



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday February 9, 2021 7:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Mr. MacKay, Assistant Principal (Elementary)	• Theresa Guthrie, Vice-Chair (unavailable)
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
	• Parents (4)

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept February Agenda as presented with addition made by Teresa Bladon. Seconded by Kerri Holmes. Carried.
- The Minutes for January were reviewed; motion to accept made by Teresa Bladon. and seconded by April Childs. 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.
- Goal is to continue providing in-school learning, hence no extracurricular sports still etc.
- No more than 5% increase in school fees, and Board is hoping to do 0%
- Budget comes down Feb 25 from Province. Will be a difficult fiscal year. Decline in enrollment will impact on top of new funding formulas.
- Board is looking at presentation from Central Office about a potential technology fee charged to each student except for those who bring their own device. Fee amounts were not discussed, nor collection or distribution.
- 3-year capital plan to be submitted by April 2021; Sherwood Heights continues to be high priority. There has been some discussion of Campbelltown going into Sherwood Heights as a K-9 school, but no decisions have been made.
- Assurance Engagement Plan – new government requirement to provide assurance to stakeholders. Under development, will include Results Review. Surveys will be coming out shortly to parents and students.

b. Administration Report

1. **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** –Start today. 3 Days – February 9, 10 and 11. Parents are encouraged to book conferences and/or reach out to their child’s teachers if they have any questions.
2. **March 5 will be a Professional Learning Day.**
 - Still working on the plans for the day for staff. Staff will be onsite and will be meeting virtually with staff across EIPS.
3. **Accountability Pillar Surveys** – Alberta Education is working on getting these out but have not yet seen them. Usually, surveys are sent to parents with children in grade 4, 7 and 10. Students in these grades’ complete surveys along with all teachers.
4. **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 closed boundaries for next year.
5. **Budget** – Board Chair Trina Boymook sent out a letter to all EIPS families on Monday. In the letter she stated (Information taken directly from the letter):
 - In 2020, the province refined its funding model for education. When it did, it put in place bridge funding to help school jurisdictions offset any potential revenue reductions and accommodate enrolment growth over the next two school years. In the 2021-22 school year, that bridge funding drops by roughly 50 per cent (\$3.05 million)—provided the province maintains its \$8.2 billion commitment to education.
 - EIPS saw a marked decrease in the number of students registering. A number of families sought alternative education providers for their children during the pandemic.
 - Alberta Education changed how it calculates and funds enrolment. According to the government’s new *2020-21 Funding Manual*, the revenue school divisions receive is based on a three-year formula called a Weighted Moving Average, which essentially funds divisions based on actual and projected enrolment numbers:
 - 2019-20 actual enrolment (20 per cent)
 - 2020-21 estimated enrolment (30 per cent)
 - 2021-22 projected enrolment (50 per cent)

Alberta Education changed how it calculates and funds enrolment. EIPS’ enrolment declined by approximately 500 students. Because of that, the Division’s 2021-22 revenues will decrease, even if additional students enroll next year. To manage the decrease, EIPS will continue to look for efficiencies. However, the loss of funding will inevitably impact students through larger class sizes and programming changes.

6. **School Fees – Planning for next year has begun.**
 - In mid-December message sent to all families regarding school fees for the upcoming year. The message included the 2020-21 school fees and let parents know that we would be discussing school fees at our January 14 School Council meeting.
 - January School Council meeting – School fees were discussed
 - ***Fees are staying the same. There will be no increases.***
 - 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.

- Schools need to submit their fees to finance in March.

7. **Pink Shirt Day** is Wednesday, February 24. 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.

c. **COSC Report**

- Held first Wed of February
- AHS puts on Caregiver Education sessions. Free to support mental health for students and families. www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis are also still offering sessions. One branch is for those who are First Nations, Metis or Inuit; the other branch is for those looking to learn more about these cultures. Contact the school for more information.
- ASCA AGM coming up, www.albertaschoolcouncil.ca Look under Resolutions Preview Package (e.g. PUF funding reinstatement, technology requests to province). LLR Parent Council Chair will be attending. Virtual event open to the public. Please review resolutions and bring any feedback to next parent council meeting for Chair to bring forward. AGM is last weekend in April.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

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