



# MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Action Society

*Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:34 pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair*

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## In Attendance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Cunningham, Principal</li><li>• Ms. Ortigosa, Assistant Principal</li><li>• April Childs, Chair</li><li>• Catherine Martin, Vice-Chair</li><li>• Trina Burgess, Treasurer</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teresa Bladon, Secretary</li><li>• Kristine Haug, Director at Large</li><li>• Ashley Koop, Director at Large</li><li>• Parents (0)</li></ul> |
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## Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

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- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

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## Agenda & Approval of Minutes

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- Motion to accept April Agenda, with the following revisions, made by Teresa Bladon, seconded by Kristine Haug. Carried.
  - Revision of meeting date and time to reflect current date.
  - Revision to approve March minutes rather than January minutes.
- Motion to accept March 2025 Minutes as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Kristine Haug. Carried.

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## Financial Report

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- As per March 2025 Minutes, Casino account balance was \$21,802.11 (no changes since March).
- Cheque from Healthy Hunger for January Hot Lunch came addressed to school. Chair to continue to discuss a resolution with school administration.
- Reviewed amounts already approved and paid for Grade 6 and Grade 9 farewells and for Christmas lunch for staff.
- March Hot Lunch made approximately \$371 for PAS.

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## Old Business

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### a. Hot Lunch Report

- April Childs provided hot lunch report.
- March hot lunch complete. Next hot lunch scheduled for April 15. Possibly one more hot lunch to be scheduled for this school year in May or June.
- Hot lunch coordinator and administration will work together to ensure enough volunteers, using leadership students to help with distribution.

## b. Casino funds

### Discussion

- Review and discussion of ideas for Casino funds that were brought forward to the March PAS meeting, as per March Minutes:
  - Library shelving – Two additional mobile shelves would be desirable. New mobile shelves have adjustable shelves. \$1460 + tax each, for a total of \$3066.00 for two new mobile shelves.
  - Swimming lessons – Two grade 3 teachers are interested. There is a request for PAS to support bussing, piloting with grade 3 next year. Mrs. Beacroft has looked into scheduling. Cost is \$110 for one trip for bussing, which would be about \$880 for one session (8 lessons), for one grade. Bus would fit two classes (e.g., all grade three students in 2025/26 school year). This cost is based on this year's bussing costs. Lessons cost approximately \$50 for parents which is lower than the regular County cost. Families would have the choice to opt out; administration expects it would be a very low number of families that may opt out, and would make alternate arrangements for students who have opted out.
    - Costs for swimming would not be incurred until next school year (2025-26)
    - Preference is to use Casino funds for costs incurred this school year (2024-25).
  - Digital display – Cost is \$32,211.90. Screen is already purchased and installed in gathering area. Invoice has not yet been paid.
  - Microgreens vertical garden – Administration explored staff interest and there are no staff interested in supporting this initiative due to sustainability and additional work it would require on an ongoing basis.
    - Trina Burgess attended Connect for Food in County (Ardrossan). There is a group compiling resources for kids on growing food and the importance of connecting kids to the food ecosystem. Shared a resource on an animal education program.
  - Another idea brought forward by staff for future consideration is a stand-up freezer for Foods classes, at an approximate cost of \$1200. This item was not brought forward to the March PAS meeting where items were presented to consider for casino funding, so will be discussed as a potential funding item next school year.
- For Casino funds, cheques must be written directly to the provider. Special circumstances may allow cheques to go to school for reimbursement of costs.
- Some items require prior approval from the fund administrator. Furniture and electronics do not require prior approval from the fund.
- Any funds remaining in casino account after the current school year will be reviewed early in the 2025-26 school year, and potential expenditures discussed.

### Motions

- Motion to pay for 50% (\$16,105.95) of the Digital Display for the gathering area (Common Area LED Screen) with casino funds, with the school covering the remaining 50% of the cost of the digital display, made by Teresa Bladon. Seconded by Kristine Haug. All in favour. Carried.

- Motion to pay for two new mobile shelving units for the library at a cost of \$3,066.00 with casino funds made by Teresa Bladon. Seconded by Kristine Haug. All in favour. Carried.
- Motion to pay for bussing costs for the grade 3 pilot of swimming lessons through Strathcona County in the 2025-26 school year using funds from the PAS account made by Teresa Bladon. Seconded by Kristine Haug. All in favour. Carried.

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## New Business

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**a. None**

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## Adjournment

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- Next PAS meeting (AGM) will be held in October 2025, date and time to be determined
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

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