

## **GS Lakie School Council Meeting Minutes January 16th, 2025**

Call to Order @ 6:32pm

- Land Acknowledgement
  - Welcome and Introductions (ask for any additions) Tisha, Karma, Sonalie, Jackie, Angela, Denise, Cynthia, Michelle, Brad, Aimee, Matt
  - Review Last Meeting's Minutes
- i. Approve: Jackie ii. Second: Denise

### **Admin Reports**

- **Brad**

#### **Regarding Parent-Teacher Interviews:**

In the future, the school is considering having Parent-Teacher Interviews later in the school year such as in March so there would then be interviews in each term instead of two in the first term. There are fewer available time slots for Parent-teacher Interviews because parent attendance tends to be lower in January.

Go to Gator Gab and there is a Booking Tab to then book a timeslot from the teachers availability

#### **Regarding the Town Hall Meeting:**

Everyone is welcome to attend! If you are able to attend, go on the Lethbridge School Division website and book yourself to attend as this helps with the planning and organizing of the meeting.

Brad, Aimee, Mrs Colby and some grade 8 students who are in the Leadership program will be attending

- **Matt**

**Regarding Assurance Survey:** this comes from the government for those who are in grade 7 and the parents of grade 7 students; encourage parents to complete

**Regarding Our School Survey-** this comes from the government and is for all students and parents of students.

The Division is considering doing their own survey in the future that is more applicable to our students instead of province wide.

#### **Regarding Westside Invitational Basketball:**

Our school shares with Senator Buchanan; we host the boys January 24 and 25.

- **Aimee**

#### **Regarding Prep for next year:**

Looking at how many teachers are needed

Considering the complexities of the students, new students, low academics

## **Trustee Report-N/A**

**Treasurer Report-** They found out that the bank needs the minutes so Mike will now close the account and the remaining funds will go into the Society Account

## **Division School Council-**

Annual Report

Survey Questions

Info package-session for chair and co-chairs to learn their roles for Student Councils

Parent Info Session: PAT Results for grade 6 are trending upwards and PAT Results for grades 6 and 9 are trending downward

When parents answer "Don't know" to survey questions this is considered a negative on the school.

Voted to use the \$250 to be used more flexible to meet the needs of the different schools

If we have questions we are encouraged to ask our Trustee

Working on accessibility grants

ATA-some are for and some are against mandated standardized testing/ government testing

For the Town Meeting 6:30-8:30 grade 5-12 students will be in attendance

Invite from Immanuel Christian School; they are considering hosting a guest speaker, Constable (ICE) from Calgary, to talk about sexual Exploitation; we decided that we'd like to be informed if they decide to host however we don't want to host the event or contribute our funds to the event.

**Staff Appreciation-** Next one in February; Tisha will email if she needs any help.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** FISH friday student involvement/Screen time

Student attendance has been down on Friday's in December and January. This greatly impacts student learning as 15% of core time is on Friday's.

Parents suggested asking the students their ideas for FISH Friday ideas, themes

Parents strongly dislike the use of electronics as fillers or being used for non-educational purposes; Tisha will bring this up at the Division Council meeting. It would be ideal if the support would come from the Division Level or Province Level (like the cell phone use policy)

**Upcoming Events-** Town Hall meeting Tuesday February 4th 2025

There is no meeting in February. **The next School Council Meeting is March 20th 2025  
6:30pm**

## Lakie School Council Admin Report January 16, 2025

### **Brad's Items**

- Parent-Teacher Interviews – January 30<sup>th</sup> (4:00-8:00 pm) & 31<sup>st</sup> (8:00-11:30 am)
  - Bookings will open Jan. 20 (9:00 am) and close Jan. 29 (2:00 pm)
- Yearbook order deadline (\$35) – Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Town Hall – Feb. 4 (6:30-8:30 pm @ Victoria Park HS) – will likely need six parent volunteers, four students and a community member to attend on Lakie's behalf. There will be two sessions in the event:
  - **Session 1** (participants split into grade level specific conversations):
    - § *What aspects of your school and learning experience are you most satisfied with and why?*
    - § *What aspects of your school and learning experience are you least satisfied with and why?*
    - § *What specific changes or initiatives do you think would improve the quality of education at your school?*
  - **Session 2** (students together; parents/guardians/staff/community members together)
    - § *Students will select one of two topics – welcoming, caring, safe and respectful learning environments or student learning engagement and academics.*
    - § *The other group will have three topics to choose from – parent/guardian/caregiver engagement and partnership, classroom complexity or academic achievement.*

### **Matt's Items**

- Assurance/Our School Surveys
- Westside Invitational Basketball

### **Aimee's Items**

- Honour roll letters sent home in December
  - Names also posted outside the LC
- Prep beginning for next year's timetable – options, Spanish, potential core classes needed at each level