

GS Lakie School Council
Minutes
October 28, 2014

In Attendance: Debra Basil ; Kendall McCutcheon; Craig DeJong; Corinne Steele; Lacey DeKock; Doug James; Anne Dymond; Beth Bidarian; Kyle McKenzie

1. Call to order 6:00 pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of Agenda
- Review of last meeting's minutes

2. New District Website: Craig DeJong

- a. Old system – difficult to use; labour intensive – newer system easier
- b. Teacher websites will have continuity
- c. Will have homework areas –
- d. Will have absence reporting emails
- e. Subscribe to newsletter online
- f. Maybe Craig will come back in January when it is more fully functional
- g. Student email – through Office 365 – each student is entitled to 5 licenses for office 365 so they can be installed on home computers using their login information first.last@lethsd.ab.ca

3. Administrators' Report : Doug James

- a. Fundraiser completed; new bus great addition
 - i. – name to be determined by student ballot,: Later Gator; Little Gus; Swamp Stomper
 - ii. New Sign is under construction – will be more functional; will run 7 am – 7 pm ;
- b. Feed the Big – middle schools competing – losers will have to wear winners team colours
- c. Last week - completed academic awards – Grade 8s get them in June; so moved 6&7 awards to October since Sept is so busy – had good attendance ; seems like better timing
- d. Parent teacher interviews – parents should be able to get for interviews – teachers will make the time; parents can call teachers directly.
- e. Report cards in December – parents can contact
- f. Gator Classic – volleyball invitational held at Chinook High School – run 3 courts on Friday and Saturday
- g. New Middle School – news timeframe – earliest would be 2.5 years; location is confirmed to be down by Riverstone Sunridge. Will present difficulties for how to deal with where students will go.

Copperwood will be new elementary planned for opening 2017; 2017 would be optimistic for the middle school. New planning is that they are convertible to community centers once the classrooms are removed.

- h. Looking for feedback on Daily Physical Activity: how is it working?
 - 1. Q: How are they meeting the curriculum?
A: Curriculum is determined by number of hours and broad goals, such as team sports, which can vary depending on the teacher and the facilities; so they are meeting the hours and are instructed by 2 phys-ed teachers who are strongly qualified in the area.
Last year there were so many students in each class that often they were get less actual instruction.
- i. Fall break Nov 10 and 11; Remembrance day ceremony on Nov. 7 based around song Imagine by the Beatles
- j. Survey called "Tell Them From Me" survey goes to the kids – found 5 years ago that the boys were less attached to the school than the girls – so programming worked to correct this – things like hockey, baseball etc. to increase boys' engagement with the school. Another program is the 2-2-2 program – connects male teachers with boys who are unattached. Also will be piloting program in January with Boys & Girls club and UofL basketball to connect with 10-15 boys who would benefit from it.
- k. 3- yr plan draft: will be presented next week to District Superintendent - will be posted on the website when completed.

4. District School Council Update: Lacey DeKock – see attached report

5. Business arising from last meeting;

- a. Improving the web site information- discussed above with Craig above
- b. Can donations made to the school during the annual fundraising drive be eligible for charitable tax receipts, and if so how is this done?
 - a. – over \$25 is tax deductible. Parents can donate but parents are interested in the fundraiser being arranged so that parents can donate and kids can be in the draw without having to buy the cards.
- c. Computer skills for grade 7 and 8 students – school is hiring specialist to increase computer skills for grade 6 & 7s.

6. New Business

- a. Can we create and share an email list of Council members. Would you like the minutes and agenda sent to you?
- b. Gord Smith to come speak to next council about computer and technology skills for students

7. Adjournment

Next meeting; November 25th, 2014 at 6:00 pm (No meeting in Dec.)
Following meeting January 27th, 2015 at 6:00pm

Future discussion topics:

1. Chinook AP program termination. What does this mean for Lakie students?
2. Now that the bus is paid for what are the upcoming projects that require funding? Do we need a major fundraiser each year? Can we fundraise for individual student trips or sport fees, like a scholarship program?
3. Regular "push" emails to parents who want them to share school news and deadlines. Remind 101
4. Space constraints and growth issues facing the school
5. Use of technology and computer proficiency issues; what are the rules for use of devices at school eg: cell phone policy, and how can these rules be encouraged at home? Possible computer purchase plans so all students can have access to technology. Plans for new web page development.