

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



Attendance:

Dwight Dibben, Chair	Sheri Staigh	Jada Doyle
Toni Januario, Treasurer	Jeff Moore	Jason Doyle
Amy Dieser, Secretary	Bruce Meldrum	Paula Bartlett
Karen Atkinson, Teacher	Heather Wilton	Daniell Witzke
Dave Antymniuk, Principal	Alain Dessureault	Lauree Lafrenieve
Lynn Mekechuk, Assistant Principal	Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair	

The meeting was called to order by Dwight Dibben at 6:30 p.m.

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Introductions around the room.

2. Approval of/Additions to the February 2015 Minutes

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

3. Approval of/Additions to the March 2015 Agenda

There was a parent request to add a discussion on Daisy Daycare to the agenda. It will be part of the School Administration report, but was also added to New Business as item (d). Sheri Staigh made a motion to approve the amended March 2015 agenda. Second: Toni Januario. Carried unanimously.

4. Reports

Staff / Leader in Me Update, Karen Atkinson

- Kellie Smith is working to form a Student Lighthouse Committee aligned to Leader in Me
- The recent drama production of Beauty and the Beast was a huge success. Special thanks to Mr. White and all staff that worked so hard to bring out the best performances in our kids.
- Term 2 report cards are coming out tomorrow, March 26, 2015
- Invitations are out for an April Volunteer lunch to be hosted at the school
- Pi Day was a big hit and \$105 was raised for the Cash 4 Care charities

School Administration Report, Dave Antymniuk

1. Portable Classroom Temperature

- Administration is continuing to work with facilities to address the temperature issue in the portables. All furnaces are normal, some changes have been made to address the air flow and teachers have been given a greater range of control. Data is still being collected and monitoring will continue as it warms up this spring.

2. School Fees

- Based on discussion at the February 2015 School Council meeting, Administration took another look at how lunch supervision fees will be adjusted for the 2015-16 calendar year. A flat rate per child and increasing as a fixed percentage were both investigated (considering that junior high can opt out).

- The original fees proposed for 2015-16 will stand - elementary \$100, junior high \$50, and a maximum of \$250 per family
3. Daisy Daycare
- Dave updated School Council that he had fielded a number of calls from parents that have children that are enrolled in Daisy Daycare (located in Holy Spirit). 43 students use this daycare and the majority of them attend LLR.
 - The daycare needs to move out of Holy Spirit because the space is needed by the school
 - Dave did consider if LLR could accommodate the daycare, but it cannot be housed within LLR on a sustainable basis
 - While Administration empathizes with parents that need this service, the priority for the school is instructional space and education funds cannot be used for private businesses. Since the daycare cannot be accommodated long term, LLR cannot be used to keep the daycare within the Trillium facility.

EIPS Trustee Report, Trina Boymook

- Trina updated that the boundary exemption process has concluded and the only open boundary school requiring a lottery was Wye school
- The board is looking for 2 community members to sit on the Audit Committee. Applications are due April 2 and further information is available on the EIPS website
- The provincial budget will be delivered tomorrow. April 7 has been set aside for the board to go through the budget and look at the impact and projections. A public Board meeting will then be held on April 14. Budgets are typically due to the Minister at the end of May
- On April 2 the Board will be meeting with the 3 MLAs that represent EIPS. It is expected that they will discuss the impact of the March 26 budget as well as the importance of preserving local school boards
- With April having National Volunteer Week, Trina passed along her thanks to everyone in attendance for their efforts to support LLR and public education in general

Parent Action Society Report, Daniell Witzke

- Mundare orders are being processed and a profit of ~ \$2,500 is expected. Well done!
- Terri A and Lisa L have agreed to organize hot lunch for 2015-16. Thanks ladies!
- Daniell is getting a good response on the volunteer forms that went home with the Mundare orders. She will be following up with potential volunteers shortly.
- Little Caesars is being planned for May/June
- PAS has approved a funding request for a camera to be used by students. A request has also been sent in to Lowe's for a grant for the fitness room
- PAS is looking at partnering with band parents on some upcoming fundraisers (with the money to be used to fund equipment)
- PAS is also still considering a Family Fun Night to be held this spring

LLR School Council Report, Dwight Dibben

- Dwight has written back to Scott McFayden about the portables. No reply has been received yet; the letter was sent March 6
- Dwight has offered to meet with the owner of Daisy Daycare
- Dwight shared the highlights of the 2 resolutions that will be voted on at the upcoming ASCA conference. One is on dual credits and the other on wifi in schools. How LLR School Council will vote on these will be discussed further at the April meeting.

5. New Business

2015 Christmas Concerts, Dave Antymniuk

- For the 2014-15 year, there were four concerts (K/1, 2/3, 4/5 and band)
- The school was once again close to reaching capacity in the gym, especially for the younger grades (Alberta fire regulations dictate how many people can be in the gym)
- While his preference is to keep the concerts in the school, Dave requested parent input on renting a facility (such as the SP Alliance Church) and having all concerts the same night outside the school
- Pros and cons of the various options were discussed – cost to rent a facility, length of the concert, families leaving after their children are done, possibility to do div 1 and 2 separately on the same night (and reseat after div 1 is done), SAL has the capacity to live feed the concert (great for families with grandparents out of town), keeping it at the school and limiting tickets to the event, etc.
- Dave will consider the various options. The School Council Distribution list may be used to survey parents for their preference.

Elementary Report Cards, Dave Antymniuk

- Dave shared the new proposed report card structure for elementary students
- The achievement scale will be 1 to 5 (instead of the current EPAL – excellent, proficient, acceptable, limited) and the language used is more user friendly
- Learner attributes will also still be reported (consistently, usually, inconsistently)
- Some schools will be piloting it next year (LLR is not one of them)
- The agreed upon categories will be consistent and there will be descriptors for each grade level
- It is possible the report card will be available through Power School. There will be hyperlinks inside the electronic version to take parents to the descriptors
- EIPS is taking feedback on the proposal through until the summer. Parents can access the presentation and the survey at the following link [Communicating Student Learning](#). The presentation and survey will also be sent out to the parent distribution email.

School Year Planning, Dave Antymniuk

- The boundary exemption process has concluded. All 6 students that applied for an exemption into kindergarten were accepted.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) will not be piloted at LLR in 2015-16. At the direction of the new superintendent, EIPS will be completing audits to ensure schools have the necessary infrastructure to accommodate BYOD (such as wifi, servers, switches, etc). Any pilot of BYOD would be the 2016-17 school year at the earliest.
- Dave is currently accepting requests for class placements for the 2015-16 school year

Other New Business, Dwight Dibben

- It was agreed that Daisy Daycare was covered in the Administration update
- A parent made a request that more information be provided on elementary clubs prior to sign-up / tryouts. This is to avoid having kids sign up and then not be able to attend if they have other activities on those days. It was suggested that a website be formed to explain all clubs as well as include the time/monetary requirement. Dave agreed to follow-up.

6. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting is April 29 at 6:30 in the school library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion: Toni Januario. Second: Sheri Staigh. Carried unanimously.