

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2022
Start Time: 6:05 pm
By Microsoft Teams

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Mike Shanks
Tisha Elford
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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)

Approved by: Erin Wallace

Note: There was an error in last Meeting Minutes in respect of the new email for Parent Council. The correct address is lakieschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

D. Vote to approve Operating Procedures:

Parent questions concerning the Secretary's Duties outlined in the Operating Procedures emailed to the parent body on October 24, 2022 by the School. We will discuss this topic later in this meeting.

2. Administrative Report:

Brad Dersch

a. Update regarding construction.

- The Boulder was delivered today and installed at the front entrance. It will eventually have the FISH philosophy on it.
- Concrete in the front of the school entrance has been completed.
- Four squares will be added in the front as well.
- In the back, the construction company determined there was a sprinkler leak underground that has likely been there for years. They will have to delay install of the basketball nets to the Spring in order to resolve this issue.

b. Halloween: Halloween celebrations will take place tomorrow. There will be a haunted house. Students are welcomed to dress up.

- c. Remembrance Day: We will have a live Remembrance Day Ceremony this year. We have a retired military officer coming in to speak at the Ceremony.
- d. Fish Fridays – We will be starting our weekly Friday fun at 7:55am. It has been a great experience for students.
- e. Indigenous Parent Bingo Evening
 - November 2 from 5:30 to 7pm. The event will be held in Lakie’s foyer, with supper and prizes. RSVP is necessary for food purposes. The event is open to the entire District, not just for Lakie.
- f. Save The Kids Presentation will be held for parents at Chinook High School on November 3 from 7pm to 8pm. The student presentation at Lakie will be held on Friday, Nov 4 from 8:15am to 9:15am. It will serve as a Fish Friday event.

Matt Brunner

- a. Fundraiser: The Power Card Fundraiser went quite well. There has also been some discussion regarding other fundraising possibilities throughout the school year. The school will revisit the fundraising topic again in January.
- b. Extra-Circular:
 - Cross Country – Has wrapped up.
 - Volleyball – Has wrapped up.
 - Recognition Awards for Volleyball and Cross Country will take place on November 18.
 - Basketball – Will be starting up shortly.
 - Gator Classic Volleyball will be held this weekend.
- c. Cafeteria: Munchies Catering had indicated they were unable to provide services to us during the first 2 weeks of November. We’ve reached out to Quesadas and Booster Juice and have secured those businesses to fill in for these dates. We are looking forward to working with them.
- d. Lunch: We’ve heard from teachers and students that they would like to do away with cohorts at lunch time. We are looking at keeping 6’s together and then bring 7 & 8 students to the foyer to mingle like they were able to do pre-covid. We are looking at trying this out starting in November to see how it goes.
- e. Volleyball uniforms:

Parent Inquiry: Why do the girls volleyball teams have only uniform tops, but boys have full uniforms?

This was recently looked into. The reason for the difference in uniforms is apparently due to a standard sports protocol relating to hygiene and the difference between girls clothing and boys clothing.

Parent Inquiry: The Uniforms for the Developmental Teams appear old compared to the Rep Teams. Why is this? The uniforms from the Rep teams are typically handed down to the Developmental Teams over the years. The school will look into this issue in more detail.

Aimee Dewachth

- a. Picture retake day will be October 27.
- b. Term 1 ends Dec 2 – numeracy support classes will begin at all grade levels.
- c. LST room addition and roles.: We are utilizing an additional space. It is currently being configured. This will be more of a modified work room and is much needed.
- d. PAT's are going ahead this year. Dates have been changed to Alberta Educated mandated dates, instead of the school choosing the exact date. Apparently, there's been issue in the past elsewhere in the Province with an exam leaking to another school, so this is the reason for the mandate.
- e. Honour Roll – Conversations are underway with grade levels to re-establish guidelines and expectations for awarding honour roll awards.
- f. Professional Learning for staff:
 - i. Professional Learning this year has began with the book purchased by Parent Council during the last school year, "Fostering Resilient Learners". Staff are developing a personal mission statement around why they choose to teach.
 - ii. The next PL day will be taking place on November 14 for teaching staff only. They will be looking at response to instruction for supporting students and the process, as well as final exam precedents, as this has not been reviewed for a few years. There will also be a guest speaking, Ron Richard.

3. District School Council – Tisha Elford

- There was a lengthy discussion at the last meeting about promoting health choices for students. The District is wanting to ensure we are modelling what is being taught to students in terms of nutrition. They are wanting to ensure that there is balance in nutrition (ie. nutrition v. treats for events/awards/fundraising, etc.)
- Alberta Education \$500 grant. Last year at Lakie we used funds for the upcoming Save the Kids Event.
- The parent portion of District School Council meetings now start at 6:30pm, instead of 7pm.

4. Updates

- a. Save the Kids. There was an additional \$94.70 required to pay for this event. The amount will be taken out of the school budget to pay for this cost.

5. New Business

- A. **Parent Council Account.** We have a budget. There is currently approximately \$900 in that account. Historically the school has managed it. We are looking at moving that money over to be managed by parent council directly.
- B. **Plans for society setup.** We are looking at incorporating a Society. This will alleviate the school handling all of the fundraising all on their own and put more of the responsibility into the hands of parents. We will likely move to multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Society would be in-charge of fundraising, with Parent Council being in charge of the day-to-day school operations. To do certain types of fundraising (ie. casinos through AGLC), the government would require us to have a society formed with Corporate Registry. This type of fundraising typically generates significant money. Given the various programs offered at Lakie, these funds would go to great use. It was noted that there are some “big ticket” items that will soon need to be replaced, one being the equipment currently used in our arts programs, as some items are getting old at this point.
- C. **Using Council funds to set up society.** We will need to use some of the funds from this year's School Council Budget to set up the Society. To set up a Society, there is a Corporate Registry fee, as well as a NUANS Name Search that is required. It is anticipated that the total cost would be no more than under \$300.00.

MOTION: To create a Society and use up to \$300 of the current School Council budget to pay for associated expenses. VOTED. APPROVED.

We are looking in the name “Lakie School Society”. There will be an update regarding the status of setting up the Society at next month's meeting.

- D. **Operating Procedures Document.** Address concerns regarding the wording in the current School Council Operating Procedures, specifically Section 9(c)(4), which states the Secretary's duties are to “distribute notices of meetings and other school council events as required”. It was decided that this wording is sufficient, as although our practice is that the School Admin sends out notification of Parent Council Meetings through School Messenger, it is an arrangement we have made as a Parent Council Body to best reach the parent body. There is no need to make a change to the Operating Procedures.

MOTION: To approve the “G.S. Lakie Middle School Council Operating Procedures” distributed by email to the student body on October 24, 2022. VOTED. APPROVED.

This document can also be found on the GS Lakie Website, under the School Council tab.

6. Trustee Report of Kristina Larkin

- The purpose of the School Trustee Liaison is to give an update on what's happening at the District Board level. It should be noted that parents can also find updates on the District's website.
- There is a Town Hall event coming up on February 7 this year. The Question that will be the focus for this year's meeting is "In what ways are we successfully supporting students as learners? And in what way can we improve this?"
- The District has recently passed an anti-racism policy.
- The District has recently approved a 1.75% wage increase for anyone not in the ETA or CUBE, being those employees not currently a part of a union.
- Community Conversation Meetings continue to take place with the District Board. The next Meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 8 from 10am to 11:30am at The Fish and Game Clubhouse; There are future Community Conversation Meetings scheduled to take place at the Lethbridge YMCA and Collective Coffee House. Details can be found on the District Website.
- If there is ever a topic that our Parent Council is wishing to have more information on, please reach out to Kristina Larkin.
- The District has made a new multi-cultural calendar on their website and it is recommended that Schools and Parent Councils refer to this calendar when planning events, etc.

7. Upcoming Events.

- Friday, October 28, 2022 – Halloween at Lakie (Students can wear costumes)
- Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7pm – Save the Kids Parent Night to take place at Chinook High School
- Friday, November 4 – Save the Kids Assembly during Fish Friday at Lakie. This event will commence at 8:45am, instead of the typically 7:55.

8. Adjournment – 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting November 17, 2022 at 6pm.