

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
October 27, 2020
Start Time: 6:03 pm

Attendees:

Vanessa Steele
Brad Dersch
Raj Mathur
Christa Pike
Tisha Elford
Ann Kish
Erin Wallace
Carmen Van Schake

Administrative Report

Brad Dersch:

- Pivot point deadline to make a choice switch from Online to In-person classes, and vice versa, was as last week. Lakie will be implementing the change date on November 2, instead of November 10 as the Division set out, to coincide with Lakie's supplementary activity rotation starting on November 2.
- Grade 6 – 2 coming back; 1 going online
- Grade 7 - 8 coming back; 1 going online
- Grade 8 - 1 coming back; 2 going online
- Next pivot point is January 29.
- Parent Teacher Interview. Lakie did things a little different than other school in terms of parent teacher interview. It was more of a hybrid model where in-person or online interviews were offered to parents.
- Professional learning week was done following the Thanksgiving weekend. It went well in turns of reviewing how things have been going this year due to covid, etc.
- Learning Commons Facilitator, Cathy Fischbuch, will be leaving Lakie. Her last day will be November 5. There is currently a posting to hire for her position.
- Halloween this Friday, oct 30. No masks or fake weapons to be worn by students.

Raj Mathur:

- Fundraising. Fundraising was very successful considering the COVID situation and the parameters needing to be followed. The school will be spending some of the funds raised on activities for students this year while also putting money away for a larger outdoor project.
- Extra-Circular. No changes at this time. There has been dialogue between middle schools to determine how we can safely proceed moving forward. As a staff, there have also been discussions in an attempt to find creative ways for students may be able to participate in these sorts of activities, while adhering to the AHS protocols.
- Remembrance Day. Wednesday, Nov 11 there will be no school. Mr. Wright and Ms. Legge are working to create a safe version and worthy recognition of this

important day, however there will be no assembly this year. A further reminder will be email to parents/students regarding the request to submit pictures of family members who served.

- Lockers. As we know, student currently do not have access to lockers, however, the school is getting ready to re-introduce lockers to students. There are a lot of winter jackets and boots that need a place to be. Lockers will open in stages or by grade levels. When students use lockers it will need to be staggered. Lockers will be used for outdoor year and not backpacks, etc. Lockers may not come with locks to save time, however, there will be more discussion in this regard in the coming days.

Aimee Dewacht:

- Picture Retakes were on Monday, October 26.
- Think Outside Program in Grade 6 Science. Put on by Helen Schuler. The Program has emphasis of indigenous education. There will be 2 sessions in the Fall and 2 in the Spring.
- Term 1 ends on Friday, Nov 27, however, this year this doesn't really make a big difference with no options at the current time.
- 3rd Supplementary activity rotation starts November 3. Students are enjoying the variety and teachers are doing their best to create innovative ways of doing things.
- MIPI results are in and the numeracy committee is working on ways to enhance learning
- ISP's and Benchmarking. Teachers have worked hard to ensure they are meeting student needs and they've been trained on how to conduct literacy assessment.
- No PAT's this year
- PL for staff regarding Universal Strategies binder and staff meeting action items. Committees are also up and running.

New Business:

- Division school council report from Tisha Elford. The biggest item discussed at the last Division meeting was that parents are concerned regarding the absence of extra-circular activities. Christine Light was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees.
- Gift for Sharon Mezei. Brainstorming of ideas to show support. Meals; baskets; Breast Cancer symbol on clothing/facemask, etc. with a school photo. Meal Train App may be helpful. Premade meals from Dave's Meals may be a good idea. Erin Wallace will spearhead this. Tisha Elford will contact the lady who previously provided product with logos.
- Parent question: Is there a budget available to school council in order to show support for teachers/staff? Brad Dersch will check into this. Parent Council will also provide details at the next meeting as to what they are proposing.

Next meeting is November 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.