

# GS Lakie School Council Minutes

## May 24, 2016

Attendees: Administrators and staff; Doug James

Parents: Brian Palsky, Corinne Steele, Randy Helm, Tony Deys, Vivien Kossuth

### 1. Administrator's Report – Doug James

- Staffing Update: Andy Tyslau and Tavis Newman will share an Acting VP Role, Kim Orr will be new Acting Assistant Principal. The reason for these acting positions is so the new principal can be a part of the permanent selection process.
- Retreat days were held for grade 8 girls and grade 8 boys to talk about issues of empowerment and facing your challenges.
- See the web site for all upcoming events and field trips: last school dance, Book Fair
- Report cards will be mailed out after the last day of school. Grade 8 Farewell and awards will be on June 28.
- Admin will be working on the Annual Plan and would like input from School Council in September.

### 2. District School Council Report

- The new President of ASCA selected during the April 2016, AGM is Allison Pike from Lethbridge
- The request from the Digital Citizenship Committee to provide feedback about the School website was given to Randy Helm to review and respond.
- We completed the Parent Engagement Survey as a group.

### 3. Old Business

- Update from By Law Review Sub-Committee. We reviewed the major changes from Bylaws to Operating Procedures and discussed the voting procedure. The Council decided that Admin representatives on School Council should be non-voting members.

### 4. New Business

- Reviewed the format of this year's School Council meetings. People really liked the featured discussion topic as a way to increase interest among parents. Also, having teachers present to explain and give their perspectives on issues was valuable. We should encourage and promote this next year. We may want to consider if we should use a round table format and whether there can be a student activity offered at the same time as School Council ie: open games night in the gym or open computer labs.
- Discussion topics for next year:
  1. What are the outcomes of the skills development exercise? What are the skills that a grade 6/7/8 student should have? What are the outcomes of the Levelled Reading Program? Are targets being met? How will this program be expanded next year?
  2. 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.
  3. We should host another Digital Citizenship discussion topic in October for new grade 6 parents so they understand the perspective of the school and the direction we are headed.

4. Further discussions about how the new Middle School will change and affect GS Lakie.
  5. Development of the multi-sport park
- Increase participation on School Council. We decided to have School Council members attend and act as promoters for School Council at the Grade 6 welcome on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and possibly at the Grade 6 welcome BBQ on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will send out emails in August to ask for volunteers for these events. We suggested handing out freezies, hosting a School Council information table, wearing T-shirts or something to identify School Council members, providing magnets or some kind of reminder about meetings. Your ideas are most welcome!! More information will be coming!
5. Next meeting: September 27, at 6:00 pm. This will be our AGM and we will discuss and formally accept the new operating procedures for School Council.
  6. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> (not necessarily the last) Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm

Minutes prepared by Corinne Steele