

## GS Lakie School Council Minutes May 26, 2015

In Attendance: Corinne Steele, Kyle McKenzie, Doug James, Lacey de kock, Randy Helm, Debra Basil

1. Call to order 6:00 pm
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - Review of Agenda
  - Review of last meeting's minutes (March 24<sup>th</sup>, the April meeting was cancelled because it conflicted with Grade 6 Parent information night.)
2. Administrators' Report Highlights: Doug James
  - a. Thank you to Lacey and the Parent council for snacks for teachers and staff during Education Week. This was funded by the \$200 allocation to each School Council from the School Board. This money was initially designated for Lacey's travel to the ASCA conference but due to a family emergency Lacey was unable to attend. For the snacks, she was reimbursed \$151.00, the balance of the \$200 was allocated to the school.
  - b. Staffing plans: posting 2 positions to replace Jen Martin and Dave Brown. Also some maternity leave replacements are needed.
  - c. Making Connections program is coming to GS Lakie, coordinated by Kristine Savage. This is an early intervention program for families that need some extra support.
  - d. Upcoming events include band trip to Edmonton, K&E Camping trip to Bragg Creek (camping opportunities for special needs or disadvantaged youth), City track & field may 29<sup>th</sup> at UofL. School Dance June 4<sup>th</sup>. Athletic awards June 11. Grade 8 farewell June 24<sup>th</sup>..
  - e. Athletic Park proposal was not accepted by the School Board because the ongoing shared operating costs would be too high. Plan B consists of an outdoor, multi-purpose sports center built on the space that will become available when 6 portable classrooms are moved to new schools. This is a flat space that can support tennis courts, basketball, etc.. within a fenced area. Costs would be \$150 – \$175 K. This would be a great project to involve parents and develop a sense of community as GSL transitions to a smaller school with a new mix of staff. Funds from the fall 2015 Powercard Fundraiser will be put toward this initiative.
  - f. Middle School re-visioning will continue in the fall with a Middle School conference in October. The city wide committee will look at restructuring and refining the purpose of Middle School. What is and isn't working with the current model.
  - g. School exam schedule is posted on the website. Last day of school is Wed. June 24<sup>th</sup>. Students do not need to come back to school for report cards, these will be mailed out and available on HomeLogic. All three Middle Schools share exams and write on the same days. An exam bank

has been compiled through grade level professional development days.  
Exams are 80% from the exam bank and 20% tailored to the school.

3. District School Council Update – Lacey de kock

- a. The next DSC meeting will include a discussion about the roles of School Councils and District School Council.

4. New Business

- a. How can we get more parent involvement on Council? Ideas include personal invitations, provide food or meet at a public location, advertise discussion topics. Possible topics: What are the specific skill sets for each grade level, GSL device policy/digital citizenship, making connections program – how can parents help other parents.

6. Adjournment

Next meeting; Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00pm