



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday February 18 2020 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

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| • Mr. Huculak, Principal | • April Childs, Chair |
| • Ms. Kerr, Assistant Principal (Jr High) | • Amy Mitton, Vice-Chair |
| • Ms. Ference, Assistant Principal (Elementary) | • Kerri Holmes, Secretary |
| • Don Irwin, EIPS Board Trustee (Don Irwin) | • Parents (3) |
| • Jasmyn Middleton, Strathcona County FCS | |

Welcome, Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept February Agenda made by April Childs. Approved by Teresa Bledon and seconded by Joel Holmes. Carried.
- The Minutes for November and January were reviewed. Motion to approve Minutes made by April; seconded by Teresa Bledon; seconded by Joel Holmes. 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](#).
- Board reviewing and updating 3-Year Capital Plan
- Receiving input on the proposed school transportation fees (www.eips.ca/download/228990)
- Attended COSC and good discussions had about school transportation fees
- Toured new Heritage Hills school on Thursday, Feb 7. Will be ready to prep and open for Fall
- Alberta School Council Annual Conference is April 24 – 26 in Edmonton. LLR Parent Council Chair will be attending.
- School capacity public meeting has been postponed

b. Administration Report

1. Wolves Drama – Our Wolves Drama wowed us with “The Little Mermaid” in January at Festival Place. All classes had the chance to attend. There were three evening performances as well as a Friends and Family night. I attended the 3 performances open to the public. Our kids did a fantastic job.

2. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Took place on February 11 and 12. I would like to thank School Council and our parents for providing supper for our staff on the Tuesday. We also had our Book Fair during this week. The Book Fair wrapped up this afternoon. Information will be sent home in early February.
3. March 6 will be a Professional Learning Day.
 - Classified staff will be attending numerous sessions at SAL.
 - Elementary teachers will be working collaboratively and attending sessions across EIPS
 - Secondary teachers will be at Bev Facey. Associate Superintendent, Sandra Stoddard will be giving opening remarks. Numerous sessions will be offered throughout the day.
4. 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 should have received a survey from Alberta Education.
- This month, students in grades 4 and 7, as well as all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.
- Teachers completed their surveys at our February staff meeting.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2020 and will be reported publicly as part of their 4-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

5. 2019-20 School Awards – We are looking at how we host our Awards night. Currently, we have our Athletic awards during one of the afternoons in June. We then have our academic awards the following school year during one evening in the Fall. This means that our current grade 9s (who are then in grade 10) come back for our awards. We are looking at changing things this year. Athletic awards would stay the same – presented during one of the afternoons in June. However, we are planning to give out our academic awards for our grade 9 students during the June Grade 9 Farewell Celebration and then having our grade 7 and 8 awards ceremony during one of the afternoons in the Fall.
6. Kindergarten and Returning Student Registration has begun. All current families should have received an email with the link and instructions (for returning student registration). Returning Student Registration closes Feb. 29. Lakeland Ridge School will have closed boundaries for next year.

7. Budget – Education Minister, Adriana Lagrange, held a short meeting this afternoon at 1:00pm. She talked briefly about the budget. The Budget Announcement from the province is expected on Feb. 27. It may take school boards a couple of weeks to sort out numbers. Until we see the budget and student numbers, we are not sure of our class configurations and numbers.

8. 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.
- January 14 School Council meeting – School fees were discussed
- January 17 School Newsletter went home outlining information and letting parents know that they can contact the school if they wish to still provide feedback regarding fees.
- Some parents have provided additional information. Parents can still submit information.
- We will be doing the following:
 - Maintaining our lunch supervision fees for Grades K-9.
 - Kindergarten = \$52.50
 - Grades 1-6 = \$110.
 - Grade 7-9 = \$55.00
 - Option Courses will remain the same (E.g. Art 7, 8 & 9 will remain at \$14.00)
 - Increasing all our Activity fees (field trips) by 5%, as we are anticipating greater costs around transportation as well as admission rates. If we do not need to charge the full amount, we will not be doing so, just as we did this year.
 - Exception for outdoor education camping.
 - Currently Outdoor Ed 7 is \$100, and would like to go to \$125
 - Currently Outdoor Ed 8 and 9 are \$140 but would like to increase it to \$165.Again, if we do not need to charge this amount, we wouldn't.
 - Grade 7-9 = \$55.00
- As we get closer to March 20, we may add some additional courses and/or fees.
- I will have an updated list at our next meeting with any changes.

Just a reminder that 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.

Schools need to submit their fees to finance by March 20, 2020.

9. Pink shirt day is Wednesday, February 26. Staff and students are encouraged to wear something pink to stand up against bullying. We will not be selling PINK shirts directly through the school. Students are encouraged to be environmentally minded and wear something PINK that they already own.

10. Parent Appreciation Day – March 12. We are looking into handing out hot chocolate in the morning for parents as they drop their kids off for school. We would have staff and Lighthouse team members hand out hot chocolate. If we do go ahead with this, we will send an email out via School Messenger.

c. [Mental Health Capacity Building](#)

- Website is: <https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/children-and-parents/mhcb/>
- Grade 6 junior high transition – working with teachers on presentation
- Substance use presentations (MADD) for Jr High (Grade 9) – notice of presentation will go out to parents ahead of time.
- Solution Navigation – drop in County service (free) to get access to resources, i.e. System Navigation. Examples include applying for EI, parenting resources, etc; broad range of topics.
- Next parent session Feb 26 – Self Esteem
- Choose Kind – Movie in Ardrossan Feb 29 (Movie will be “Wonder”)
- Contact Jasmyn Middleton if you have any questions about mental health and resources (e.g. Social Media safety)

d. COSC Report

- Looking for parent input. Deadline Feb 24
- Transportation fees were discussed; proposed that all bus users will pay a fee regardless of distance to school, removal of family discount, additional charges for multiple buses (e.g. home and daycare). Some will see increase in fees, some may see decreases. This will be voted on Thursday Feb 20. Refer to EIPS Recommendation Report.

Old Business

a. School Fees

- Reviewed copy of Fees Schedule for Year Ending August 31, 2021
- Lunch fees stay the same – no cost increase. Reminder that lunch fees are a child-care tax deduction that parents can claim on income taxes.
- Increase to activity fees, i.e. field trips, by 5% (Admission & transportation).
- Outdoor Camping trip – larger increase to cover costs. Assume of 30 students attending.
- All fees are cost recovery only
- New fees – Cross Country Elementary, Badminton, Improvaganza
- Some fees have new names for clarity
- If actual fees come in lower, the charge will reflect that lower price.
- March 20 – due date for Fee schedule. If any changes due to provincial budget coming out, they will be communicated at March Parent Council meeting.

New Business

- a. Letter to MLA template available www.teachers.ab.ca to share any concerns

Next Meeting

- March 10 @ 6:30pm, Lakeland Ridge School Library. Childcare will be available.
- Motion to adjourn Parent Council meeting was made at 7:13 and was passed unanimously.

Contact Parent Council

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