

GS Lakie School Council Minutes

March 28, 2017

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Doug James, Sharon Mezei

Parents: Corinne Steele, Lisa Althouse, Amanda McKee, Nancy Purkis, Brian Palsky, Anne Dymond, Troy Danyk, Don Lacey, Vivien Kossuth

Call To Order: 6pm

1. Administrator's Report – Doug James

a) Staffing changes & Student Numbers:

-Kim Orr has been assigned to Chinook High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Tavis Newman will return to Lakie. Admin will be as follows:

Sharon Mezei-Principal

Terry Hagel-Vice Principal

Andy Tyslau-Vice Principal

Tavis Newman-Vice Principal

Kyle McKenzie-Assistant Principal

-5 positions have been posted for Lakie for next year

-29 positions were posted for the district and over 1200 applications were submitted

-Approx 880 students are expected for next year (9 grade 6 classes are expected)

-programming will stay very similar to what it is now

b) Badminton Championships go last week of March/first week of April

c) April 9-14 is the Grade 8 Marine Biology trip to the west coast

d) In May some Grade 8 students will be travelling to Ottawa/Montreal on a school trip

e) Work has begun on a grant application to the Lethbridge Community Foundation for \$5500-\$6000. The lighting board needs an update. The hope is to find one similar to what they have at Chinook and the U of L so students can easily go through school using similar equipment.

f) Outdoor Multi-Sport Facility-Revisions on the plan are coming along well. The plan is to still have it open Fall 2018

g) The District Internet Awareness session was held and approx. 200 people attended. The main session was very informative. It was suggested by parents that rather than have break-out sessions, everything be presented to the whole group so everyone could benefit from all the info shared.

h) The ASCA conference will be held at the end of April in Edmonton. There is funding available to help with costs if any council members wish to attend.

i) The Spring Clothing Exchange will be held at Lakie on May 29 from 3:30-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Christine Savage will attend the next council meeting so we can discuss what is needed.

2. Presentation-Don Lacey (Trustee)

-District Town Hall meeting was successful. Info gathered from the meeting has been discussed by the board multiple times, been applied to budget numbers and they are making decisions based how suggestions can be supported by the budget.

-District funding is up for growth, transportation and building

3. **New Principal**

Sharon Mezei introduced herself and talked about how she sees next year going. She is excited to be moving from the board office back to a school setting and interacting more with students than she can in her position now. Sharon and Doug have started the transition process as Doug is set to retire at the end of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Next meeting is April 25 @ 6pm

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse

District School Council Minutes Highlights for October 3, 2016

1. Elections for District School Council

Chair Allison Pike; **Vice-Chair** Brooke Culley; **Recording Secretary** Joy Morris and Lyvia Hughes; parent reps on committees were filled (see full minutes).

- 2. Trustee Report** First reading of staff policy 400.1.1, on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression passed. \$350K approved for purchase of literacy resources for grades 1-6. Updated budget for 2016-17 presented, based on enrolment 10,730. Adjustments will be made and final budget submitted to the province.

3. Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Report

- 3.1.** Resolution Committee Update – issues so far: improving bathroom-to-classroom ratios; incorporating mental health into curriculum; knowledge and employability classes; inclusion and special education; Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action; using Speech Pathologists' research. Next meeting Thurs., Oct. 20, 6:45-7:45 p.m., in the District building. All welcome. Please no new policy proposals after that.
- 3.2.** ASCA Parent of Distinction Award, Webinar Wednesdays, School Council Resource Guide. All available (with more information) from www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca.
- 3.3.** School Council Engagement Task Force. Ensure that school councils have parents on the task force. Email tracyk@albertaschoolcouncils.ca with your rep's name.

4. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities

Parent Calendar for events: <http://www.lethsd.ab.ca/view.php?action=calendar&id=249>.

October 11th 1-1:30 Minister of Ed meeting with Mike Mountain Horse School Council.

October 11 7 p.m. Gary Anaka presentation on the teenage brain. Register in advance by email to wilson@lethsd.ab.ca, venue will depend on numbers.

5. Superintendent's Report - Cheryl Gilmore

- 5.1. 2017 Excellence in Teaching Nominations** are due in late February or early March.
- 5.2. Support for School Councils** District pays ASCA membership fee, one registration (per council) to ASCA AGM and conference. Also \$200 (included in each school's budget) towards ASCA AGM expenses. ASCA AGM April 28-30 in Edmonton.
- 5.3. Update on Provincial Curriculum Development** Ministry engagement session for community Mon. Oct. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Chinook branch Lethbridge Public Library. Online survey open Oct 12 or 13. LeeAnne Tedder will send out a link to the online survey to school council chairs when available. Survey will be open for 6 weeks.
- 5.4. Update on funding of Mental Health supported project (Making Connections)** Alberta Health Services has changed Making Connections from a project to a sustainable initiative. Focus more on mental health instead of social services.
- 5.5. School Council Membership List** Parent info sheets to be processed by school councils who wish them. Communications can and should go through principals also. School councils are subject to PIPA for privacy. Cheryl will distribute info about how to create and use email lists, and about privacy-related responsibilities under PIPA. School councils will get lethsd.ab.ca email accounts next week, encouraged to use them.
- 5.6. Islamic Academy at Wilson** Lethbridge Muslim Association have submitted a proposal that meets School Act requirements. Need to put forward a more detailed proposal, addressing projected enrolment and sustainability; this requires a call for expressions of interest in registering. If a program is approved, it is then operated by the School Board. All Board policies apply. The Board is required to provide programs that meet the criteria laid out in the School Act and are sustainable.
- 5.7. Announcements.** The next DSC Meeting will be on November 7.