

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Start Time: 6:02 pm
By Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Sharon Mezei	Angela Roman
Aimee Dewacht	Jill Anderson
Tisha Elford	Jodie Goruk
Christa Pike	Lana Waterchief
Jeff Schmipf	Nina Devine
Amanda Schmipf	Jeanine Miklos
Karma Van Schaik	Henry Jacobs
Vanessa Steele	Brad Dersch
Mike Shanks	
Ginny Bergsma	
Chris Stasiuk	

1. Call to Order

A. Welcome & Introductions

B. Review of Agenda

C. Meeting Minutes from June 2021 can be found on the school website

2. Annual General Meeting

A. Election of the following positions:

Chair – Vanessa Steel

Vice Chair – Mike Shanks

Secretary/Treasurer – Christa Pike

Division Rep – Tisha Elford and Karma Van Schaik

3. Financial Statement - NIL

4. Administrative Report

A. Sharon Mezei

a. Enrollment

i. Enrollment helps guide our staffing.

ii. 507 is the enrollment number for the school year at this time, which is a little below what was expected. It is expected that number will continue to grow

as each school year progresses, due to the new boundaries put into place last year.

- b. Staff
 - i. We are currently down to 2 staff on the Lakie Wellness Team., which is unchanged from the last school year.
 - ii. New ELL, new PE Teacher and new Grade 6 teacher. We also kept one of our temporary staffing positions from last year.
- c. COVID Protocols
 - i. Caretakes are doing top notch cleaning protocols. Spraying door knobs and high touch areas during the day.
 - ii. Still operating under the locked door and bell system. Comes with positives, ie. Safety. The downfall is the presence of parents in the building. Please know that parents should call or email the school at any time should they have questions or concerns. A meeting could still be arranged.
 - iii. Students have been great with mask wearing. There have been no major issues with this.
 - iv. Handwashing encouraged often, as well as use of sanitizer.
 - v. Students are still eating in their classroom.
- d. Orange Shirt Day – September 29th/Oct 1st
 - i. Celebration will be on October 1 since the actual holiday is on September 30.
 - ii. Tomorrow, September 29 there will be some activities going on. A special power point presentation will be delivered in the Social Studies block. It is a presentation about who we are honouring and what it is about. Student will also be given a ribbon to tie on the backstop of the ballfield in recognition.
 - iii. Thursday, September 30, 2021, there will be no school.
 - iv. Friday, October 1, 2021, there are other celebrations planned for students.
- e. Outdoor Enhancement Area Project
 - i. In previous years there was a lot of fundraising for this project. The school has raised funds of approximately \$120,000 over the years for this project. It was hoped that we would obtain a grant to match these funds. The first time we applied for the grant was a couple of years ago. At that time, we were unsuccessful in getting the grant. Last Spring the school reapplied and we have now been successful in getting grant approval. We've been approved for funding in the amount of \$70,000. The school is very excited to receive these funds in order to move forward with this project.
 - ii. The school plans to redo the basketball court. The basketball court is very well used by students. Once the basketball court is completed, the school will be re-evaluating the budget.
 - iii. It has been noted that the students also love the four squares zone and this is being considered for upgrade, as well as a plan to add some picnic tables around the outside of the school for students to sit around instead of using the

ground, etc. Most of these projects will not take place until this coming Spring.

- f. Design for new school
 - i. There will be a new school built in Gary Station. There will be a small group put together from Lakie to participate in school design. 5 people can attend from Lakie, consisting of 2 administration, 1 student and 2 parents. The meeting will take place on October 20, 2021 at GS Lakie. If you are interested in participating, please email Sharon Mezei.

B. Aimee Dewacht

- a. Learning Support Teacher
 - i. We have a full-time learning support teacher, Frank Lowe. Mr. Lowe teaches the more complex need students.
 - ii. Tavis Newman will be working 3 periods per day conducting assessments and interventions for literacy and numeracy. Now that we can cross blend some of our cohorts, there may be a bit of a group learning put together for this purpose.
 - iii. We sat with the Division at the end of the year last year and discussed how we can best support those kids who have more diverse needs in learning. We've planted a seed these past 2 years and it is now starting to grow.
- b. Support Staff
 - i. We have 13 Educational Assistants this year, which is 2 more than last year. There has been an enrollment increase of students with complex needs attending our school. The Division is aware. The school feels they are doing a good job of meeting those needs and continue to navigate through those needs in the best way possible.

C. Brad Dersch:

- a. Volleyball Season + Clubs
 - i. A little different this year, but it is nice to see students back to sports. We can not have fans in the building at this time due to covid.
 - ii. We are still offering 3 levels of play. One rep team and the other 2 are developmental. We had about 30 kids out for the recreational skills last Wednesday, which is nice to see.
 - iii. Cross Country meet was last week. It was at Nicholas Sheran Park. On Wednesday, October 26, some of the students who competed in that event will move on to "Zones" to compete in Medicine Hat.
 - iv. Fine Arts and other various clubs are also getting up and running. Some are lunch time clubs and some are after school. Middle school is about exploring and we encourage students to participate in as much as possible.

- b. Fundraising
 - i. Our power card fundraiser closes tomorrow.
 - ii. Students and families were asked not to go door to door this year. That has been a challenge, but we've tried to set goals to be as reasonable as possible. 3 cards were encouraged per student. We didn't quite reach our goal, but we did do well. We will hand out 6 or 7 major prizes next week to wrap things up. Final sales of cards will go home with the students on October 5.
 - iii. Fundraising money this year will go toward revitalizing and revisiting the FISH philosophy. When we met to discuss this last year, as we realized doing so requires a little funding. Some funds will also go to fieldtrips and busing.
- c. Bussing
 - i. The school is aware that there are currently issues and are hoping things with Southland Transportation will improve very soon. There are apparently changes coming by Thanksgiving.

5. District School Council Report

- a. No Report yet as there has not yet been a meeting this school year.
- b. Next Meeting is October 4, 2021.

6. Previous Business

Nil.

7. New Business:

- a. Staff appreciation will continue this year, as it is felt to be very important, especially considering all the challenges that covid has brought for our teachers and staff. If you have ideas to show appreciate for teachers and staff, please email your ideas to Tisha Elford at stelford2006@gmail.com.

8. Upcoming events

- a. Upcoming events: District School Council Meeting – November 4 at 6:30pm

9. Next Meeting

- a. is October 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
- b. Meeting Dates for the year: November 30th, January 25th, February 15th, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st, June TBD

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm. Motion for adjournment given by Vanessa Steele.