

**G.S.Lakie School Council AGM Minutes  
September 25, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Administrators and Staff: Sharon Mezei and Kyle MacKenzie

Parents: Nancy Purkis, Lisa Althouse, Raila Duda, Brian Palsky, Angela Roman, Vanessa Steele, Tisha Elford

**1)Welcome and Introductions - Lisa Althouse**

**2)Annual General Meeting**

a. Proposed operating procedure amendments: Motion – Brian/Raila

*"We will combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer starting this school year (2018-2019)."*

Motion passed by acclamation

b. Elections:

Chairperson: Lisa Althouse

Vice Chair: Raila Duda

Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Purkis

District Council Rep: None elected at this time. Angela will attend the first meeting on Oct 1 at 6:30pm.

c.. Financial Statement: This is no financial statement to report. School Council balance is \$0.

d. School Council Meetings for 2018-2019 will take place on the following dates: Oct 30, Nov 27, Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28.

e. Presentation of the School Council's Annual Report from the Previous Year (LISA ALTHOUSE)

f. Administrative Report -

Sharon: These are exciting times at G.S.Lakie! Our school population has gone from 917 to 468. There is a different feeling in the school now, class changes are easier to navigate, and it's easier to connect with everyone in the school community.

Seven portables have been removed (went to SJFMS). The footings were also removed which left a messy area. Large sections of siding had to be replaced which also left some tracks in the grass from the heavy equipment used. Some of the older shop equipment has been replaced. There are new mirrors in the dance studio. The risers in the foyer are being re-covered. A new gym floor was installed over the summer due to water damage.

With our smaller population teachers are able to stay within their area of expertise. Gr 7 & Gr 8 have a designated teacher for each subject. Gr 6 is staying in the dyad format for now to make the adjustment from elementary school easier for the students.

The school newsletter is being condensed and will come out every 2 weeks with an up to date calendar.

SafeArrival has been implemented for parents to report students' absences.

The Lake Dance was a lot of fun, it is back in the foyer now. A swaying glow stick competition took place between the grades.

Kyle: Fire Drills have become more streamlined. There is now one Muster Point at the front of the school. It's much easier to coordinate communication and confirm the location of all of the students this way.

The annual fund raiser is wrapping up. Prizes this year include Mountain Bikes, an entertainment system and a \$3,000 AMA Gift Card. Prizes will be awarded by draw.

The upcoming Volleyball Tournament does not have access to Chinook High this year, so it will be a much smaller event.

The Terry Fox Run Track and Field Day was split by age divisions instead of grade level . There were some additional events with it this year...Food trucks, a tug of war.

Athletics: All of our traditional sports will still have Rep & 'D' (developmental) teams, the teams will practice together. Phys Ed now takes place 5 days/ week for all students. The department philosophy is 'Do it Daily for Life'

Sport Park Update: After the fundraiser we will have approximately \$125K, which is the maximum amount of matching grant that we can apply for. Lisa also mentioned a community grant through the City of Lethbridge that we may be able to apply for. The Sport Park Committee will do a walk around on Oct 3 to consider various ideas around our campus such as wall ball, expanding the basketball area (or adding a new one elsewhere), picnic tables, and an expanded area for 4 square.

### **3) New Business:**

Nutrition Break: Brian

Some concerns were raised about the elimination of the morning nutrition break. It was eliminated in part due to the introduction of daily Phys Ed as well as the new Fishology class that is replacing adviser (and is a full 30 minutes). The schedule now closely matches the schedules of the other middle schools in our district.

Option Fees: Tisha

Many of the option descriptions do not have fees listed, and yet are charged after a student is accepted into the class. It would be helpful for parent to know what those fees are ahead of time for budgeting purposes. A detailed description of what they money is for was also discussed. Kyle will post fees for sport teams with the tryout info.

Field Trip Policy Change - Nancy

There is a new policy in the district that restricts parents from driving for field trips unless they have a criminal record check, they are kept on file/valid for 3 years.

#### **4. Upcoming Events in the District:**

District School Council: Oct 1 @ 6:30pm (Ed Center Board Room)

Workshop for Parents: "Self Regulation Strategies for your Stressed Out Teen", October 18 @ 6:30pm  
(Ed Center Board Room)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

The next meeting will take place on October 30 at 6pm in the G.S.Lakie Staff Room

Minutes were prepared by Nancy Purkis