

**G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Start Time: 6:04 pm
By Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Sharon Mezei
Brad Dersch
Aimee Dewacht
Vanessa Steele
Tisha Elford
Christa Pike
Mike Shanks

Ginny Bergsma
Angela Roman
Markham
Lana Waterchief

1. Call to Order by Chair, Mike Shanks

A. Welcome & Introductions

B. Review of Agenda

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

2. Administrative Report:

Sharon Mezei

- a. Remembrance Day Ceremony went well and was very well done
- b. End of term celebration videos were prepared by Sheldan Arvay and are wonderful.
- c. Courtney Wehlage and Daniel Yaretz are currently working together to bring a performance in the new year regarding drama and band. Kristi Legge is also assisting with this production. Tickets will be available on school cash online. The performance dates will be online for viewing on January 7, 8 or 9 (depending upon the date you choose at the time of purchasing your ticket).
- d. Assurance Plan (previously Education Plan) is being worked on. That document can be reviewed in detail at the next Parent Council Meeting in January, as well, the budget will be presented in the new year. These documents will be located on the website and ready to be discussed by the time the next meeting rolls around.
- e. The results of the Accountability Survey, completed by parents and students each year, will be reported on in the new year as well.

Brad Dersch:

- a. Volleyball is now over. Various other clubs are up and running and are listed on the Lakie website, ie. Ping pong, shop, fine arts opportunities, etc. to name a few. We seem to be getting closer to a normal school year as time goes on.
- b. Fans again allowed in the building. Of course, covid rules still apply and proof of vaccination, etc.
- c. Field Trips. Fieldtrips are now back on the table. Field trips are curriculum related only, ie. not movie fieldtrips, etc. Fieldtrips are still somewhat restricted due to Covid. We may be able to approve more moving forward into the Spring.
- d. Basketball has started up. We have some community coaches involved, which has been fantastic.
- e. Many staff members giving their time to extra-circular activities and there's been many additional activities for students to participate in.
- f. We will be hosting a joint basketball tournament with Senator Joyce. Girls at one school and Boys at the other school.
- g. Canteen. Munchies Catering have been doing a good job with providing this service for our students. They have not been able to staff our canteen to date and have indicated it would be more beneficial for them if we were selling a little more. Last two weeks have been the busiest weeks so far this year in terms of orders. We are very thankful to the parents who have been able to volunteer to keep the canteen running. This parent volunteer arrangement will continue after the Christmas break to keep the canteen program funding.

Aimee Dewacht

- a. Term 1 has come to a finish. Report cards are now available and Power School is up and running again.
- b. There have been less students requesting changes to their options than in previous years.
- c. One of the options started in term 2 and 3 in Grade 7 and 8 is Numeracy Foundation Building. Students seems very happy to be in this class. New resources have been purchased and have been very helpful and engaging for students.
- d. If you have a child in Grade 7, you would have now been advised that we were able to add an extra part-time position to assist with literacy learning. Mr. Newman is the teacher assigned to this position and it has been going great. Note, this is not an option class, but rather a program to assist with literacy foundation. Students participating in this learning are typically pulled from Social or LA for intervention on Mondays and Thursdays.

3. Division School Council Report (Report from Tisha Elford)

- a. Engagement Grants from the Province.
 - In additional to regular \$250 parent council receives from Government each year, we will also be receiving an additional \$500 from the province. Some schools have already received their grant money. It should be noted that any unused portion of the \$500 is required to be returned to the government and there are specific rules regarding

how these funds can be spent. I.e. The funds can not be used for things such as supplying food for events (ie. supplying hot chocolate for a party, etc), but rather, more curriculum related expenditures. We will need to have more discussion on this and how we could utilize these funds. The grant is meant to engage parents. Tisha Elford will check to see when the deadline is to use the funds. Sharon Mezei will inquire with other schools in the district to see how other parent councils are using the money. Further discussion to take place at our next Parent Council Meeting in January in this regard.

- b. Next Division School Council is meeting is December 6, 2021 at 6:30pm.

4. Discussion Topics

- a. Policies for feedback
 - i. There didn't appear to be anything major in the changes.
- b. Engagement Grant
Discussed above.

5. Agenda Additions:

- a. Staff Appreciation: The next show of appreciation will take place in January following the holiday break.
- b. There is a possibility of holding the next parent council meeting in-person. It was brought to our attention that Chinook High School is holding in-person parent council meetings. Sharon Mezei will look into whether or not we can move to in-person meetings. It's possible we can move forward in offering both an in-person and online meeting. If we hold an in-person meeting in January, it is likely that we would use the learning commons for the meeting so that social distancing can be accommodated.

6. Upcoming events

- a. Division School Council Meeting – Monday, December 6 at 6:30 pm
- b. Last day before Christmas Break – Friday, December 17, 2021
- c. First day back to School following Christmas Break – Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
- b. Meeting Dates for the year: February 15th, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st, June TBD

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.