

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Start Time: 6:00 pm

Brad Dersch
Aimee Dewacht
Matt Brunner
Vanessa Steele
Mike Shanks
Christa Pike
Cheryl Gilmore

Laura Miller
Catherine Ball
Share Thomas
Sonalie Weisbeck
Tisha Elford

- 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: Vanessa Steele
- 2. Principal Performance Assessment (by Cheryl Gilmore)**
- 3. Administrative Report:**

Brad Dersch

- Band concert was held on March 13th.
- Band Students will be going to feeder schools in April
- Dance and Rock students will be going to feeder schools in June
- We had over 200 students involved in the Oz Production and it was a wonderful experience
- Gatorstock 43 will take place on March 21st
- Lethbridge Music Festival (starts on March 22nd; more details to follow)
- Indigenous Dance group out of Cardston are coming to our school this Thursday, March 23rd. These are high school students and we are excited to welcome them.
- Last day of Term 2 options will be March 24th; Term 3 begins on March 27th
- Online School Registration for 2023-2024 School Year opens for Middle School families on March 24th
- Option registration will open the 1st week of May for middle school students. This date was determined by the Division.
- May 5th will be parent night for students transiting into Grade 6. May 6th being a day for Grade 5 students to attend our school for a tour, etc.

- Spring dance will take place on the event of Thursday, March 30th
- Green Shirt Day will be on April 6th. We'll also be having an assembly that day to talk about organ donation.
- Device policy update.
 - The pilot process has taken place. It has been a positive process. We've received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from parents. A few things to navigate through, but by enlarge it has been positive and supported by parents and students.
- We currently have four PSII students from the UofL. They will be with Mr. Arvay, Mr. Letasy, Mr. Kornelsen and Mr. Fletcher for the duration of their time with us.
- Lunch program access
 - Mindful Munchies is a program run through the Lethbridge Food Bank. They deliver lunches to schools at no cost to us, with the aim to target students in need. We have seen the numbers grow drastically in recent months and have determined that lunches are sometimes being requested by students who may not necessarily need a lunch. We want to ensure any student needing a lunch receives one, but also ensure the program is being run appropriately. We have a list of students who are currently registered to receive these lunches on a regular basis. In the event a student who is not on that list, comes to the office to request a lunch they will still be provided with one, however, after the 3rd request, we will make a call home to find out if they should be added to the list.

Matt Brunner (Presented by Brad Dersch)

- Gator Invitational Badminton tourney March 14-16th.
- Fairbairn tournament next week, March 21-23.
- The LSAA city tournament starts April 18th.
- We will report on trends on the "Our School Survey" at the next school council meeting. It's an anonymous survey that asks questions to get a feel for issues common issues that may be going on in our school ie. Do you feel cared for; Do you feel safe, etc.
- Big thanks to the parent volunteers helping with the canteen (a lot of whom are on parent council). I have sent my last email soliciting help for April to June. The last day of canteen will be June 15.
- The current model we have for our canteen will be changing next year, as it is not sustainable by our admin office. We are hoping our canteen will be upgraded over the Summer and that we'll be able to have a contract provider come in to offer hot lunches on a daily basis to make the program more sustainable, rather than having to pick-up the orders from an off-site location, etc.
- Busing update. Since the Provincial Government's announcement a couple of weeks ago, advising of increase funding to the busing routes, we've been told these changes

will not come into effects until 2024. Obviously, these are preliminary conversations and things could possibly change either way.

Aimee Dewacht

- School based PL day (17th) – Trauma informed practice
 - We've brought someone in to make a presentation in this regard
- Term 3 – options
 - We will leave the possibility of option changes open for one week after Term 3 commences for those students who wish to make a last minute change. Of course, there would be no guarantee of changing to a different option, however, we will do our best to accommodate.
 - The preferable way to request an option change would be for a parent to email or call Aimee with the request. Aimee will then track down that student and attempt to make the change.
- Powerschool will not be closing at end of Term 2
- Parent evening. We are considering having someone come in to do a presentation re: trauma informed practice. More to come on this at a later date.
- Panago Fundraiser. Panago made an additional donation at the end of the evening on March 9th and we are very appreciative of their generosity.

4. Treasurer Report (by Mike Shanks)

- Silent Auction Fundraiser
 - Collected \$1,444.50
 - Cost \$157.53 (remove ads and buy basket with donated funds)
 - Net raised = \$1,286.97 (to be paid to the school to cover Oz expenses)

5. Division School Council

- Policy Document Amendment Review - Mike presented changes as follows:
 - 501.7 Non-Resident Students
 - 502.5 Student Transportation Bussing
 - 802.2 Student Fees
- Tisha Elford attended the last Division School Council meeting and advises the survey deadline was extended to March 24.

6. Teacher Appreciation

- The last Teacher appreciation was under budget, leaving sufficient funds for one more teacher appreciation day this year.

7. Updates

- Society Progress

- Corporate Registry has reviewed our application for incorporation and has required some minor amendments/additions to be made to our documentation. We are in the process of making those changes and will then resubmit same to Corporate Registry for processing.

8. New Business

- N/A

9. Additions to Agenda

- N/A

10. Trustee Report

- N/A

11. Upcoming Events

- Gatorstock – March 21, 2023 (2 shows – 6pm & 7:45pm; tickets on School Cash Online)
- Next Parent Council Meeting – April 20, 2023 at 6pm in the Lakie Library

12. Adjournment – 7:24 pm. Motioned by Vanessa Steele.