

**Lakeland Ridge School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**



Attendance:

Dwight Dibben, Chair	Sheri Staigh	Dinene Yaniw
Andrea Cundliffe, Vice Chair	Jeff Moore	Jen Callicott
Amy Dieser, Secretary	Annette Hubick	Jessica Meldrum
Toni Januario, Treasurer	Joleena Funnell	
Dave Antymniuk, Principal		
Lynn Mekechuk, Assistant Principal		

The meeting was called to order by Dwight Dibben at 6:35 p.m.

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Introductions around the room.

2. Approval of/Additions to the January 2015 Minutes

Sheri Staigh made a motion to approve the January 2015 minutes. Second: Toni Januario. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of/Additions to the February 2015 Agenda

With no staff member able to attend tonight, Lynn Mekechuk will provide the staff update. Sheri Staigh made a motion to approve the amended February 2015 agenda. Second: Andrea Cundliffe. Carried unanimously.

4. Reports

Staff / Leader in Me Update, Lynn Mekechuk

- Parent, student, teacher conferences occurred in February and were well attended
- Pink shirt day on February 25th was successful. Saffron gave age appropriate presentations to an assembly of grades K-5 and then grade 6-9.
- Winners of the recent Play it Forward contest were announced at the assembly. Positive referral draws were also made.
- New staff members that have not yet had 7 Habits training will get that the week of March 2

School Administration Report, Dave Antymniuk

- Mr. Foley has been hired to cover Mrs. Wright's class until she returns
- The school is well into the process of setting junior high options for the 2015-16 year
 - Staff are currently able to propose new options
 - Registration forms will be sent home with students in April
- The boundary exemption process is underway and LLR is an open boundary school (with the exception of 2015-16 grades 3, 7, 9). All requests so far have been for kindergarten
- Administration has heard nothing further on any possible changes to the school budget (with respect to what is currently being reported in the media about provincial budget challenges).

EIPS Trustee Report, Dwight Dibben on behalf of Trina Boymook

- Trina was unable to attend but submitted a written report which was read
- Board met with Strathcona County officials Feb 3 to discuss the new K-9 school and the replacement of the Ardrossan school

- March 13 is the deadline for the boundary exemption process
- Board held workshops on Feb 12 and 13 to discuss their role with the superintendent
- Trustees toured 5 schools and the SAL transfer station on February 17. All remaining Sherwood Park and rural Strathcona County schools will be visited in 2015-16
- The EIPS Board is concerned about possible provincial budget changes. On average EIPS spend 95% of their budget on staffing (with some as high as 97%). EIPS is not expecting fewer students and the per student grant has not kept up with inflation. The budget is expected in late March; the Board will have working sessions in April on the budget. Parents are encouraged to speak to their MLAs if they have concerns on education funding

Parent Action Society Report, Daniell Witzke

- A letter will be going home March 3 for the next fundraiser (Mundare sausage). Pick-up will be April 16
- The next fundraiser will be Little Caesars in June
- The PAS is in desperate need of volunteers, not only for events but also to hold board positions. This is necessary to continue to keep PAS a registered society. Volunteers will be solicited using various methods:
 - March Howler
 - Letter home with each student attached to the Mundare order form
 - Using the parent distribution email list

LLR School Council Report, Dwight Dibben

- Dwight shared the highlights from the last COSC meeting:
 - The focus of the meeting was a ASCA seminar on Inspiring Education
 - Another division school has implemented a junior ATB branch. Annette has communicated this to school administration and teachers have been asked about interest to do something similar in LLR
- Dwight shared that the EIPS board is sponsoring a member of each School Council to attend the ASCA conference from April 24-26. Dwight is willing to attend on behalf of LLR, but if any other parents are interested please let Dwight know
- Dwight shared that he had been hearing concerns from parents about inclement weather impacting whether school busses are running.
- A parent question was asked about a possible joint purchase of Chromebooks. Based on the discussion that followed it was noted:
 - 60 chromebooks were purchased this year, but there still aren't enough
 - LLR is still considering the possibility of piloting Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for a few grades in 2015-16. Other schools have run into bandwidth issues.
 - The new EIPS superintendent is supportive of technology and the technology group now reports directly to him.
 - If the school / division decides to purchase more, parents would welcome the opportunity to get in on a group discount (even if their class is not BYOD)

5. New Business

School Council Bank Account Signing Authorities, Toni Januario

- With the change out of school council executive, Toni advised that the signing authorities on our account are no longer valid and need to be updated.
 - Toni made a motion to remove the signing authority of Anita Parker and Daniell Witzke as they no longer hold executive positions and add Dwight Dibben (Chair)

and Andrea Cundliffe (Vice Chair) to having authority. Second: Sheri Staigh.
Carried unanimously

Portable Classroom Discussion, Dwight Dibben

- Dwight updated that he received a letter back from the EIPS facilities that while they would commit to pay for the operation of air conditioning in the LLR grade 3/4 portables, they were not prepared, at this time, to contribute capital funds
- Further to this communication, at the last PAS meeting the society discussed possibly funding the air conditioning. PAS decided to purchase 3 thermometers for each classroom and monitor temperatures and temperature variations in the classrooms.
 - Based on the recorded readings there is a large temperature variation within the classrooms and actually some classrooms are very cold in the winter
 - During the discussion at PAS, it was also noted that Central controls the temperature in these classrooms so, if the thermostat reads differently than other spots in the room, the teacher has little flexibility to adjust it
- Dave updated that Calvin Wait (Facilities Director) had visited the school on Feb 23 and used an IR thermometer to measure the temperature at the registers and windows. It was noted that there is a negative air pressure inside the classrooms and that the air flow is constant
- The LLR portables were installed in 2006 (four) and 2008 (two) and standards have likely changed versus what would be installed today
- Facilities will be discussing with the HVAC experts to determine if there are items that should be addressed
- Daniell shared that she didn't believe that casino money could be used for air conditioning or upgrades for the portables
- Dwight will continue to discuss with Dave to understand what options Facilities proposes to address the situation. The issue appears to be bigger than air conditioning alone and we should understand the cause of the issues before deciding how to proceed

Agenda items to discuss the 2014 Christmas Concerts as well as the Elementary Report Cards were not covered due to lack of time.

2015-16 School Fees, Dave Antymniuk

- The 2015-16 school fees were distributed to those in attendance
- The main change discussed was the increase in noon supervision for elementary (\$85 to \$100) while junior high remains the same (\$50). A family rate of \$250 will also be in place for 2015-16
 - Elementary is a closed campus for lunch, whereas junior high can leave
 - The increase to elementary brings them on par with the rest of the division
 - Based on a parent request, Dave will look at if the junior high fee should also be changed so that the increase is shared across the grades.

6. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting is March 25 at 6:30 in the school library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Motion: Jen Callicott. Second: Sheri Staigh. Carried unanimously.