cell Phone/Smart Phone School Policy - Alicia Fries brought up sending a reminder to all students and parents with the district policy that school will

be more strictly enforcing district policy for the remainder of the school year, and if needed the school will put a stricter policy in place next year.

IX. New Business

- a. Attendance (importance to learning, adding to the regular Communications Agenda, incentives) - District wide, attendance is between 50 and 70% attendance. For this year Tanalian is at 88%. Would like to keep in perspective the child's learning and importance of being in the classroom. With the subsistence calendar year kids are down 4 weeks each year. When kids are gone it puts added load on the teachers as well. Would like to brainstorm on helping attendance. CTE sessions next year will be two weeks long. Our teachers and LSAC would like these to be the beginning of the year or end of the year. The school calendar is taking a month longer to decide on. Talking about shifting to two weeks later to start and ending later into May.
- X. Next Meeting - April 9th @ 6:30pm.
- XI. Adjournment - Elisha motion to adjourn, Katrina 2nd, motion carries.