

GS Lake School Council Meeting Minutes

AGM September 24, 2019

Attendance: Lisa Althouse, Nancy Purkis, Angela Roman, Raila Duda, Tisha Elford, Vanessa Steele, Christa Pike, Kevin & Agnes Juds, Vanessa Sotto, Sharon Mezei

1. Call to order at 6:10
Welcome back to returning parents and welcome to some new parents
2. Annual General Meeting
 - a. Election of Executive: Chair - Lisa Althouse, Vice Chair – Nancy Purkis, Secretary/Treasurer – Angela Roman
 - b. Financial Statement - \$0 – we do not deal with any money on this council
 - c. Annual Report was submitted indicating that we are an advisory council that gives parents feedback and input on programming at GS Lakie. All meeting minutes were submitted as part of this report
 - d. Schedule of regular meetings presented as: Oct 29, Nov 26, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26
3. Administrator Report
 - A great start to the year – there is a great vibe in the school
 - Our new Vice Principal Aimee Dewacht is a great fit with our team
 - Fundraising is going well and we are confident we will meet our goal. Items to be purchased with these funds are: GS Lakie tents to be used for outside events at the school and off campus, 6 microwaves and carts for student use during lunch, microphones for our Fine Arts program.
 - Fundraising for last year is still slotted to go towards the outdoor projects. A matching grant was submitted in the spring and we should hear in November if we received the grant. At that point we will move forward with plans.
 - One of our two buses is no longer in use. It will not be replaced due to the high costs of training up drivers. We will continue to use the Swamp Stomper and rent additional buses with drivers at a more reasonable cost.
 - Some of the “highlights” so far this year are: session with a guest tap dance teacher, volleyball teams, Nashville trip, Banff trip
 - Limited Formal Schooling – a program for kids who come to Canada with limited to no English and school experience. Has been operating out of Wilson Middle school and Winston Churchill. An additional program will now be running out of GS Lakie. A teacher has been hired, the program will begin on Monday September 30, 2019. There will be 12-13 students who will be in this program. They will join their grade level class for Physical Education and when ready join options classes.
 - Enrolment Numbers – slightly lower than predicted however the new program may even the numbers out.
 - Parent Involvement Opportunity –
 - Absence – Sharon Mezei will be gone for 3 ½ weeks on a medical leave hoping to be back by Oct 21. Kyle McKenzie will be acting principal and Brandon Fletcher as acting Vice Principal. There will be a substitute covering classes for Kyle and Brandon.

- Board Trustee – Doug James
- District Representative – Morag Asquith

4. New Business

- a. Parent Feedback
- Possibility of getting GS Lakie “Halos” (headbands for running or other uses)
- Proposal for a Fish Philosophy T-shirt
- Parking Lot needs a “no entry” sign on the west exit where no entrance is permitted
- Terry Fox Run Food Trucks – the line ups were very long and chaotic – it is recommended that a different food option be used next year. Sharon said the staff had similar feedback and they will look into other options for next year.
- Request for the canteen menu to be sent out to parents
- Gator clothing is coming you can try on sizing at “Players Bench”. If you want to purchase as a gift send an email to Lisa McGee or Courtney Wehlage to let them know.

5. Upcoming District Events

- a. District School Council – Monday October 7, 2019 @ 6:30 (Ed Centre Board Room)
- b. Orange Shirt Day – Sept 30 – Oct 4 for Lakie
- c. Oct 15 – no school for elementary and middle school students
- d. Oct 24 half day school, Oct 25 – no school
- e. District School Council – Monday November 4, 2019 @ 6:30 (Ed Centre Board Room)
- f. Nov 11 & 12 – No School
- g. Nov 21 & 22 – Interviews at Lakie only – half day school Nov 21, no school Nov 22

6. Adjournment at 7:14

Next Meeting: October 29, 2019 @ 6pm