



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday May 11, 2021 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Mr. MacKay, Assistant Principal (Elem.)	• Theresa Bladon, Vice-Chair
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• <i>Kerri Holmes, Secretary (Joel Holmes subbing)</i>
	• Parents (3)

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept May Agenda as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Joel Holmes. Carried.
- Approval of March Minutes tabled to September meeting.

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 - final approval on May 26th, then to provincial government. School fees approved on April 22nd meeting. Expect Covid expenditures and learning loss funds. Funds for AC in portables in district, funds for home education. No change to transportation fees. Less funding from province and federal. \$201 MM reduced to \$196 MM budget.
- K-6 curriculum planned to be implemented in 2021-2022. Hope to speak to major concerns: content, inappropriate age content, resource development for teachers, professional development program for teachers.
- Trustee elections coming up, Trustee Seutter intending to run again.

b. Administration Report

1. Welcome

- Today is last School Council meeting of the year.

2. COVID-19

- One case the last week of April. This impacted about 230 individuals. They

will all be out of quarantine by May 11, 12 and 13.

3. Learning Update

- All K-12 students will be online until May 20 and are expected to return after the long weekend on Tuesday, May 25. The province will make the decision as to next steps.
- Handed out approximately 175 Chromebooks since on-line learning started
- Elementary Students – Every day, students log on to Brightspace select their scheduled subject—either language arts or mathematics.

Time	Activity
8:45 – 9:15	Whole-class literacy instruction (morning will be attendance taken)
9:15 – 11:15	Instruction and small group meet with students. Students may be assigned small groups by the teacher and a specific timeslot to meet have time to work on assignments.
1:00 – 1:30	Whole-class numeracy instruction (afternoon attendance will be taken)
1:30 – 3:00	Instruction and small group meet with students. Students may be assigned small groups by the teacher and a specific timeslot to meet have time to work on assignments.

- Junior High students are logging on to Brightspace as well. They are following the bell schedule.

4. Junior High Options Update

- Students completed their option selections.
- Currently working on junior high staffing and determining option courses being offered.
- Not offering Band in grade 7, 8 or 9 due to extreme low interest.
- Low number in French, but will run FSL at grade 7, 8 and 9.

5. Junior High Awards

- Awards will be held virtually on Monday June 21(time TBD).
- Students will receive certificates for Merit, Honors and Honors with Distinction
- Certificates for top students in each of the 5 core subjects will still be awarded
- Certificates for students in complementary courses will be awarded

6. Final Exams

- Lakeland Ridge will be moving forward with a final exam week. Exam week will run from June 22-25. Students will be writing common exams developed by EIPS and in grade 9 common exams developed by their teachers will be administered.
 - Tuesday June 22 – Language Arts AM / Social Prep in PM
 - Wednesday June 23 – Social AM / Science Prep in PM
 - Thursday June 24 – Science AM / Math Prep in PM

- Friday June 25 – Math AM

7. Year-End Celebrations

- ECS – Mrs. Biermann will be sending out information to families.
- Grade 6 – We celebrate the completion of grade 6 for our students. There is nothing formal, but in non-COVID years, students would have a party, picnic, or play games. Teachers are working on a plan for this year. Not sure what will be allowed but there will be a keepsake for grade 6s.
- Grade 9 – Our Grade 9 Farewell is scheduled for Friday June 18th. Not being able to see into the future and what the restriction will be at the time of our farewell we have planned to farewell the kids in their cohorts. What this will look like is all the kids in class 9-1, 9-2, 9-3 will meet in the gym at a designated time. At this time, the students will be called to receive their certificates, take pictures, and watch a short video/slideshow specific to their class. While this is going on the other two grade 9 classes will be in a classroom hopefully watching the proceedings online so they can see their friends in other classes. The entire ceremony for all classes will be recorded and a link will be shared with parents to watch with their families. We encourage the kids to dress up, but please nothing too extravagant. Students will receive a keepsake from the event. We need to ensure we are following COVID-19 protocols.

8. Parent Survey Results

- Thank you to parents for completing the EIPS survey. The results will be posted online in mid to late June.

9. Virtual Information Nights

- Kindergarten - Tuesday, May 25 @ 6:30pm (Information to follow)
- Junior High - Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:30pm (Information to follow)

10. Staffing Update

- Mrs. Stephanie MacNutt returned after Spring Break as our school Counselor. Mrs. Smith was with us from September until Spring Break.
- Ms. Jennifer Ference is returning to Lakeland Ridge in her role as Assistant Principal for the 2021-22 school year. She was seconded this year to assist with the Out of School learners.
- Ms. Kerr has accepted the Assistant Principal position at Pine Street Elementary. This AP position has been posted and closed yesterday. Once it is filled, the successful candidate will be announced.
- Dori Li is taking a Leave of Absence for one year.
- Kali Hale extending maternity leave.

11. Enrollment/Budget

- Jeff submitted the budget on April 29.
- School is receiving a bit less than last year, but the amount is similar, less the extra money we received from the Federal government. This year, the school used the federal money to hire an extra teacher to reduce class sizes in grade 3, hired 3 Educational Assistants and topped up the school's counselor time. That money is no longer there next year. Within the 2021-22 budget:

- Social / Emotional Support Allocation of about \$20 000 (this is part of budget – not additional funding). Planning to increase counselling time from 0.5 FTE (half-time) to about 0.72 FTE.
- Focus on Learning Loss Allocation of about \$ 23 000 (this is part of budget – not additional funding). As always, Jeff is looking at best way to support students
- Our enrollment from next year has fluctuated a bit. Currently at 787 students. Expecting 103 students in grade 7, instead of about 120. Most likely run 3 classes of grade 7, instead of 4. Class sizes will be about 34 or 35 in grade 7.
- Planning on 3 sections of grade 4. Class sizes will be about 22, instead of 33. Much better for our kids and teachers.
- Classroom Configuration & School Staff for 2021-22 –currently in the process of organizing classes for next year. In the past few years, we have taken teacher requests however, last year we received over 240 requests. This year we are only taking requests if there are “extenuating circumstances” or “educational reasons” – not friend requests. Administration, counsellor & teachers work extremely hard preparing and organizing classes for next year to ensure your student’s success. Grade group teachers will be meeting as a team with teachers of the following grade to plan class lists based on their collective knowledge of the student’s needs. Teacher assignments and class configurations will be announced later. We are still working on staffing. Prior to the start of the school year, teachers will be contacting parents to let them know which class their child will be in.
- We are currently working on the junior high timetable and hope to have it ready near the end of June. Students will receive their timetables on or before the first day of school.

12. Thank you

- Parents – LLR staff thank you for all your work this year. We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate through tis pandemic.

c. COSC Report

- Reminder of care-giver sessions
- Superintendent – 98 active cases in EIPS (almost a week ago data)

Old Business

a. N/A

New Business

a. N/A

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 6:30pm.
- Next PAS meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

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