

# GS Lakie School Council Minutes

April 25, 2017

## Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Doug James, Kristine Savage

Parents: Corinne Steele, Lisa Althouse, Nancy Purkis, Brian Palsky, Bonnie Takats

**Call To Order:** 6:03pm

## 1. Administrator's Report – Doug James

- April 26 is Grade 5 orientation. Grade 5 students will tour Lakie; Sharon will be at the school to meet them; registration forms will be distributed
- April 27 is Strategic Planning day for district Admins
- Staffing 2017-2018
  - 2 positions have been posted for Social/LA in grade 6 and 7
  - 2 Grade 6 Math/Science teachers have been hired (Shaun Cox & Tanner Bexson)
  - Nick Richards has been hired for a Grade 7 homeroom and is currently finishing up his masters at the U of L
  - Sarah Williamson has been hired for a Grade 6 LA/Social position
  - Faye Colby will be taking over the Teacher Counsellor position as Pam Garner is retiring. Geoff Weatherall will be taking over Faye's position as a Social 8 teacher.
  - The goal is to have a good balance of male and female teachers on staff
- Spanish will be offered as an option for 2017-2018
- Lakie won all 6 divisions in the Badminton Championships
- The new video wall been installed in the gym. This video wall has huge educational opportunities to live stream with professionals or other schools. It can also be used as a score board, for instant replay during sport activities or to live stream performances from the foyer to the gym for overflow seating.
- Parent Orientation for new grade 6 families is May 3
- This year Lakie is trying online registration for options with Grade 7 & 8 students. Info about classes and options is online for parents to read through and discuss with their children. Students will register at school.
- Track & Field is scheduled for May 9 with the LSA Track Meet to follow later in May.
- Staff are seeing significant improvement in literacy with students and are happy to see good results after just the first year of the new Literacy Program. The program will continue for the 2017-2018 school year.
- May 15-18 is the Beatles Show. Approx 200 students are involved in the show. Tickets are available online. Students are learning history of the Beatles during lunch hours leading up to the show.
- School Trips:
  - May 18-23 is the Ottawa trip for Grade 8 students
  - The Marine Biology trip was fantastic. Students took 2 boats, learned a lot and were fortunate to see a variety of marine life (orcas, seals, etc)
- Athletic Awards will be held on May 31 @ 3pm

**2. Presentation-Kristine Savage (Making Connections)**

- Spring clothing exchange is scheduled for May 29 from 4-7pm. Set up is on May 26
- a clothing drive is scheduled for May 22-26 and will be advertised. Clothing drop off is at Lakie
- volunteers are needed for set up on May 26 in the afternoon. Contact Kristine

**3. District Council Report**

- District Capital Plan includes (in this order) a new elementary school in South Lethbridge, a new elementary in West Lethbridge (Garry Station) and a second elementary in the South
- The district budget presentation is May 23 at the Ed Center
- Town Hall Meeting results are available on the district website
- The Poverty Intervention Committee received a large sum of money from the E-Free church this year to help with their programs
- Grade 9-12 students can apply for the Innovation Scholarship from the District. Students must demonstrate innovation in some way
- With the election this fall, the district is looking at setting up an all candidates forum for people running for trustee this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next meeting is April 30 @ 6pm in the Learning Commons

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse