

GS Lakie School Council Meeting Minutes November 26, 2019

Attendance: Lisa Althouse, Nancy Purkis, Angela Roman, Tisha Elford, Vanessa Steele, Christa Pike, Sharon Mezei, Aimee Dewatt

1. Call to order 6:04
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Review Agenda
 - Review last meeting's minutes (can be found on the GS Lakie website)
2. Reports:
 - a. Admin
 - Gator Gallery tonight – art gallery and other great stuff
 - Gator stock
 - Term 2 marks will be in by December 6
 - There is very little wiggle room for option changes in term 2. Most classes are already full.
 - Parent Teacher Interview feedback on format. Grade 6 = 2 teachers, Grade 7 = meeting with 3 teachers, Grade 8 = meeting with 4 teachers. When meeting with multiple teachers parents feel more than 10 minutes is needed.
 - Power School is working well for both staff and parents.
 - We did not receive the matching grant for the outdoor improvements. Inquiry into why and if there is still a chance to receive it will be made. In the New Year the committee will meet and make a plan moving forward.
 - Admin is creating a plan for evacuation during events (drama shows, concerts etc.)
 - The parking lot loop is a no parking zone so signs will be put up and communicated with parents. The council votes that Kyle McKenzie will be present during evening events in a safety vest to ensure parents do not park in the drop off only zone.
 - A letter regarding an app called Volo was reviewed by parents at the meeting and will be reviewed by staff and then sent out to all parents.
 - b. District School Council
 - Budget has been balanced without cuts by using reserves. Next year that won't happen. They are encouraging parents to speak to local government officials regarding future cuts.
 - Busing – the contract with the city was not renewed due to liability reasons.

3. Discussion Topic

a. Bussing

- i. Division announced that City Council voted to sever the collaborative agreement currently in place to provide school bus service
- ii. How will this affect families within the division?
 - If a contract with the city does not exist busing will be contracted to a 3rd party and the cost will be incurred by parents.
- iii. What can we as parents do to voice our concerns?
 - Tish will inquire more at the next Division Council Meeting

4. Additions to the Agenda

- a. PG Movies – an inquiry was made by a parent about whether or not permission is needed to show a PG movie in school. There is no policy around it. The administration at GS Lakie encourages their staff to inform parents if anything questionable (book, movie, etc.) is going to be used.
- b. Volleyball vs. Basketball – parent expressed that the same kids make all the sports teams. Administration responded by explaining that is one reason why middle schools have developed D-team and G teams to give more opportunity to more kids. They also communicated that this is a common across all middle schools.

5. Upcoming events

- a. Nov 29-Last day of Term 1
- b. Division School Council Meeting – December 2, 6pm (Board Office)
- c. Christmas @ Chapters – 2-7pm
- d. Last Day of school before Christmas break – Dec 20
- e. Division School Council Meeting – January 13, 6pm (Board Office)
- f. Parent Teacher Interviews – Jan 30, 31

6. Adjournment @ 7:13pm Next Meeting January 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm