

GS Lakie School Council & AGM Minutes

September 26, 2017

Attendees:

Administrators and staff: Sharon Mezei, Tyler Demers (Trustee)

Parents: Corinne Steele, Lisa Althouse, Nancy Purkis, Brian Palsky, Bonnie Takats, Raila Duda, Lacey DeKock, Scott McKenzie, Kennedy McKenzie, Carlye Lynnes, Tony Deys, Amanda McKee, Danielle Anvik, Melissa Maret

Call To Order: 6:03pm

1. Administrator's Report – Sharon Mezei

- Current enrollment is 908 students, which is approx. 30 students higher than projections made Spring 2017. Due to this a 10th pattern was added to the grade 6 program. Timetable challenges were also experienced.
- Bussing challenges as the year started. Some routes completely changed, some stops changed on routes. Staff helped students through the changes and students did well with them.
- Admin team had a minor change over the summer months. Andy Tyslau was transferred to a different school, so Tavis Newman has assumed the role of Vice Principal (previously a shared role with Andy Tyslau). Terry Hagel and Kyle Mckenzie are the other two Vice Principals this year.
- Teacher Reps for School Council will be Frank Lowe and Brandon Fletcher

2. AGM

- Elections: a new Chair and Secretary was voted in; other two positions were filled by acclimation
 - Chair: Lisa Althouse
 - Vice Chair: Amanda McKee
 - Secretary: Nancy Purkis
 - Treasurer: Tony Deys
- New Operating Procedures were voted in last year; no changes were made this year
- Financial Report:
 - We only spent money on a retirement gift for Mr James last year
- 2017-2018 Meeting Dates: Oct 24, Nov 28, Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22
- 2016-2017 Annual Report (see attachment)

3. New Business

- An online School Council Subscription form has been added to the website. All parents are encouraged to subscribe for parent and School Council information. It's important to subscribe for EACH child you have in the school. All parents are also encouraged to subscribe to have the school newsletter emailed to them.
- Council asked for Gord Smith and Lori Adamson to attend the October meeting to share about their collaboration for a special option class this year. This class is a pilot project combining multiple "subjects" and will have a direct impact to the school.
- The Minister of Education, David Eggen, will possibly visit GS Lakie school. Council discussed possible topics we would like to discuss with him. Topics included:

- Differentiated Learning: the direction it is going in the province with literacy and math; do parents want to see more or less of this type of learning
- Anecdotal rather than traditional grades for non-core subjects. Some option classes lend themselves well to pass/fail with anecdotal remarks from teachers rather than a number grade.
- The Middle School Philosophy: grade 6-8 vs grade 7-9; challenges with school boards choosing to divide students into middle school at different grades in the province.
- The 3E's: Engaged Thinkers, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Ethical Citizen; is this something the province continues to embrace and work toward

4. **District School Council** meeting is coming up on October 2, 2017 at 6pm. A rep from GS Lakie is needed to attend. No news from District Council as their meetings have not started yet.

- A School Trustee Candidate Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 3 from 7-9pm in the Victoria Park high School gym. 16 people are running for 7 positions

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Next meeting is October 24 @ 6pm in the Learning Commons

Minutes prepared by Lisa Althouse