

**G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Start Time: 6:04 pm
By Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Brad Dersch
Aimee Dewacht
Raj Mathur
Lisa Althouse
Tisha Elford
Christa Pike
Angela Roman
Anne Kish
Karma Van Schaik
Erin Wallace
Vanessa Steele
Laura Miller
Christine Light
Cheryl Gilmore

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Review of Agenda**
- 3. Questions about last meeting minutes can be found on GS Lakie website**
- 4. Administrative Report**

A. Brad Dersch

- Pivot Point #2 – Moved to February 22nd
 - Parent survey will be sent out tomorrow with a link to access.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
 - Entirely online this time around
 - January 18th interview booking opened; closed January 26th.
 - Invites will be out no later than the morning of January 28th.
 - Students will have a full day of school on January 28. Interviews start at 4pm.
- A review of online learning for all students
 - Went very well. Had great feedback. Teachers did a great job.
- Westside boundary review – Projected impact on Lakie
 - Projected increase in student population looks very positive for GS Lakie.
 - We are slotted to take on Spanish students that are currently at Coalbanks.

We won't see that student population for a couple of years, as they are still progressing through the elementary grades.

- Division Town Hall is Tuesday, February 2nd 6:30-9:00 p.m. We have the following representatives attending from our school:
 - Three admin
 - Two staff members
 - 4 -6 students
 - Six parents that are not division staff members and neither are spouses
- February break
 - February 15 – Family Day
 - February 16-17 – No school for students
 - February 18-19 – Teachers Convention
- Yearbook deadline was January 22nd
- February 26 – Pink Shirt Day
 - Had an order this month for those interested (Wellness Team put this together)
 - Our school will be acknowledging Pink Shirt Day on Friday, Feb 26 as part of Fish Friday.
- Halo headbands order deadline – January 29th.
 - Distributed from the school.

B. Raj Marthur:

- Locks have been introduced for lockers now that students are in a routine. Still only asking students to put coats and boots in there. All other belongings remain in the classroom. Students are welcomed to leave any of the items in their lockers overnight.
- Kovid Kitchen – Save On Foods title sponsor. Mr. Dersch, Ms. Dewacht and Mr. Marthur just completed another Kovid Kitchen episode. Should students wish to send in a picture of their own meal prep, they will be entered for a draw to win a Save-On Foods gift card. Discussion regarding the possibility of doing a Kovid Kitchen in honor of Sharon Mezei.
- Canteen- is back up and running. There hasn't been a menu change because the menu was new for grade 7s and 8s.
- Bussing- the transition to Southland is complete for the Westside. Currently we have reverted back to our original 3 bus system which allows for shorter ride durations and more space on the bus.
- Intramurals will continue and be embedded into our lunch rotation. The plan is to continue intramurals until spring.
- Practice Lockdown still proceeding with the assistant of LPS School Resource Officers; however, due to COVID they will look a little different. Students will remain in their desks and the focus has shifted to practicing lights off, phones off, silence, etc.
- With weather changing. Parents need to ensure students are dressed appropriately to go outside. We will continue to send students outside as often as possible this winter.

- Parents should note that the front doors of the school do not open until 7:50am each morning.
- Our school is planning to promote the annual Moonlight Run this year. Student and family participation is encouraged. The school is in the process of planning out a series of 6km tracks in the neighbourhood in order to provide participants with options for the run.

C. Aimee Dewacht

- All student ISP's have had mid-year reviews. Teachers will discuss significant concerns or modifications with parents during interviews.
- We are working on developing a sensory room for our students.
- Elementary school transitions for complex students are in the works. We hope to have them started by mid-March
- Gr 5 transitioning will look different this year and we continue to work together to develop something that abides by COVID protocol, while representing our school to its utmost best

5. District School Council Report (by Tisha Elford)

- At the last District Meeting the main topics discussed were:
 - Challenges and ideas to keep kids active during COVID restrictions.
 - The Helen Schuler Program. It is hoped this program will be up and running again this Spring despite COVID restrictions.
 - The busses previously owned by the District were sold and those funds have been allocated to a tech/electronics account for the various schools. We are not certain yet how that funding will directly affect GS Lakie.

6. Report from Cheryl Gilmore

- On-line Learning. School teachers and staff went above and beyond. Acknowledgement of challenges for families, ie. Sharing of devices and/or working parents, etc.
- Feedback for re-zoning is still welcomed at this time.
- Pivot Point Change. The deadline has been changed to Thurs, January 28, 2021.

7. Report from Christine Light

- Thanks to parents for supporting students in online learning. She notes the challenges that were associated with online learning.

8. Previous Business

- a. Halo Headband update (Tisha)
 - We surpassed our goal in sales. 67 headbands have been sold. Approximately 1/3 of sales will be donated to the Breast Cancer Society.

9. New Business:

- a. Review of challenges/successes of On-line learning.
 - Consensus is that Lakie is a phenomenal job with on-learning.
 - There was some interpretation to those learners who were already learning on-line, when the remainder of the school went online in December. Admin confirms this issue will be corrected in the event this scenario is required in the future.
- b. Student typing skills. The general population of student typing skills do not appear to be up to speed. Cheryl Gilmore acknowledged this issue and has made note of the concern. It was discussed that typing skills may need to be better addressed starting in Grade 1 and continuing throughout the grades. This may result in less frustration for students as they progress to higher grade levels.

10. Upcoming events

- a. Division Town Hall Meeting: Feb 2 @ 6:30pm (virtual)
- b. Jan 28-29: Parent-Teacher Interviews (via Teams)
- c. Jan 28: Last day for Boundary Review feedback (Division website)
- d. Jan 29: No School for students
- e. Feb 15-19: No School
- f. Feb 24: Division Pink Shirt Day (Lakie will be acknowledging Pink Shirt Day on Friday, Feb 26 as part of Fish Friday activities)
- g. March 19: No School for students
- h. April 2-12: No School (Easter break)

11. Next Meeting February 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm

12. Adjournment – 6:50 pm