



# MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

*Tuesday Sept 12, 2023, 5:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair*

## In Attendance

• Jeff Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Alexandra Candler, Assistant Principal	• Theresa Bladon, Vice-Chair
• Kerri Williams, Assistant Principal	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Parents (2)

## Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.
- Welcome and thank you to last years and still current School Council executive (listed above).
- Mr. Huculak explained school council positions, bylaws, descriptions and election process (available at <https://www.lakelandridge.ca/parents/school-council>).

## School Council Executive Elections

**Parent Council elections were held for the 2023 – 2024 school year:**

- **Chair:** April Childs nominated for Chair by Theresa Bladon; all in favor. Elected.
- **Vice Chair:** Theresa Bladon nominated for Vice Chair from April Childs; all in favor. Elected.
- **Secretary:** Kerri Holmes and Joel Holmes (alternate) have let her name stand for this position for the 2022-2023 school year. All in favor. Elected.

## Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept September Agenda as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Theresa Bladon. Carried.
- Motion to approve the May Minutes as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Theresa 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](#).
- Chair Trina Boymook has stepped aside after 10 years. She will remain as a Trustee; Kathy Allen was elected as Chair. Susan Miller elected as Vice-Chair.
- New superintendent has begun, along with new executive team.
- French immersion decision upcoming, specifically where to locate it. Initiative right now is to consider bringing it back to Sherwood Park. Timeline is 2026-2027

- Board meetings will be the third meeting of the month and open to the public

## **b. Teacher's Report**

*Chantelle Robertson provided the following update:*

- School picture day was today; had to do indoors due to rain
- Sept 12 – Meet the Teacher event
- Sept 14 Linking Generations student information session for Jr. High students
- Sept 18 – 19 Little Elk Island Adventure for Kindy's, plus school-wide bus evacuations; all students participate so they know what to do when riding bus on field trips
- Sept 22 – Terry Fox school run day
- Sept 25 – 26 Annual Wolf Run for Jr High
- Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day (Saturday)
- Oct 4 – Early dismissal
- Oct 5 – World Teachers Day
- Oct 6 – PD Day, no school

## **c. Administration Report**

*Jeff Huculak provided the following update:*

### **1. Start-Up**

*August 30 (Day before First Day of School)*

- *Grades 1-6 "Unpack your Backpack Event."*
  - *We invited all Grades 1-6 students and their families to school 1pm-2pm*
- *Junior High Orientation*
  - *All Grade 7s and any students in Grades 8 and 9 that were new to Lakeland Ridge from 2pm-3pm.*

*Great turn out for both. Lots of positive feedback.*

### **2. Staffing**

#### Staff Returning from Leave

- *Kali Beecroft (Grade 3)*
- *Mandy Chapman (Junior High Math 8 and Social 8)*
- *Katie Kugler (Math 7, 8 and 9 and Science 8 and 9 and Health 7)*

#### New Staff

- *Tammy Marks - School Counselor (Tuesdays, Fridays, and alternating Wednesdays) – Sharing with Glen Allan*
- *Sydney Munsterman (Grade 6)*

**3. Student Enrollment**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elementary = 380</li> <li>○ Junior High = 351</li> </ul>	
<p>Kindergarten = 47 (24 &amp; 23)</p> <p>Grade 1 = 56 (28 &amp; 28)</p> <p>Grade 2 = 60</p> <p>Grade 3 = 38 (28 &amp; 29)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Grade 2 Classes (25 and 25)</li> <li>• 1 Combined Grade 2/3 (22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 Grade 2s/ 12 Grade 3s</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1 Grade 3 (26)</li> </ul> <p>Grade 4 = 56 (27 &amp; 29)</p> <p>Grade 5 = 55 (27 &amp; 28)</p> <p>Grade 6 = 68 (34 &amp; 34)</p>	<p>Grade 7 = 120 (29, 30, 30 &amp; 31)</p> <p>Grade 8 = 131 (32, 32, 33 &amp; 34)</p> <p>Grade 9 = 100 (33 x 33 &amp; 34)</p>
<p>Current Enrollment = 731 Students (We were projected to have 718)</p>	

- There was discussion about the need for a third teacher for the grade 6 group due to its large size again this year. Mr. Huculak and Trustee Seutter will take forward parent’s concerns and desire for a third teacher for this group to the EIPS Board for advocacy.

**4. School Education Plan Update**

Goal #1

SCHOOL GOAL:

*By identifying essential outcomes through scope and sequence and data analysis, staff will build capacity in numeracy. Growth will be reflected using teacher-awarded marks, common unit and final exams, STAR Math analysis, and PAT data.*

Goal # 2

*All students will demonstrate growth in common assessments administered throughout our reporting periods in December, March, and June, as a result of all staff incorporating a variety of literacy opportunities with a focus on small-group instruction.*

### Goal #3

*By strengthening connections, empathy, and relationships our school community will grow together in an inclusive and safe environment as demonstrated through school-wide initiatives, as well as the EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys for staff, students, and caregivers.*

*Our SEP can be found on our school website.*

#### **5. Student Voice**

- *Started last year.*
- *Great dialogue with students. Lots of great suggestions.*
- *One thing, students mentioned they like are Buddy classes.*
- *As such, all LLR class will be paired up with another (E.g., 7-3 with Class 1-2)*
- *We will have various activities throughout the year.*

#### **6. Reset Room (Grades 6-9 students)**

- *Started mid-way through last year as pilot project. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2-year pilot.*
- *Mr. Jap is the lead teacher for the Reset Room this year.*
- *The Reset Room is located upstairs and serves as a place for students to reset and return to learning.*

#### **7. Cash for Care & Theme Days**

- *Each Early Dismissal Day we will have a theme day. September's was "School Colour Day" and October's will be "PJ/Onesie Day". Theme Days for the year can be found on our calendar on our school website.*
- *Each year, Lakeland Ridge School selects a charity to fundraise for on early dismissal days. We call this fundraising, Cash-for-Care. This year's Cash-for-Care charity is Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC).*

*From their website:*

- 1) *Ronald McDonald House Charities® Alberta supports families seeking vital medical treatment for their seriously sick or injured child. Our warm, compassionate Houses provide a home-away-from-home for families who need to travel for medical reasons. When those families are experiencing one of life's most difficult times, we offer them the gift of togetherness.*
- 2) *Since the first Houses were built in Alberta in 1985, we have supported tens of thousands of families. Every year, thousands will stay at one of Alberta's Ronald McDonald Houses. These stays can last up to a few nights, or as long as several weeks or months at a time.*
- 3) *Each Ronald McDonald House has private family suites for families to rest. The Houses have open kitchens where families can sit down and share experiences over a homemade meal. The sense of community enables families to rely on each other and shore up strength.*
- 4) *Almost 70% of Canadian families live outside of a community with a children's hospital, meaning they will need to travel to access medical care. Ronald McDonald Houses save families millions of dollars*

*each year on accommodation, transportation, meals, laundry, parking, and more. Having a Ronald McDonald House close to a hospital in Alberta is an important part of family-centred care.*

- 5) *RMHC Alberta serves families largely from across the province, from almost 300 Albertan communities. From Wood Buffalo to Lethbridge, and Grande Prairie to Lloydminster, families come from all corners and corridors of Alberta to stay at a Ronald McDonald House.*

**Calgary:** 32 suites, open 1985

**Edmonton:** 38 suites, open 1985

**Red Deer:** 11 suites, open 2012

**Medicine Hat:** 6 suites, open 2020

*If you are interested in supporting RMHC through our Cash-for-Care fundraiser, you can send money with your child or donate items on early dismissal days or you can donate online. The link can be found on our website and depending on the size of your donation RMHC may issue you a tax receipt. Your child's teacher will ensure the money and items go to the office.*

## **8. Linking Generations & Grandparent Program**

- *Linking Generations is for our Junior High students.*
  - *Paired up with Chartwell Retirement Residence.*
  - *Representatives from LG will be coming to LLR on Sept. 14 to speak to junior high kids and explain the program.*
  - *Junior High students need to apply to get in. This year they have about 17 seniors, so will be looking for about 34 students.*
  - *First visit September 28*
  - *Lunch Hour 12:24 pm to 1:24 pm (Students dismissed from class around noon to eat before boarding the bus)*
  - *Depart for Chartwell Emerald Hills 12:30 pm, arrive to Chartwell at 12:35 pm*
  - *Linking Generations Visit 12:30 to 1:30 pm (60 minutes)*
  - *Students depart Chartwell Emerald Hills, bus leaves at 1:35 pm, arrive back to school at 1:35 pm (just after the start of Block 5*
  - *Meet 2x a month, with last visit end of April. Will visit about 16 teams this year.*
- *Grandparent Program*
  - *The Grandparent program pairs up independent seniors with classes in K-6.*
  - *10 schools in the program. There are about 70 seniors to place.*
  - *Seniors must volunteer at least 1.5 hours per month but can certainly do more.*
  - *Teachers were asked to apply if they are interested. So far, we know Mrs. McKay will have a couple of seniors working with her classes again this year. Still waiting to hear about others.*

## **9. Parent Teacher Student Conferences**

- *First Round will be held on Oct. 25 & 26*

a. N/A

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## New Business

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**a. LLR School Council Meeting Calendar**

- Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting @ 6:30pm, PAS meeting @ 7:30
- Remaining meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, final meeting

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## Adjournment

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- Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30pm
- Next PAS meeting Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

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## Contact Parent Council

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Website: <http://lakelandridge.ca/parent-info/school-council>