



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday January 11, 2022, 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Alexandra Candler, Assistant Principal (Grade Administrator for Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	• Teresa Bladon, Vice-Chair
• Kerri Williams, Assistant Principal (Grade Administrator for Grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8)	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Parents (2)

Welcome & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept January Agenda as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Annette Hubick. Carried.
- Approval of November Minutes as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Kerri Holmes. 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.
- Pandemic issues continue to create fluid situation. EIPS Guidelines available Messenger (email).
- Curriculum implementation has been revised and delayed for much of K-6. Jr and Sr adaptations have been paused as a result.
 - Ongoing concerns with remaining curriculum implementation are being discussed with the province.
- Division calendar survey now complete. 2170 responses from both staff and parents. Results and decision will happen at next board meeting on January 20. Over 90% of staff felt Fall break was important to keep. More parents also supported fall break this survey (over 60%); in the past it has been closer to 50-50.
 - Discussion about need for only K-3 teachers to require the additional PD days that were a significant factor for looking at the division calendar.

- Not yet determined if this would be a one year interim calendar or if it would be a 2023+ calendar.
- Returning student registration will begin end of January to plan for the next school year.
- [Stakeholder Confidence Survey](#) is open.

b. Administration Report

1. Welcome Back and Happy New year! I hope each of you enjoyed the Christmas break. Thank you for treats and to PAS for paying half of our Christmas lunch.

2. COVID-19 Update

- Student Attendance (Monday 107 away – 40 due to illness) Tuesday (122 away – 60 due to illness). Some staff away for various reasons. Right now, manageable. Wait and see.
- Education Minister extended the break. Staff were in the building Jan 5-7 preparing an planning.
- Information was sent out to families on Sunday with changes to the EIPS Operational Guidelines for 2021-22. A couple of the major changes include:
 - **Reporting (page 5):** AHS no longer has the capacity to inform schools or school divisions about individual COVID-19 cases. As such, and because of the widespread community transmission of the Omicron virus, schools no longer notify families when a COVID-19 case is reported at a school. Instead, schools report illness absenteeism to AHS. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who tests positive is asked to notify the school or Division to ensure the proper reporting and public-health protocols
 - **Isolation requirements (page 5)**
The province recently made changes to isolation requirements for those who test positive for COVID-19. For those fully vaccinated, isolate for five days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. After the five-day isolation, always wear a mask for another five days when around others. For those unvaccinated, isolate for 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. Regardless of vaccination status and test results, it's imperative individuals stay home if experiencing any [COVID-19 symptoms](#) until they resolve.
 - **At-home rapid tests and mask use (pages 6-7):**
The province is supplying all students and staff with 10 rapid tests and medical-grade masks. We do not have these yet. Once we get them, we will need to sort them and then we will distribute them – hopefully next week sometime but it depends on when we get the supplies. Medical-grade masks are recommended for students and required, as the minimum standard, for all EIPS staff, contractors and volunteers.
 - **COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist (page 11-12):**
The province updated the [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#)—there were lots of updates made to the document. Please review the checklist every day before entering an EIPS building, school or bus. If you or your child answer “yes” to any of the questionnaire questions, stay home and follow its instructions.
 - **Large-group gatherings (page 15):**
Large-group gatherings—examinations, assemblies, convocations, performances, team activities, field trips and other social get-togethers—are determined on a case-by-case basis. I have spoken with teachers and all field trips in January are scheduled to take place. I am not sure about the ski trip in February.

- At the current time, schools are limiting gatherings to avoid the mixing of students and cohorts as much as possible. As such, assemblies; celebratory events; and extracurricular sports, intramural, interschool and performance activities are temporarily suspended. When COVID-19 case counts stabilize, these activities will resume. This means no basketball or rehearsals for Matilda.
 - **Preparing for potential shifts to at-home learning (page 20)**
With the rise in COVID-19 cases, it's possible schools will face operational challenges that impact learning continuity for students. If that happens, a school may decide to transition a class or grade group to temporary online learning—for a 10-day period—similar to temporary online learning in 2020-21. We hope this does not happen, but we are prepared to pivot if need be.
 - We reviewed our protocols with students Monday when they returned. Information was also sent home to parents.
3. **Assurance Review (Formerly Results Review)** – Took Place on Friday, November 26 at 1:00pm via Zoom. Thank you to Teresa Bladon (School Council Vice-Chair) who attended from LLR. In attendance was:
- Mark Liguori (Superintendent)
 - Sandra Stoddard (Associate Superintendent)
 - Vice-Cahir Colleen Holowaychuk
 - Trustees Cathy Allen, Randy Footz. Jim Seutter, Jacqueline Shotbolt & Ralph Sorochan
 - Schools – Fort Saskatchewan Christian, Fultonvale, Mundare, SouthPointe & Lakeland Ridge
4. **Learning Disruption Funding**
- Grade 2s and 3s – Mrs. Brownlee is providing part-time literacy and numeracy intervention for some of our grade 2 and 3 students. Recently, the Government of Alberta released details about the “learning disruption funding” and allocated a per-student funding rate for students in grade 2 and 3 to receive literacy and numeracy support from a certificated staff member.
 - **Grade 1s** – Currently completing assessments. The province will distribute money to school boards and boards will send money to schools based on needs. We are unsure at this point when we will receive the funding or how much. More information to follow.
5. **Kindergarten and Returning Student Registration** – Lakeland Ridge School will have open boundaries for next year. All student registrations for the 2022-23 school year—including kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration—will take place online beginning Feb. 1, 2022. RSR takes place Feb. 1-28. Current EIPS families will receive an email with the link to complete the Returning Student Registration Form available through the PowerSchool. Please visit the EIPS website for additional information.
6. **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** – February 16 & 17. Information will be sent home in early February.

7. **EIPS Year in Review Stakeholder Confidence Survey** – Closes January 18. EIPS will use this information to guide future decision making. Allows a voice to all stakeholders. Link is on EIPS website or can be found in our Smore (weekly update).
8. **Alberta Education Assurance Surveys**– As an annual check-up on the education system, the Assurance Surveys provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. We expect these to come out end of January or February.
 - Parents of students in grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
 - Students in grades 4 and 7, as well as all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.
9. **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. All fees are "cost recovery", meaning that the school does not make money from supervision or field trip fees. Fees can be found on our school website under “About” and then clicking “Fees.” Here is the link. <https://www.lakelandridge.ca/about/fees>

10. Upcoming Dates

Jan 12:	Twin Day and Cash for Care
Jan 15:	Drama Bottle Drive 12-4pm
Jan. 31:	PL Day: No School
Feb. 1:	Semester 2 Begins
Feb 3:	Sunridge Ski Trip (Gr. 4, 5, 6 & 7) TBD
Feb 8:	PAS Meeting 6:30. School Council 7:30pm
Feb 10 & 11:	Teacher's Convention (No School)
Feb 16 & 17:	Parent Teacher Interviews
Feb 21:	Family Day (No School)

Old Business

- a. N/A

New Business

1. **School Fees**

- Discussion how parents perceive fees; appropriate (manageable), too high (would rather pay less and have student do a simpler project or less supervision at lunch for example), or insufficient (would rather pay more to get more and do a more involved project or more supervision at lunch)
- Materials will be shared on our website (<https://www.lakelandridge.ca/download/345261>) for your review, and an email address provided so you can submit a written response.
- School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2022-23, which will then be shared at the March school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

- Parents discussed inflation, transportation costs, creativity in utilizing reciprocal use facilities. Overall parents feel fees are appropriate and manageable.

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 (PAS meeting will be 6:30pm)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

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