

G.S. Lakie Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
Start Time: 6:00 pm

Brad Dersch
Aimee Dewacht
Matt Brunner
Vanessa Steele
Mike Shanks
Christa Pike
Share Thomas

Karma Schaik
Laura Miller
Catherine Ball
Share Thomas
Kristi Orr
Viviana Lartiga

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. Administrative Report:

Brad Dersch

- Grade 5 Orientation
 - Grade 5 Parent Night – May 3 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Registration Forms have gone out. We've had a lot of out of boundary requests.
 - May 3 will be an informational sessions for parents
 - Gr 5 visits to Lakie – May 5
 - May 8 – Admin visits to feeder schools
 - Matt and Aimee also go over to feeder school to present and give information
- Band update
 - Visited feeder schools April 18 and 19. We joined with Senator Joyce Fairburn.
 - Tomorrow our band group is playing for the student body for FISH Friday
 - Music Monday at UofL May 1
 - The band also went to the Lethbridge Music and Arts Festival and represented our school very well, having received a superior.
- Guitar & dance – Edmonton trip June 5-7
 - The Guitar group (not the dance group) consisting of 50 students will be attending this trip.
 - They will also be going to feeder schools.

- Kaylee Low presentation is next Wednesday, April 26 at 7pm re: Intentional Living in a Digital World. Aimed for ages 12 years old and up. It will be at Senator Joyce Fairburn. An hour long presentation.
- June – busy month. Details will be posted in upcoming Gator Gab’s and website

Matt Brunner (Presented by Brad Dersch)

- The company “Our School” Results Review
 - This was a very all encompassing survey for Grade 6, 7 and 8. At the end we get a report and it’s our students at Lakie in comparison to other students at other schools. We were alarmed by the results coming out of the survey regarding mental health of kids, ie. Anxiety & depression. We took a bigger conversation to all of the middle schools and learned that the shock value of the results was noticed at all middle schools in Lethbridge.
 - Students self-reported that their marks was fantastic; they also indicated they were good at self-regulating their cell phone use etc;
 - We’ve gone through the report and have had conversation about it and plan to implement some strategies for next year.
 - We’ve compared the data to other schools and other districts and the survey is
- Badminton wrapping up today (zones April 29)
 - We won the championship last night. Lakie will be responsible for hosting the girls singles and doubles on April 29 for zones.
- Track dates – Lakie May 16, LSAA May 24, Zones May 30 Med Hat
 - Track will be at the U of L again this year
- Update re: Basketball hoops being installed. The ground outside is still too soft. The plan is to let it sit until June and do another compression test. If it’s still too soft, a new plan at that time.
- Maintenance coming tomorrow to start installing picnic tables in the front and to finish working on the rock, etc.
- The Division is also looking at relocating some commercial food service equipment and building a proper commercial kitchen at Lakie. We do not know for sure when this will be done.

Aimee Dewacht

- Option selection for 2023-24
 - Option selection will begin May 5 and continue until May 19
 - We put out the option booklets, however we need to remember that we still can not guarantee those options will be offered, as it still depends on numbers and funding/budget, etc.

- Upcoming Gr 5 info
 - May 3 – Parent night at Lakie
 - May 5 – Gr 5's to Lakie
 - May 8 – Matt and Aimee to feeder schools

- PAT update
 - May 10 Practice LA Part A for Grade 6 students. This helps to alleviate some unknowns, ie. How to login to the program and what it looks like, etc. The program that Alberta Education is using is called Quest A+. If this practice is successful, we will use the program when the students write their actual PAT.
 - May 17 Part A LA
 - Other PAT's are in June and align with the same dates as Grades 7 & 8 and so due to device concerns, etc. we've decided not to use the Quest Program for the remaining PATs this year.

- Trauma Information Evening
 - John Thompson will come in for a parent engagement night.
 - Trauma and the brain session
 - There will be a parent session on May 11 from 6:30 to 8pm.

3. Treasurer Report (by Karma)

We received funds from School Cash Online for our orange fundraiser. Funds total \$2,363.25. We had to pay out \$1,820.00 to pay for the oranges, so our profit was \$543.25.

4. Division School Council

n/a – Tisha not in attendance to provide report.

5. Teacher Appreciation

Tisha has the last teacher appreciation gift ready and will be distributing that to staff in May.

6. Updates

Our society is officially incorporated. The name is “Lakie Middle School Society”. We will now move onto the process of starting the casino application, etc.

7. New Business

- N/A

8. Additions to Agenda

- School Council Operations and how to add items to the meeting agenda
 - Additions should be provided to lakieschoolcouncil@gmail.com at least one week prior to the meeting.
 - We can also start posting the agenda online prior to the meeting.
 - Discussion re: Our Operating Minutes indicate that we will facilitate a formal performance evaluation for school council operations (see s. 4(k) of our Operating Minutes). Mike will look into this and report back at the next meeting.
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity 123
 - Policies are made available on the Division’s website.
 - SOGI is not being implemented to Lakie at this time.
 - Parent encouraged to contact school admin should they have further questions regarding SOGI.
 - A Parent concern was brought forward regarding an Article used by a specific teacher in a classroom last year. The Article was unrelated to SOGI. Brad advised that since he is unfamiliar with the article and the specific circumstance brought forward, that the parent is welcome to contact him directly to properly address the concerns and investigate the matter further.

9. Trustee Report

- N/A

10. Upcoming Events

Spring Pictures – April 27
Grade 5 Parent Night – May 3
Incoming Grade 5’s visit Lakie – May 5
Option Selection Opens – May 5
Lakie Track Meet – May 16
Parent Council Meeting – May 18 at 6pm

11. Adjournment – 6:52 pm. Motioned by Vanessa.