



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday April 13, 2021 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Mr. MacKay, Assistant Principal (Elementary)	• Theresa Guthrie, Vice-Chair (unavailable)
• Ms. Kerr, Assistant Principal (Jr High)	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Parents (3)

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept April Agenda as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Kerri Holmes. Carried.
- The Minutes for March were reviewed; motion to accept made by April Childs. and seconded by Teresa Bladon. Carried.

Reports

a. EIPS Board Trustee

- Welcome Trustee Jim Seutter. Trustee presented his report. Refer to the full [Trustee Report on the school website](#). Board meetings are always available [online](#).
- Board meetings typically open to the public; with COVID-19 protocols, it is now accessible via [EIPS YouTube channel](#) to listen in.
- Budget discussions ongoing
- No new technology fee planned for upcoming year. More information on purpose and scope required before any fee can occur. Stakeholder engagement strategy has not been discussed yet.
- K-6 Draft curriculum in review; EIPS will not be volunteering to pilot this program, as was determined even before curriculum was released. This was in part because of the disruptions the Pandemic has created the last two school years. They will be submitting feedback, however.
- EIPS survey to give school district feedback: <https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/have-your-say-the-2021-eips-parent-survey-is-now-open>
- Provincial survey for grades 4 and 7; parents with students in those grades have been provided this survey link through Messenger (Alberta Assurance Survey).
- Discussion about junior high honors program; no stats on how strategy worked. Trustee Seutter will discuss at Board level and will bring back information for next meeting.

b. Administration Report

1. COVID-19 –COVID-19 cases continue rise and many cases are variants. We continue to remind staff and students daily about proper sanitizing and about following all protocols. There are currently no cases at Lakeland Ridge.

2. Report Cards – Were available online through PowerSchool March 19th.

3. Enrollment / Budget Update

- Since our School Council meeting in March most numbers have stayed relatively the same. However, the number of students expected for grade 7 has changed from 119 to 103. Some new students registered, and some will be going to other schools.
- Of these 19 that are not coming to LLR, 6 are going to SWH due to siblings being there or for Logos, 4 to FRH, 6 to CLB, 1 SCA, and 2 are moving (1 to AJS and 1 out of EIPS). This may impact the number of classes that we have at grade 7.
- Once schools get their budgets on April 23, we will be able begin to solidify the number of classes at each level. More information will be provided at our next School Council meeting on May 11.

Grade	2021-22 (Registered)
K	50
1	42
2	51
3	51
4	66
5	89
6	89
7	103 (Projected was 119)
8	132
9	116
Elementary (K-6)	436
Junior High (7-9)	350
Total Enrolment	789 (Projected 800)

4. New Draft Curriculum – EIPS will not be piloting the draft curriculum.

5. Junior High Option Course Selections

- Last week both Mr. Huculak and Mr. McKay visited all of the grade 6, 7 and 8 classes and spoke with students about the junior high option selection process. Students were asked to spend some time with their parents/guardians to review the different courses and complete their option selections. The deadline to complete option selections is this Wednesday, April 14. Placement in options is not based on a first-come/ first-served basis, however students who submit their option selections after the deadline may be given less consideration. Information was also sent out via School Messenger.
- Last year, we made a few changes to ensure we had several no cost or low-cost options for families. We also made field trips optional for students, allowing families to opt out of the field trip fee. Students will still be expected to attend school those days and work will be provided. We maintained these changes for the 2021-22 school year.
- Option selections are being completed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- We did have a couple of minor glitches but those have been ironed out.

6. PAS purchased 2 mobile charging carts and 72 Chromebooks for the school. We appreciate their support. Thank you to all Lakeland Ridge parents.

7. Professional Learning Day – May 7

- Continue work on Assessment
- Begin work on our SEP for next year

8. Year-End Celebrations (Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9)

- We will not be able to have large gatherings. Exploring several different options.
- Working with staff to ensure we recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments.
- Need to follow AHS and EIPS guidelines to ensure safety for all students and staff.
- More information to follow.

9. Parents Night with Dr. Alex Russell - Free for All Parents

Topic: Keeping them Safe while Helping them Grow:

Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times

Date: April 21

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams Live Event

Dr. Russell will offer a fresh perspective on raising self-reliant, motivated children, ready to take on the world. This session will give parents the tools to:

- Understand parent-child dynamics
- Resist the pressure to over-parent
- Build trusting relationships with teachers and school administration so they can play an effective role in your child's life

- Understand problems such as ADHD, anxiety, and substance abuse
- Embrace failing as learning, not parental incompetence
- Enact common-sense strategies for parents worn out from worrying about their kids and their future.

Teams Link: <https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

10. School Hat Policy

- We have decided to change our school rule regarding hats. Up until now, students were permitted to only wear hats on Early Dismissal days or days when we had special events. Moving forward, students will be permitted to wear hats or headwear any day of the week. Students, however, will be expected to remove their hats when we sing O' Canada at the beginning of each week.

11. Gender Neutral Washrooms

- We have converted two single stall staff washrooms to gender neutral washrooms. This means that these washrooms can now be used by all students and staff. One washroom is on the main floor near the grade one classrooms and the other is located upstairs near the grade six classrooms.

12. Write-On Stationary

- The 2021-2022 [School Supply sheets](#) were sent home with your child. If you choose to participate and order your child's school supplies through Write-On Stationery, 10% of your total order will be returned to Lakeland Ridge School as a fundraiser.

13. Yearbook Reminder

- A reminder the final day to purchase a 2020-2021 yearbook is April 15 (if you have not yet done so). The yearbook will celebrate all of the events and accomplishments 2020-2021. In addition, we will be featuring academic award recipients. To order, go to the [Parent Portal](#) on PowerSchool, your child Student Account and Optional Fees tab and add "yearbook" to your cart. No late orders will be accepted.

14. 2021 EIPS Parent Survey - Now Open

- Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you about your experience with the Division and your school. Make sure to share your thoughts by completing the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey—open from April 6-20. [TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#) Survey closes April 20, 2021.
- *NOTE:* The survey is anonymous and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete Part A of the survey again.

15. Changes to the Accountability Pillar Survey

- In the spring of 2021 Alberta Education introduced a replacement to the traditional Accountability Pillar Survey for schools. New this year is the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. Similar in nature to the accountability pillar, this survey is designed to collect data from school families to help inform the province, school board, and school as they make decisions for the future of education. Information on the survey may already be in your mailbox or is on its way. Families in grades 4 and 7 at Lakeland Ridge are asked to

participate. The survey provides an excellent opportunity for families, teachers, and students to provide input. The survey closes on April 23, 2021.

c. COSC Report

- Held last week, majority of meeting was about draft curriculum
- Recommend all school families review curriculum; [Curriculum Overview](#) and [Guiding Framework](#) summarize key changes. Concerns about lack of diversity, age appropriateness and lack of local content discussed.

Old Business

- a. N/A**

New Business

a. Draft K-6 Curriculum

- Discussed tools to provide to parents to support draft review, as size and scope of 500+ page document is daunting. Parent Council will provide these tools shortly.

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:30pm.
- Next PAS meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Contact Parent Council

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