

GS Lakie School Council Minutes

September 27, 2016

Attendees: Administrators and staff; Doug James, Terry Hagel, Kim Orr, Andy Tyslau, Kyle McKenzie, School District 51 Trustee Don Lacey

Parents: Corinne Steele, Bonnie Takats, Clint Gernsheid, Dinesh Thekkoot, Tony Deys, Brian Palsky, Brent Juergensen, Merlyn Berg, Catherine Bell, Lance Chong, Amanda McKee, Craig Whittingstall, Nancy Purkis, Lisa Althouse, Sheighla McClung, Jason Humphrys, Scott Harling, Troy Danyk, Trish Zwingle, Vivien Kossuth (20)

1. Welcome, introductions, review of School Council page on the GS Lakie web site. Agendas, minutes and other reports are available at:
Parent Information/School Council/Meetings/2016-2017
2. Administrator's Report – Doug James
 - Staffing update and review of Admin Duties Chart
 - Review of the role of School Council as an advisory group. Our mission is to support the mission of the School not to debate problems or discuss individual student issues.
 - Review of the plans for the multi-purpose sport park. Accumulated Student raised funds will be available for construction in 2018. Planning sub-committee can be established.
 - Upcoming events include Academic Awards, Staff PD Day with all 3 Middle Schools, Brain Development parent session - See the web site for dates and times
 - Upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews, these are intentionally held prior to Report Cards so there no surprises about your student's progress.
3. Annual General Meeting:
 - a. Election of Executive Committee Members (1 year terms)
 1. Chair – Corinne Steele
 2. Vice Chair – Amanda McKee
 3. Secretary – Lisa Althouse
 4. Treasurer – Tony Deys
 - b. Motion to approve the Operating Procedures as presented; moved by Tony Deys, seconded by Nancy Purkis, Carried
 - c. Financial report; Tony Deys reported that we used last year's budget of \$200 to purchase magnets to advertise School Council.
 - d. Tentative schedule of regular meetings; Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29 (moved for Gatorstock), January 24/17, February 28, March 28, April 26, May 23 (last meeting)
 - e. Presentation of the School Council's 2016 Annual Report; also available on web site

4. Old Business

- We created and purchased 1000 “cell phone shaped” magnets advertising GS Lakie School Council. These are not date specific so can be used for many years. Members attended the Orientation night on Sept. 7 to welcome parents and hand out reminders about School Council. Magnets were handed out at the Grade 6 BBQ and will be at future events attended by parents. Thank you to those members who helped out, especially Tony for the magnets!

5. New Business

- a. Reviewed the purpose of District School Council and Committees that need parent representation. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at the District office.
- b. Discussion topics – this was a popular format for last year’s meetings that parents want to continue. Possible topics include:
 - o Use of Technology in the classroom, multi-media presentation
 - o Technology safety. What do parents need to know? Which apps need to be avoided? How to talk to our kids about on-line safety and digital citizenship/reputation.
 - o How can students develop strategies to deal with anxiety and stress?
 - o What are the outcomes of the skills development exercises initiated last year? What are the skills that a grade 6/7/8 student should have? What are the outcomes of the Levelled Reading Program and how will this program be expanded next year?
 - o How can we get School Council to embrace and reflect the FISH Philosophy? We want parents to consider themselves “part of the team” for the child’s education journey. What does this look like?
 - o Further discussions about how the new Middle School will change and affect GS Lakie.
 - o Development of the multi-sport park
- c. We talked about hosting a clothing exchange aimed at Middle School kids with a focus on sports equipment and winter wear. Information will be included in the October newsletter and the date will be set in November in collaboration with Kristine Savage, our Making Connections coordinator, who will attend the October meeting.

6. Next meeting: October 25, at 6:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Corinne Steele