

G.S. Lakie School Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes
Thursday, September 18th, 2025

Attendees: Tisha, Mike, Brad, Matt, Katrina, Angela, Gray, Karma, Denise, Jacquie, Stephanie, Danika, Nathan, Eve, Kaira, Ginny, Michelle

1. Call to Order 6:30pm by Tisha
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Review and Approval of Agenda
2. Chair Report
3. Treasurer Report-none
4. Election of New Parent Council for 2025/2026 School Year

Nominated and Elected

- I. Chair - Karma Van Schaik
- II. Vice Chair - Denise Schmaltz
- III. Secretary - Jacquie VanDyk
- IV. Treasurer - no longer needed; done through Society
- V. Division Rep voting 1 - Tisha Elford
- VI. Division Rep non voting 2 - Danika Forsyth

5. Adjourn AGM

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Admin Report

Brad:

Welcome & Introductions

Mission and Vision-FISH Philosophy, rebranding throughout the school

School Start up- Increase of 50 students which brings the school total to 600 students

Increased Enrollment- 29 of the 50 increase in students are in the Spanish Bilingual program

Staffing Announcement- Brigitt Morton in the Spanish Program

School Communication through the year-Gator Gab, Messenger, Synervoice, Social Media, website, digital sign

Ministerial Orders

Classroom & Learning Commons resources deadline to go through the resources and meet their requirements Oct 31 for Learning Commons and Jan 5 for classrooms. There are some parents who are willing to help go through the classroom resources; Brad will look into teacher interest.

Notice and Consent for Gender Identity Related Names and Pronouns-parent consent is now required for students under 16 years old.

Parent Notification and opt-in for subject matter dealing with Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation or Human Sexuality Instruction-Division wide curriculum waiting on approval; parents/guardians can now give partial consent for student involvement.

Instructional Resource and Presentation Authorization and Approval-teachers will need to seek approval by Alberta Education for resources used

Fairness in Sports-female athletes are now required to indicate their sex from birth

Option Numbers/Timetable issues to start 25/26

Loss of supportive programs due to budget-Flex, Literacy & Numeracy Targeted Intervention option classes

High numbers of students in option classes and fewer options offered to meet the budget

Assurance Survey Results from Spring 2025-Grade 7 students, parents and teachers were asked to complete the survey. The information from the survey is used to help plan and make improvements. The results will be posted on the website once PAT results are in (by Nov 1/25). Overall our school is mostly above the provincial percentage.

Uncertainty of strike-Vote Oct 6. It was said that the classroom conditions per student in Alberta are the lowest in Canada

Matt:

Fundraising-Review of power card fundraising. It's going on until Sept 24. Prizes will be received Oct 3. Hoping to use the funds raised for a beach volleyball court and to update the tech booth.

Extracurricular

X-Country-Terry Fox Run took place Sept 18. That run determined who will attend City's which is held Sept 24. Zones will be held Oct 2. Both City's and Zones will be held at Echo Dale Park.

Volleyball started last week. Lots of students tried out. There continues to be the house and club leagues and the Developmental program. The Development program has grown to almost a full schedule.

Canteen- same model as last year with hot lunch orders twice a week. There is lots of interest. Amazing parent volunteers!

School Clubs-Lists have been posted and teachers are promoting their clubs. Students are encouraged to be involved and try new things. There are less clubs offered this year compared to previous years but still lots of choices available. These clubs are available during lunchtime.

Field Trip Permission Forms-Still no online platform. All hard copy forms again this year for all of Lethbridge School Division. Division Reps would like to bring this up at School Division Council.

Bussing-Passes/Boundaries/Ridership

Our school had 5 buses and this year there are 4 buses. The criteria to qualify for busing is different for each grade. He encourages parents/guardians of students who are close to the criteria to apply for Eligible Rider and he advocates for students who one sibling qualifies and another who doesn't to receive it. All Spanish program students qualify for busing throughout the City

Katrina:

Assessment and Reporting-Powerschool should be updated regularly. When there are questions about assessments, parents and guardians are encouraged to talk to classroom teachers first.

Report card comments end of each term-this will occur three times each year and there will be personal comments for each student.

Learning Support

Response to staffing restraints- Learning Support teacher

ISP's-Staff are building and reviewing. Parents can sign in, in Oct. Parents have access to the Documents and it can also be reviewed by the students next year's teachers, future teachers and at future schools the student attends.

Trustee Report- None

Treasurer Report- N/A

Division School Council- the first meeting will be in October 6th 2025

Staff Appreciation- requesting \$275; will vote in society meeting

New Business-none

Upcoming Events- Orange shirt day Sept 26th

Adjourne-at 7:45pm by Tisha, Kaira seconded

Next Council Meeting October 16th 6:30pm