



# MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

*Tuesday February 8, 2022, 7:00pm | 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 (4)

## Welcome & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

## Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept February Agenda as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Sheri Staigh. Carried.
- Approval of January Minutes as presented made by April Childs. 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.
- Public Health changes specific to COVID-19 were announced at 5pm; EIPS is digesting this information and will provide an update to schools ASAP.
- 4-year education plan underway; Division Mission, Beliefs and Priorities will be submitted to province in May
- Student Conference for grades 7-12 in April in planning stage
- Re-registration for 2022-2023 are underway. Closes February 28. Lakeland Ridge is listed as a closed boundary school but it is an open school.
- School Calendar 2022-2023 has been approved; like current structure
- Budget process underway
- High school open houses for Grade 9 students in progress

## **b. Administration Report**

1. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – 3 Days – February 15, 16 and 17. Parents are encouraged to book conferences and/or reach out to their child’s teachers if they have any questions. Choice of Video or phone call.
2. Teachers Convention – February 10 and 11 (No Classes for students)
3. March 4 will be a Professional Learning Day.
  - Classified Staff – Lots of sessions that are geared toward staff (mostly virtual).
  - Teaching Staff
    - Elementary teachers looking at New Curriculum and collaboration time
    - Junior High teachers – Sessions related to subject area and collaboration time
4. Alberta Education Surveys – Surveys are sent to parents with children in grade 4, 7 and 10. Students in these grades complete surveys along with all teachers. Have not received information about that yet. Stay tuned.
5. 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. 28. Lakeland Ridge School will have open boundaries for next year. Students in grade 7 and 8 can also apply to honors program being offered at Sherwood Heights and FR Haythorne.
6. 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 information about the 2021-22 school fees and let parents know that we would be discussing school fees at our January 11 School Council meeting.
  - January School Council meeting – School fees were discussed
  - In March, I will present our proposed fees and answer any questions you may have.
  - We may add some additional courses which would have fees. Still working on this.
  - 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.
7. Random Acts of Kindness Day - Feb. 17
8. Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 23. 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.
9. Parent presentations being offered in February and March. We will open it up to all parents across EIPS. No charge. Virtual. More information to come shortly.

10. Learning Disruption Funding – The government provided funding to school Divisions for Grade 2s and 3s that need additional support for Literacy and Numeracy. We expect to learn more information about Grade 1 funding soon. Today, Mrs. Brownlee will share some information about the work she has been doing.

- Crystal Brownlee, Learning Disruption Teacher, discussed the added interventions she provides to students identified in the bottom 25<sup>th</sup> percentile as per the literacy and numeracy scoring done through the province. This is in response to the Pandemic and resulting learning disruptions.
- fifteen Grade 3 students, twenty-two Grade 2 students in numeracy
- eleven Grade 2 students, ten Grade 3 students in literacy
- Meet twice in the six-day cycle
- Assessments done approximately every 4 weeks to adjust groups based on ability and progressions
- There were no questions from the parents about the Learning Disruption program

**c. COSC Report**

- Meeting was last week
- Government gave \$1M to school councils in form of \$500 grants for each school council. Must be used for parent engagement, workshops or other prescribed activities. If money is not used it returns to the province. COSC is looking to pool money and bring in a guest speaker (Dr. Jody Carrington). All EIPS parents would be able to attend. Request from COSC to LLR Parent Council to allocate LLR money to this initiative.
- *Motion to allocate \$500 provincial grant from COSC to go towards pooling resources with other members of COSC. Seconded by Sheri Staigh. All in favor. Carried.*
- Feedback on new curriculum still open; virtual stakeholder engagement sessions also available.

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Old Business

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a. N/A

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New Business

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**1. Icy Sidewalks around school**

- Immediate sidewalks are responsibility of the school (custodial staff)
- All other sidewalks are County property; LLR has contacted the County for ice management
- EIPS has third-party contract for parking lot maintenance

**2. 2023 – 2024 Calendar Discussion**

- Potential to go to three-day Fall Break
- Question was asked of when teachers will hold staff meetings as they are currently on early dismissal first Wednesday of the month and early dismissal is proposed to go away. Dependent on the final model selected.
- Question was asked of the trustee on rationale for education assistants having less professional development opportunities. Board has not discussed this officially but Trustee Seutter and Mr. Huculak will bring this to the Board.

- Report available [here \(Item 14, page 42 of Board Agenda Pkg\)](#)

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## Adjournment

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- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 6:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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## Contact Parent Council

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