

**Lakeland Ridge School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**



Attendance:

Dwight Dibben, Chair	Heather Butt
Andrea Cundliffe, Vice Chair	Michelle Honer
Toni Januario, Treasurer	Sheri Staigh
Amy Dieser, Secretary	Jeff Moore
Dave Antymniuk, Principal	Corrine O'Neill
Lynn Mekechuk, Assistant Principal	Annette Hubick
Jeff Huculuk, Assistant Principal	Jessica Meldrum
Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair	

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 March and April 2015 Minutes**

Toni Januario made a motion to approve the March 2015 and April 2015 minutes. Second: Annette Hubick. Carried unanimously

**3. Approval of/Additions to the May 2015 Agenda**

Annette Hubick made a motion to approve the May 2015 agenda. Second: Jeff Moore. Carried unanimously.

**4. Reports**

**Staff / Leader in Me Update, Lynn Mekechuk**

- Junior high track meet was a success
- Tech Fair was held with App Savvy students showcasing to elementary students
- Friday May 29 will be the year end carnival
- Next week there will be lollipop sales
- The final weeks of school will be very busy with grade 3-6 sports day, grade 1-2 math day, finals and PATs
- Thank you to PAS for their \$500 donation towards grade 9 graduation
- In the final assembly before year end, the last positive referrals will be given

**School Administration Report, Dave Antymniuk**

- The administration at Holy Spirit has decided to keep Daisy Daycare and relocate it to the library (equipment will be stored and pulled out)
- No further information has been available on school budget impacts with the provincial government change
- Have lost a number of students for 2015-16 (currently have 735, but budget was for 756). The current plan is to proceed and make any necessary adjustments in the fall
- All school reserves are currently frozen; LLR is projecting very little reserve.

- Update on the Portable Classrooms was given by Jeff Huculuk:
  - Facilities has been in to monitor the temperatures and has issued a report
  - No further adjustments are planned until warmer months
  - Discussion ensued about how this can progress if neither the school nor Central will pay to resolve the problem. The classrooms are not conducive to learning, but other schools and even the upper floors of LLR are also problematic
  - School Council chair has received no reply to his second letter to Facilities
  - It is believed that empirical data is needed and that we should get Facilities to visit and do subsequent monitoring in June and September
- Have updated the phone system and bells are included in that system now

#### **EIPS Trustee Report, Trina Boymook**

- Board held a working session and restored \$1.5MM of funding for next year by accessing reserves. Not all grants were restored, but none of the money stays Central. The Board will wait for the June 29 meeting before voting on the budget
- Alberta Education announcement is that all growth funding will be supported.
- Wrapping up the study of having alternating full day kindergarten (150 responses). Data will be assessed before determining next steps
- Board continues to work with County on new school sites
- Appears there may be a delay in implementing the Education Act (by up to 2 years)
- Board Policy 20 (Assessment and Reporting) is being reviewed in June and may go to a public session
- A parent asked about why all of the projected budget deficit was not restored from the reserves? LLR did lose EA funding but is working to get some of that restored through Central funding. Decisions will be made this fall.

#### **Parent Action Society, Amy Dieser for Daniell Witzke**

- No update is available on the amount raised by Little Caesars
- PAS is currently focused on organizing the June 5 Family Movie Night fundraiser. Special thanks to all those that have stepped up as organizers, volunteers and to business that have donated towards the silent auction

#### **LLR School Council, Dwight Dibben**

- On behalf of LLR School Council, Dwight recently attended the ASCA AGM in Edmonton in April. Thank you to the EIPS Board for sponsoring his attendance

#### **5. Adjourned Business, Dwight Dibben**

- Due to lack of quorum in April, School Council executive met outside of a normal meeting to discuss sponsorship of a staff BBQ
- Annette made a motion to affirm that LLR School Council will sponsor up to \$750 for a June 17 staff appreciation BBQ. Second: Jeff Moore. Carried unanimously
- Special thanks to Heather Butt for organizing this event

#### **6. New Business, Dwight Dibben**

#### **2015-16 School Year Budget and Planning Update, Dave Antymniuk**

- There has been a loss of students for next year particularly at the grade 1 level (entering grade 2). Currently there are 58 grade 2 students enrolled and three classes are planned. Unless enrollment numbers change, three classes may not be sustainable as this cohort enters higher grades.

- The boundary exemption process has resulted in a net loss of 8 students. There may be a perception that, at the junior high level, not every option is offered and that athletics are not competitive
- No students requested grade 9 band. This is concerning and some parents suggested other options including: offering band sooner (grade 5/6 level), making band an option for only 1 semester instead of 2, offering choir, or offering specific music classes like rock band or guitar.
- Staffing Update for 2015-16: Mr. Kholenberg will be moving to Cloverbar Junior High, Mrs. Lundin is retiring, and Ms. Mekechuk is moving into teaching at Sherwood Heights. We wish them all well and will miss their contributions to Lakeland. In addition, there will be some staffing adjustments including Mr. Robertson moving to grade 5 and Mrs. Milton to Kindergarten.

**Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendment to LLR School Council Bylaws, Dwight Dibben**

- The current School Council Bylaws require a quorum of 12 people (2/3 being parents) to hold an official meeting. A quorum was not present at the April 2015 meeting
- Notice is given that, immediately following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2015, a meeting will be held to determine if the School Council Bylaws should be changed
- At the AGM in September 2015, all executive positions will be up for nomination and election

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment:**

The next meeting is September 30 at 6:30 in the school library. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion: Toni Januario. Second: Annette Hubick. Carried unanimously.