

**G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**  
**Start Time: 6:02 pm**  
**By Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees:**

Sharon Mezei  
Aimee Dewacht  
Vanessa Steele  
Tisha Elford  
Christa Pike  
Mike Shanks  
Jeff Schmipf  
Amanda Schmipf

Karma Van Schaik  
Ginny Bergsma  
Angela Roman  
Jeanine Miklos  
Markham Johnson  
Vivian Lartiga

**1. Call to Order by Chair, Vanessa Steele**

**A. Welcome & Introductions**

**B. Review of Agenda**

**C. Review of Last Meeting Minutes (posted on GS Lakie Website)**

**2. Administrative Report:**

**Sharon Mezei**

- a. Changes regarding Covid protocols:
- The Division has new protocols regarding the reporting of positive cases. A message will now go to all parents in all grades. The letter will include details regarding the class containing the positive case, as well as any other affected cohort groups (ie. Extra-curricular or clubs, etc.). Bussing cohorts will also be notified.
  - Grade 6 only: Should there be three or more positive cases in a five day period in a specific cohort, that cohort(s) will move to at-home learning as per AHS guidelines. This does not apply to Grade 7 or 8 students.
  - We've been very fortunate, as up to this point in time, we've only had to send 2 emails home of this nature.
- b. Social Media:
- Middle School Administrators meet with members of the School Division on a monthly basis to discuss common issues pertaining specifically to middle schools. In October the meeting focusing on some of the recent challenges with misuse of Social Media by students. The use of social media has been a hot topic. Specifically, at this time, there has been a TikTok challenge being circulated online

that has caused some issues locally. Many Lethbridge schools have been having issues, however thankfully to date, Lakie has not been one of those schools.

- An opportunity has come up to have a guest speaker present to our school. His name is Ted Emmet. He specializes in this area. We are looking at bringing Ted into the school by way of Zoom on November 9 to provide a presentation to students regarding social media use. Follow-up material will also be provided for teachers and students.
- A separate presentation will be held for parents that same night, November 9. From 6:30pm to 8pm. It will be a very similar message for parents as will be delivered at school for students that morning. We are super excited about the delivery of these presentations.
- Sharon Mezei will look into whether or not the presentation(s) will be recorded for parents to watch at a later time.
- All information will be emailed out regarding the date and time, etc. Any materials that come out as a result of Ted Emmet's presentation, will be shared with all parents, regardless as to whether they attend the presentation.

### **Brad Dersch:**

- a. Volley is still running and will end the week of Nov 8. The school would like to thank players and parents for their efforts and time to this activity.
- b. Spectators are now allowed into the building for school sports. It has gone very well so far. Each player can have 2 adult spectators. Attendees come to the door and show proof of vaccination. The limited number allows for social distancing pursuant to AHS guidelines.
- c. The volleyball tournament this weekend will not allow spectators. This is mainly because there are more teams attending this event and in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, numbers need to be limited.
- d. Livestreaming will not be available for Basketball due to the nature of the sport and the up and down up the ball from one end of the court to the other.
- e. Lakie is looking for a basketball coach. If there are parents with this skill set who are able/willing to offer their time to this school, please contact Brad Dersch at the school.
- f. Please encourage your kids to dress for the colder weather.
- g. The buses have now been arriving on time. There's been an amalgamation of the W2 and W3 buses (now called W2). This seems to have remedied the majority of the busing issues having been experienced since the beginning of the school year.
- h. Field trips for off campus are now temporarily on hold. This is so that some students are not excluded. Not all students have received or are eligible for vaccine and placing a hold on off campus field trips is a temporary solution.

### **Aimee Dewacht**

- a. Busing. Although most busing issues have been figured out, there are still busing difficulties for the complex need students. 5 students take that bus. They have experienced new drivers and another driver is starting again shortly. We are hopeful this issue will soon be sorted out.

- b. PL days:
- PL days have focused on building upon the diverse needs of students. Various thinking routines/strategies have been created to assist students in deeper thinking in a more engaged way. All teachers have been provided with the “thinking routines” that have been compiled. There are 48 thinking routines.
  - Literacy teachers had an opportunity to look for audio books at the last PL day.
  - Numeracy teachers spent time with the Division numeracy lead teacher completing the annual MIPI (Math Intervention Programming Instrument) for students. This is an assessment done at the beginning of each school year, based on the previous year’s curricular outcomes. It assists in identifying gaps (grade level and individual) to help inform instruction and develop strategies to help fill those gaps.
  - It was a powerful week of learning for teachers.
  - Teachers have also been practicing “vertical learning” all over the school. It’s really been a success story. It’s a direction the school has wanted to move in for a while and Lakie Administrators have really been onboard. As an administration group there’s been much division about this on the Division level. Lakie has been at the forefront and are proud of where they are with this. It has been going very well.
- c. There’s also been another influx in student population. An additional 6 or so students in the past month. Our student population is now 510.
- d. Meeting held re: planning for new westside elementary school.
- Parent, teacher and student representatives attended from the two westside middle schools and the four elementary schools. It was great community involvement. The session was 4 hours long and went very quickly. Groups were given a box and blocks to work with. The process was very engaging and there were great discussions about what the new should look like.

### **3. Division School Council Report (Report from Karma Van Schaik)**

- a. Representative were selected for the various Division committees for the year.
- b. There was a discussion regarding ASCA training sessions for the year and who will be brought in this year to speak, etc. If there is someone our school council would like to see brought in as a speaker, etc. please notify Karma van Schaik or Tisha Elford or bring forward at our next parent council meeting.
- c. The Division brought up an issue that was recently brought to their attention. They wanted to ensure other parents were not experiencing similar issues. There was recently a concern brought forward by a parent of a high school student regarding a piece of literature/book being used in the classroom. Questions were raised as to who picks the literature/books to be read by students and the process for governing this. It was recommended that parents stay in touch with their children about what they are

reading and to bring any concerns to the teacher and/or school's attention should they have concerns.

- d. Next Division School Council is meeting is November 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

#### **4. Discussion Topics**

- a. Nil

#### **5. Agenda Additions:**

- a. Staff Appreciation – Wendy's coupons and a thank-you notes were given to all Lakie teachers and staff to let them know how much they are appreciated.
- b. Halloween around the school. It will be celebrated this Friday. The school has created a mini haunted house for students, as well as classroom activities. Students are welcomed to dress up, however no weapons of any kind (including the fake weapons) and no full mask coverings.
- c. Lakie's Meeting Minutes are posted on the website monthly. Parents are notified of monthly School Council Meeting by way of the bi-weekly Gator Gab or by checking the schools website. All parents welcomed to attend. Meetings are generally the last Tuesday or each month.

#### **6. Upcoming events**

- a. Division School Council Meeting – November 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm (Ed Center Board Room)
- b. November 11 and 12 – No school
- c. Nov 19 – Rock Your Mocs
- d. November 26 – Last day of Term 1

#### **7. Next Meeting**

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

#### **8. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned.