

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2023
Start Time: 6:05 pm

Brad Dersch
Vanessa Steele
Mike Shanks
Tisha Elford
Christa Pike
Cheryl Gilmore
Alfredo Alvaro
Geraldine Torres

Karma Van Schaik
Catherine Ball
Laura Miller
Share Thomas
Purdy Martodihakdjo
Ginny Bergsma
Kristina Larkie

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: Tisha Elford

Seconded by: Ginny Bergsma

2. Administrative Report:

Brad Dersch

Parent Teacher Interviews

- Jan 26 (4-8pm) & Jan 27 (8-11:30am)
- Interview scheduled with teaching partners

Town Hall – Feb 7 (6:30pm-8:30pm)

- Need six parent volunteers, four students and one community member

Organics (green bins) coming to all schools in the new year

- More extensive waste management program in all schools
 - o Recyclables – Blue bins
 - o Organics – Green bins
 - o Refundable – Yellow bins
 - o Trash/landfill – black bins

Matt Brunner (presented by Brad Dersch)

Westside Invitational Basketball Tourney – Jan 27-28

- Join with Senator Joyce Fairburn. Last year we hosted girls, this year we join boys.

LSAA basketball playoffs

- Single elimination tournament

Badminton

- ID camps start on February 27.

Aimee Dewacht (presented by Brad Dersch)

Mid-year ISP review are happening, as well as benchmarking reviews. Wednesday PL days are used for some of this benchmarking on a rotational basis.

3. Treasurer Report (by Karma Van Schaik)

NIL.

4. District School Council (by Tisha Elford)

- Reminder that the Town Hall is coming up on February 7.
- Last meeting focused on trying to find creative ways to connect with multi-cultural communities and non-english speaking individuals
- Reminder to make sure student absences are being reported correctly, ie. If a student is out for an illness, please ensure they are marked out in School Messenger as “ill”.

5. Teacher Appreciation (by Tisha Elford)

Next Teacher Appreciation is in February.

6. Updates

- i. Parent Council Bank Account is now set up.
- ii. Society Progress
 - Required documents have been sent to Corporate Registry. We are waiting for approval and confirmation of incorporation.
- iii. Fruit Fundraiser
 - We decided in November that we would do a citrus fruit fundraiser. Tisha advises there are 2 different oranges typically brought in. We will be getting the smaller and sweeter oranges for our fundraiser. They are California oranges. Full boxes have 88 oranges at \$60/box, with \$8.00 being our profit. If we sell half boxes for \$35, we will profit \$9.00 (\$18.00/full box). NOTE: It's been decided to sell half boxes for \$36/box to account for School Cash Online Transaction Fee of 4%.
 - We will try to start taking orders next Monday, January 23, 2023, as orders will need to close on February 4. Vanessa and Tisha will work this out with Cathy in the office. Mike will prepare the flyer regarding the fundraiser and get it to Cathy by tomorrow morning (Friday).

- We can also sell grapefruit if we are interested, however, have decided to keep the fundraiser simple given the limited amount of time. We can consider adding grapefruit to next year's fundraiser.
- Fruit should be arriving February 10 or 11. Tisha will store fruit until Monday, February 13, at which time she'll deliver it to the school for pickup.
- Volunteers will be needed to sort fruit at the school on Monday. Exact details to follow.
- What are we fundraising for: "Oranges for options" will be the catch phrase.

7. New Business

Nutrition Breaks: Parent observation that practice performances during lunch break may be interfering with students eating lunches. Brad Dersch will take note of this and look into the matter further.

8. Division Report by Kristina Larkin

- Town Hall is coming up on February 7. The focus questions will be "What types of things are going well and what are you wanting to see improved?" Town Hall is a chance for the schoolboard to see what is going on at schools and what we are seeing. We want your feedback. Town Hall is an opportunity to speak to the schoolboard. In the event you can not make the Town Hall meet, we encourage parents to fill out the survey that will be on the Division's website for two weeks following the Town Hall Meeting.
- Currently there is also another survey out re: Values. We would appreciate all parents taking the time to fill out this short survey to help us obtain feedback.
- The Division School Calendar for next year is now available on the Division's website.

9. Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meeting – February 7, 2023, now at Victoria Park, 6:30 to 8pm
 Next Parent Council Meeting – February 16th, 2023 at 6pm in the Lakie Library

10. Adjournment – 7:05pm. Motioned by Ginny Bergsma