



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday April 12, 2023, 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

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| • Mr. Huculak, Principal | • April Childs, Chair |
| • Alexandra Candler, Assistant Principal | • Teresa Bladon, Vice-Chair (<i>scribing for Kerri</i>) |
| • Kerri Williams, Assistant Principal | • Kerri Holmes, Secretary |
| • Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee | • Parents (none) |

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.
- Welcome and thank you to all in attendance

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept April Agenda as presented made by Teresa. Seconded by April. Carried.
- Approval of February Minutes as presented made by April. Seconded by Teresa. 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; and accessible via [EIPS YouTube channel](#) to listen in.
- Logos Program for K-6 to be combined at Brentwood Elementary.
- Sherwood Heights plans prepared (will be three stories).
- Three Year Capital Plan – Ft. Sask & Vegreville are moving up in priority.
- Designated schools identified for new communities being built north of Highway 16.
- Budget submission will go to government in May. Can no longer have reserves.
- Changes to funding for student transportation: A shorter walk distance will qualify for funding next year (1 km vs. 2.4 km).
- French Immersion public engagement meetings happening this week.
- School viability report will be coming to the Board from Andrew.

b. Teacher's Report

1. Welcome Chantelle Robertson and Natalie Troup. Ms. Robertson and Ms. Troup presented their report:
 - Learning Disruption Funding 2023 (Natalie Troup)
 - Worked with 46 Grade 2, 3, and 4 students for 11 weeks
 - Literacy and Numeracy Intervention

- Focus was to address individualized learning needs
- Saw improvements in STAR reading assessment
- 98% said the small group intervention helped them with reading and math.
- The things they enjoyed the most:
 - 1) Spending time together
 - 2) The games
 - 3) Getting to talk
 - **the “laughs”
- Question: Is funding still required for this (learning disruption)? Yes, there is absolutely still a need. A challenge is that there is often not a lot of advance notice provided for the funding, so it can be a scramble to get staff/resources in place.
- Young Author’s Conference
 - 16 students ranging from grades 4-9 representing LLR
 - Saturday, April 15th at FR Haythorne school from 8:30 to 3:15
 - Students can bring money to purchase books from some of the authors and illustrators. Following the final sessions there will be an autographing session
 - Some of the presenters include: Gord Steinke, Sigmund Brouwer, Marty Chan and Jacqueline Guest.

c. Administrative Report

1. Welcome

- Thank you for your gift of time today.

2. High School Musical

- Congratulations to all students and staff involved in this year’s Production, High School Musical. Under the direction of Ms. Dahl and her team, students worked on this production the last 5 months – about 2 to 3 times a week and on Saturdays. Wolves Drama put on 4 matinees and 8 evening performances, for a total of 12 shows in only 4 days. Congratulations to everyone involved!
- Thank you to PAS for providing some financial assistance for our program. It was a big help.
- Thank you to Trustee Seutter for attending.

3. Report Cards

- K-9 report cards were available online through PowerSchool March 17.

4. Staffing Update

- Scott Bennett returned from his leave last week. He is making a gradual return. John Hatfield will continue to teach some of Scott’s classes.
- Jaylin Starko is taking over Kali Beecroft’s class 6-1. She began last week.
- Jodi Elgie will be working with our Grade 1s who were identified as needing support with literacy and numeracy. Starts April 11 until June 9 in the afternoons.

5. Enrollment / Budget Update

| Grade | 2023-24 (Registered) |
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| K | 44 |
| 1 | 53 |
| 2 | 59 |
| 3 | 39 |
| 4 | 57 |
| 5 | 55 |
| 6 | 69 |
| 7 | 117 |
| 8 | 129 |
| 9 | 100 |
| Elementary (K-6) | 376 |
| Junior High (7-9) | 346 |
| Total Enrolment | 722 (Decrease of about 55 students) |

Considerations for next year include:

- 2 Grade 2 Classes (24 students each)
- 1 Combined Grade 2/3 Class (23 students)
- 1 Grade 3 Class (26 students)
- 2 Grade 6 Classes (34 and 35 students)

***Schools will receive budgets on April 28. Once we see the budget, we will be able to make key decisions about staffing and class sizes. Until then, we are not sure, but rather exploring several options.

6. Junior High Option Course Selections

- Last week Mrs. Candler visited the grade 6, 7 and 8 classes. The deadline to complete option selections is this Monday, May 1. 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 and can also be found on our website.

7. Learning Disruption Funding

- Grade 2, 3 and 4 – Mrs. Troup wrapped up her work with students before Spring Break. She will share some of her results.
- Grade 1s – The Division sent out information to families with students in Grade 1 last week. We have hired Jodi Elgie to provide intervention for students in literacy and math. She began today and will wrap up the interventions support on June 9.

8. Junior High Information Evening is on April 26 – 6:30pm
9. Kindergarten Information Evening is on May 3 – 6:30pm
10. Student Voice – Introduced a format to encourage Student Voice. Now that we are on the other side of COVID, it's a great time to introduce something like this. School administration met with kindergarten classes and then representatives from each of the three divisions Grades 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Students were asked 3 questions:
 - Share what they love about LLR
 - Share what they don't like
 - Share what they would like to see different?
 - We will be looking at this information and sharing it with staff.
 - Jeff shared some of the input with parents.
11. Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to take part in a Wake-a-thon on Friday, April 28 as part of their Grade 9 Farewell activities. Students are wanting to give back to our community and fundraise for the Stollery Hospital as part of the event. Although the wake-a-thon is only for Grade 9 students, there are two ways families can get involved and donate. The first is by bringing your empty bottles to school after school on April 28 and donating to our Bottle Drive. We will have a trailer set up at school to collect any empty bottles. The other way is to donate money directly to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. The link is now open and can be found here:
<https://stollerysuperstars.crowdchange.ca/wakeathon>. All proceeds will be benefiting the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. There is no cost for students to attend. Students are asked to bring a labelled water bottle and a potluck item to share or snack on. The school will provide a midnight snack and a light breakfast. Information will go out to all families later this week. A paper flyer will be sent home to grade 9s and as separate form home to all other students at LLR. Start saving your empties or go online to donate now.
 - Jeff showed the link on the school website.
12. Professional Learning Day – May 5
13. Year-End Celebrations (Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9)
 - Information will be coming out shortly for these events. Stay tuned. We are planning in-person events 😊. We will be asking PAS for \$500 for Grade 6 and \$750 for Grade 9 Celebrations.
14. Grade 9 Farewell and Awards – June 16 at 7:00pm
15. Junior High Awards – June 19 at 1:30pm
16. We have one more School Council meeting left in May. We will have our PAS meeting at 7:30pm following our School Council meeting. We appreciate all that you do for our school.

d. COSC Report

- The David Irvine session will be held virtually at 7 p.m. on April 19. Information has gone out through the school S'more. Plan to put up a poster for the event on the front doors of the school.
- With the election approaching, EIPS created a "Talking Points" resource, with suggested questions for MLA candidates. April shared a copy of the document with meeting participants. "We stand for public education" window posters from the Alberta Teacher's Association were also available for meeting participants.
- EIPS plans to hold public forums in advance of the election (TBD).
- Caregiver Series continues: <https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/parentsupport/>

Old Business

1. School Fees

- Information went to families in December, and was discussed in January and February School Council meetings. Did not receive any feedback from families outside of School Council.

New Business

1. Possibility to provide information about School Council and PAS at information nights (potentially include speaker from School Council/PAS).
2. Some schools attach School Council to other events that are happening (e.g., meet the staff or parent teacher interviews).
3. Other feedback: Liked having the course fees available on the options selection platform.

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 6:30pm
- Next PAS meeting Tuesday May 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

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