



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday October 16 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Ms. Kerr, Assistant Principal (Jr High)	• April Childs, Chair
• Ms. Ference, Assistant Principal (Elementary)	• Mandy Isaac, Vice-Chair
• Annette Hubik, EIPS Board Trustee	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Erin Dawson-Meyers, Strathcona County FCS	• 4 Parents

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

The minutes for June were reviewed; motioned by Mandy Isaac and seconded by Sheri Staigh. Approved. Motion to accept Agenda made by April Childs and seconded by Mandy Isaac. Approved as is.

Board

The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Reports

a. EIPS Board Trustee

- Annette Hubik has now completed her first year in term. Encourages open door / open inbox.
- **New draft K-4 Curriculum:** available online. [Click here to view](#). Final approval expected late Q4 2018 or early Q1 2019, with implementation targeted for September 2019 school year.
- **French Immersion:** survey completed. 2-3-year process, but first outcome is that French Immersion will stay in the schools where it is currently offered. More info to come.
- Cannabis – legislation does not have impact on EIPS policy or procedure. Status quo. Click on the EIPS Procedures related to [Cannabis](#) and [Smoke, Vape and Tobacco-Free Facilities](#) for further details. This is the same for Student Transportation. For a valuable parent resource about talking to kids about Cannabis, refer to [Government of Canada’s “Cannabis Talk Kit”](#)
- Board meetings are always available [online](#).
- Final enrollment numbers stable from last year.

b. Administration Report

- Final enrolment number Sept 30 was 759 students
- Budget approximately \$4.5 million, allowing for one extra fulltime EA and another EA for 3.5hours/day.
- 4-year [School Education Plan](#) submitted.
- Results from STAR/PAT’s will be available, discussed and shared in November/December.

c. Mental Health Capacity Building (formerly KEYS)

- Digital Citizenship will be major focus this school year for Grade 8 & 9. 4 Part Series.

- Presentation from FCS available to all: [“Opioids Don’t Discriminate”](#). Jr Highs in Strathcona County were invited to participate with field trips.
- [Caregiver Education Sessions](#) available to parents, wide range of topics. Free of charge.
- [Triple P – Positive Parenting Program](#) for those with kids ages 2 – 12.

d. Parent Action Society (PAS)

- Movie Night was a huge success. Nearly \$2000 was raised with this event.
- First round of hot lunch netted approximately \$5000 in fundraising.
- PAS AGM is October 23; at this meeting PAS executive positions will be elected. We do have some resigning executive roles and would also love to get some fresh ideas and faces. Please come, even if you have no desire to fill a position.

e. Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report

- Met October 3, Alberta Association of School Councils presented.
- SAFFRON [“Cyber-Second”](#) conversation starters were well received and will be implemented in LLR Howler Newsletter going forward.
- Staff Appreciation in schools was a big topic

Old Business

School Council dates have been determined for the 2018/2019 school year. Check out the [school website for dates](#), agendas and meeting minutes.

New Business

a. School Education Plan

- [Plan Available on school website](#). LLR looks to continue with its three core goals of:
 1. Literacy
 2. **Numeracy – Major focus this year**
 3. Character Development/Citizenship
- Literacy and Numeracy Consultants for EIPS are now housed in LLR which is exciting as it provides additional micro-opportunities between teachers and consultants.
- Results from PAT’s/STAR will be discussed next month within framework of Plan.
- **Floating libraries:** an exciting initiative this year to supplement the library with floating libraries right in the classroom. Grades 1-2 will share; Grades 3-4 will share; Grades 5-6 will share. Grades 4-6 will be going to Indigo week of Oct 26 to buy books for the floating libraries.

b. School Council Goals (4-year plan)

- Remaining same as last year’s goals:
 1. Parents as Partners
 2. Parent Awareness and Engagement

c. Staff Appreciation:

- Ideas put forth to do Staff Appreciation mid-February (Teacher Appreciation Week), year end, during PD Day and/or day after school Christmas Concert.
- Ideas of appreciation included Gratitude Basket, Coffee Bar, Themed & Catered Lunch
- Mandy Isaac and Kathryn Piercey will speak to PAS about budget allocation for this

Round Table

- **List of Urgent Items Needed** – an initiative that allowed school to request and manage urgent items needed such as non-perishables on hand for kids who may have forgotten a lunch or other small items. Ms. Kerr offered to look into revitalizing this ad hoc program.
- **Flex** – concept is for Jr High students to have opportunity to choose from 8 options so they can explore new types of classes or utilize their time as their personal needs require. It is not “free time” nor “optional to attend”. Students will sign up via PowerSchool in advance of the Flex day (first come first serve). Parents, do not sign up your child(ren) through the Parent Portal; the scheduling works best if the kids go in through their Student Portal. This will begin in earnest in November (with the exception of the Grade 9 students, who will be doing “Bring Your Kid to Work” Day during Nov Flex. A conversation about Flex will be added to next year’s Meet the Teacher Night.
- **School Messenger App** – new tool in EIPS that replaces Synervoice (the program that phones/texts/emails updates such as Early Dismissal Day). It is linked to PowerSchool. It also links all children in a household regardless of which school they attend. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Next Meeting

November 20, 2018 @ 6:30pm, Lakeland Ridge School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50pm and was passed unanimously.

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