

GS LAKIE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 24/15

Call to Order – Doug James

Administrator's Report – Doug James

1. Big changes have happened at GS Lakie – Craig DeJong has moved to Gerald B. Probie Middle School. Andy Tyslau and Tavis Newman are now sharing the Vice Principal role.
2. Tavis Newman is leading the teaching staff with the levelled reading program that will involve mostly the Grade 6 students.
3. Report cards are available online December 7/15. In case you were questioning why we do parent teacher interviews early before the report cards come out, the idea is to allow the students enough time to get caught up on and hand in their assignments so the teachers can include those grades in their report cards.
4. December 10/15 GS Lakie staff are caroling at Chapters from 5:30-9:00. A percentage of the sales from GS Lakie students and parents goes towards our library. More info to come.
5. November 24/15 is the end of the term Art Show.
6. November 25/15 is Gatorstock end of the term program. Music starts at 7 pm.
7. December 16/15 is our Christmas Concert. Come and Enjoy.
8. School Coucil Meetings for 2016 are as follows:

January 26/16, February 23/16, March 22/16, April 26/16 & May 24/16

Levelled Reading Program – Tavis Newman & Courtney Whelage

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.