

**G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
November 24, 2020
Start Time: 6:03 pm
By Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Brad Dersch
Aimee Dewacht
Raj Mathur
Vanessa Steele
Jillian Barnes
Angela Roman
Lisa Althouse
Christa Pike
Tisha Elford
Sarah Johnston
Laura Miller
Karma Van Schaik
Markham Johnson

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Review of Agenda**
- 3. Questions about last meeting minutes can be found on GS Lakie website**
- 4. Administrative Report**
 - i. Brad Dersch:**
 - December 18th is last day before the break. The Province announced this evening, shortly before this meeting, that Grades 7-12 will commence online learning starting next week, November 28, 2020. Online learning will continue for a further week after the break, commencing January 4, 2021. Classes are currently scheduled to return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021, unless the Province directs otherwise.
 - Pivot Point #2 – January 29th, 2021. We are not expecting this date to change. and are assuming a survey will come out from the Division early January for parents to decide on programming.
 - Remembrance Day recognition went very well.
 - Review Inclement weather day (i.e. “Snow Day) procedures. Need at least 2 employees at the school on a snow day. The purposes of this is to ensure the safety of children who may arrive despite school being closed.

- There is a new AHS Daily Symptoms Checklists that can be found on the website
- Review of procedures in the event a positive case is identified at the school.
- Parents got together to contribute toward meals being delivered to Sharon Mezei. (Note: more details report below).
- New learning commons facilitator has been hired. Her name is Sheridan Mustard.
- Grade 8 leave of Ms. Babki will be covered by Ward Huckubay until Christmas
- Education Plan Review

ii. Raj Marthur

- Halloween Murder Mystery Review - thinking classroom, student engagement (in-person/online). The school may look at doing more Murder Mystery events now, given the online learning that was announced today.
- Activity Time/Intramurals Review- implementation of intramural rotation program at lunch
- Clubs and Virtual Extra-Curriculars- staff are brainstorming ideas currently ie. Different clubs, virtual yearbook, etc. Hopefully there will be more growth in this department in the coming months.
- Lockers Review- protocol involves staggered schedule, no locks, only winter attire in lockers. Progression- introduce locks after Christmas break
- Canteen- appears to be successful on all fronts
- Bussing- MERGER OF THE W2/W3 busses
- Lost and Found – There will be a table set up this week containing lost items. Parents should remind their student(s) to check the table before the end of the day Friday, November 27, 2020. Any unclaimed items will go to charity after this date.

iii. Aimee Dewacht

- Supplementary activity rotation continues to occur every month to provide variety
- An update was provided re: universal strategies; literacy, numeracy and thinking classroom routines. Focus has been on improving/building any gaps in learning, especially in respect of numeracy and literacy. Students have been providing positive feedback on some of the new strategies that are being implemented.
- There have been professional learning opportunities for both admin and teachers, including for example professional learning regarding ISP (Individual Support Plans) for student
- School Psychologist, Christie Archer, has returned to our school on a working rotation. She has been able to guide us on how to support our teachers. She has

also been helping us to bridge the gap for some students who have more struggles.

5. District School Council Report

- Alberta School Councils Association funding has been cut by 75% this year. We do not yet know how this will affect our parent council.

6. Previous Business

i. Gift for Sharon (Erin/Vanessa)

- Parents contributed to meals (ordered from Dave's Meals) to be delivered to Sharon Mezei. There are funds leftover and there is the possibility of sending further meals at a future point in time. If anyone is interested in contributing further, please contact the school and you will be put in contact with the correct person to assist in this regard.

ii. Halo Headband update (Tisha)

- Tisha has looked into having halo headbands made in support of Sharon Mezei and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Tisha proposes navy blue headbands with a GS Lakie logo/Lakie Strong symbol, and as well to include the breast cancer symbol. Brad will email logos to Tisha to be passed on to individual making the headbands.
- Headbands will be sold to GS Lakie staff and students and possibly made public through School Cash Online.
- Proceeds will be donated to Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in Sharon Mezei's name.
- Hoping to start sales January 11 when students are scheduled to return to school and run sales for approx. one month.

7. New Business:

- Nil

8. Upcoming events

- Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30pm - District School Council Meeting (Ed Center Board Room). The
- Friday, December 18, 2020 – Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- January 4, 2021 – Classes resume

9. Adjournment - Next meeting is January 26th at 6:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.