

GS Lakie School Council Minutes

May 23, 2017

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Doug James,

Parents: Corinne Steele, Bonnie Takats, Nancy Purkis, Tony Deys

Call To Order: 6pm

1. Administrator's Report – Doug James

1. Staffing update: GSL hiring is finished, all staff will be ready to go for September.
2. Staff is hired to teach the new Spanish Option which will be offered for the first time in Sept.
3. FNMI District wide Powwow will be held at Nicholas Sheran on May 26th.
4. Athletic awards will be May 31. See the school Calendar for all the June events
5. The Beatles production was awesome and drew a crowd from the community outside of the school kids and parents.
6. The Spring Clothing Exchange will be held at Lakie on May 29 from 4:00-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Friday, May 26th at 12:00pm
7. The exam schedule is posted on the website. Grade 6 finishes on June 23, Grade 7&8 on June 28th. There is a Grade 8 farewell in the afternoon of the 28th. Report cards will be mailed out.
8. About 85% of parents are signed up for Power School. Next year there will be a modular to inform and remind parents about upcoming tests and assignment due dates.

2. District School Council Report from May 1, 2017 meeting – Corinne Steele

1. Presentation on engaging First Nations, Métis, and Inuit parents in school councils.
2. In response to a letter by LCI School Council, the schools generally agreed to continue to provide the opportunity for writing resolutions for ASCA through DSC, but with a much greater emphasis on the local school council role; DSC should only be used for coordination and advice.
3. A sub-committee to organize ATA/District School Council sponsored School Trustee Candidate forum was formed.
4. The superintendent, Cheryl Gilmore, had a summative evaluation and has been offered a 4 year contract renewal
5. Lethbridge Christian grade 8 students won the Parks Canada promotional video competition and will be going to Halifax in June for a week.

3. Report from The Alberta School Council Association Conference held April 28-30, 2017 in Edmonton

There were about 300 participants. Blanket Exercise on the first evening really well-done, would be great for schools or school councils. Edmonton Police presented about fentanyl. Telus about internet safety. Many great breakout sessions. All resolutions from SD51 passed with significant discussion and enthusiasm. Great opportunity to network and learn, and meet and have the ear of experts and Ministry representatives. Thanks to the District for the opportunity.

3. Thank you to Mr. James

The School Council presented Mr. James with a card and gift to show our appreciation for all he has done for our kids and our whole community! Keep Fishing, Mr. James!

4. Planning for next year

1. The below slate of Executive Committee Members was proposed and approved through consensus to serve 1 year terms beginning in Sept., 2017. As per our Operating Procedures, this election must be confirmed by the School Council at its AGM.

Chair – Corinne Steele

Vice Chair – Bonnie Takats

Secretary – Nancy Purkis

Treasurer – Tony Deys

2. The current executive will contact Sharon about promoting School Council at the grade 6 welcome night and BBQ. We will be contacting School Council members to help out with this. Our promotional magnets are in the office.

3. We will continue to discuss the impact of the new Westside Middle School, opening fall 2018

4. We will continue with plans for the building of a Multi-purpose Sport Park, opening fall 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Next meeting is September 26th, 2017 @ 6pm. This will also be our AGM

Minutes prepared by Corinne Steele