



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday January 14 2020 7:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Ms. Kerr, Assistant Principal (Jr High)	• Amy Mitton, Vice-Chair
• Ms. Ference, Assistant Principal (Elementary)	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Parents (4)
• Jasmyn Middleton, Strathcona County FCS	

Welcome, Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept January Agenda made by April Childs. Approved by Sheri Staigh and seconded by Amy Mitton. Carried.
- The Minutes for November were reviewed. Motion to approve Minutes at next meeting (February) made by April; seconded by Amy Dieser. Carried.

Reports

a. EIPS Board Trustee

- Welcome Trustee Don Irwin, stepping in for Trustee Seutter
- Trustee Irwin presented. Refer to the full 2020 January Trustee Report on the school website. Board meetings are always available [online](#).
- EIPS Board Trustee Irwin reviewed the five areas the Trustees have been working on:
 - i. School Transportation Fees
 - ii. Student Capacity Planning
 - iii. 2020/2021 District Calendar – now available online
 - iv. Combined 2018/2019 Results Review & Education Plan
 - v. Kindergarten Registration
- Question was asked about how fuel is purchased; Trustee will send back a response next meeting
- Question was asked if Board has received any feedback about 2020 Christmas Break being Wed – Wed. At this time not aware of any feedback.

b. Administration Report

- Question asked about sourcing information about high school IB / AP programs. Open houses being hosted by both Facey and Sal.

- Christmas Concerts – Our students in grade 1-6 wowed us with “We Wish you a Beachy Christmas” at The Park Church and our kindergarten students put us in the Christmas mood with some wonderful Christmas songs near the end of December. Our students did a marvelous job! Thank you to all staff and parent volunteers who helped out. The concert was a perfect way to get us all into the Christmas spirit and close out 2019!
- Giving Back to the Community – We continue to encourage our students to get involved in activities that help our community.
- Hope Mission – Staff and students collected new mittens and socks for Hope Mission.
- Strathcona Food Bank – Our school collected food for families and raised \$1352.85 at our Christmas concert for the Strathcona Food Bank. Thank you to all Lakeland Ridge families who donated.
- Wolves Drama – All classes will be visiting Festival Place next week to enjoy the Little Mermaid, which is directed and performed by our very own Wolves Drama Production. There are tickets still available for the evening shows on January 21, 22 and 23. Tickets must be purchased through Ticketmaster.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – February 11 and 12. (Book Fair will also run during this week.) Information will be sent home in early February.
- Accountability Pillar Surveys – As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning. From mid-January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.
- In January, parents of students in grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 4 and 7, as well as all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2020 and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.
- Kindergarten and Returning Student Registration – Lakeland Ridge School will have closed boundaries for next year. All student registrations for the 2020-21 school year—including kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration—will take place online beginning Feb. 1, 2020 at 9:00am. All necessary links will be added on the Division website at that time (for kindergarten and other new student registrations) and all current families will receive an email with the link and instructions (for returning student registration). The complete [registration process and associated timelines](#) for schools are available

on Staff Connect. This document will be updated as needed and we'll send reminders in the *Weekly Wrap-Up* throughout the process regarding key deadlines and updated information.

- School Fees – Planning for next year has begun. In mid-December we sent out a message to all families regarding school fees for the upcoming year. The message included the 2019-20 school fees and let parents know that we would be discussing school fees at our January 14 School Council meeting. Teachers select field trips that they feel will be beneficial for students and that are aligned with the Alberta curriculum. They work hard to ensure that we receive the best value for our dollar. All fees are "cost recovery", meaning that the school does not make money from supervision or field trip fees. Each year we build the timetable around staffing expertise and student interest. Discussion regarding fees....
- Newsletter, including information about Kindergarten and returning student registration, will be going home this week or Monday at the latest.

c. **Mental Health Capacity Building**

- Website is: <https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/children-and-parents/mhcb/>
- 5 Ways to Wellness with Grade 7's
- Grade 8 and 9's Vaping and Substance Use Conversations
- January "blues" month discussion
- Bell Let's Talk Day
- Connect Parent Program
- February Choose Kind Program (Pink Shirt Day, Random Acts of Kindness, other) Feb 29 1pm Free Movie Viewing("Wonder") at Ardrossan Senior High School
- Walk-In Counselling offered (low cost to free) from Family Community Services available to you and your family.
- Contact Jasmyn Middleton if you have any questions about mental health and resources (e.g. Social Media safety)

Old Business

- a. N/A

New Business

a. **School Fees**

- Optional course listing is extensive; each year balance is struck between student interests and teacher expertise
- Cost recovery model
- Discussed field trips (more, less, in-school, off-site, etc)
- Overall satisfaction with current fee structures from parents around table
- Fee input welcome; share feedback with Administration. Draft recommendation at March Parent Council Meeting

Next Meeting

- February 18 @ 6:30pm, Lakeland Ridge School Library. Childcare will be available.

- Motion to adjourn Parent Council meeting was made at 8:19pm and was passed unanimously.

Contact Parent Council

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