

## GS LAKIE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 26/16

Call to Order – Doug James

Administrator's Report – Doug James

1. Levelled Reading Program – Tavis Newman & Courtney Wehlage

Grade 6 & 7 teams of teachers are going to deliver this program, at minimum every 2 weeks and/or weekly. The program officially started the week of November 16/15.

The program is by Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Program. This works for students who are below as well as above reading grade levels. This program has reading materials that are engaging to students and is supplementary to the Language Arts Program at GS Lakie. The kids are taught in small groups with engaging leveled books.

All students in Grades 6 & 7 are involved working with the greatest focus on children who are below reading grade levels. The program has a 26 point gradient reading program with the students all starting at a baseline. There are kits for all levels that overlap allowing the students to benefit from any of the kit levels. The kits have great outlines lessons and lots of activities to help students along the way. There are individualized lessons as well to help the kids with word work, fluency and comprehension.

We would like to take this a step further and start talks with Chinook High School to review the students skill sets of "attitude, skills & knowledge" to improve the transition in core classes (math, science, LA and social studies) in Grade 9. We would also like to talk with the feeder schools about the students coming in from Grade 5 to 6 at Lakie and what their skill sets are to improve the transition from Grade 5 to 6.

2. Parent Teacher interviews were Tuesday Jan 26/16

3. Dance Revolution production going on at the Yates January 27/16 with about 250 students involved in the production. The theme for this year's production is "Safe and Caring Schools – taking care of other"

4. Town Hall meeting Feb 2/16.

5. District 51 Westside Capital Projects Meeting – general overview. See handouts presented at Jan 26/16 meeting.

6. February 11/16 Sweetheart Dance 5-7 pm

7. Badminton is starting mid February. Watch for sign-up sheets.

8. February 24/16 Pink Shirt Day in support of Anti-Bullying

9. General discussion regarding LGBTQ policies and procedures – Creating Learning Environments that respect the diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expressions. See previous emails sent out Jan 27/16 by Corinne Steele.

10. Healthy Eating Habits and Food Services at GS Lakie

- a. Bottom line belief is lunch should be provided by the parents. The canteen is available to provide extra snacks but not a full lunch program.
- b. We try to be as healthy as well can within the budget constraints.
- c. Surveyed about 100 Grade 7 & 8 students with questions ranging from length of time for nutrition breaks, healthy choices in canteen, new fountains.

11. Adjournment - Next meeting February 23/16.

Minutes prepared by Carey Leacock