



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday November 14, 2023, 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by April Childs, Chair

In Attendance

• Mr. Huculak, Principal	• April Childs, Chair
• Crystal Brownlee, Acting Assistant Principal	• Teresa Bladon, Vice-Chair
• Kerri Williams, Assistant Principal	• Kerri Holmes, Secretary
• Jim Seutter, EIPS Board Trustee	• Parents (4)

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept November Agenda as presented made by Teresa Bladon. Seconded by Kathi Engel. Carried.
- Motion to approve the October Minutes as presented made by April Childs. Seconded by Teresa Bladon. 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 Highlights available online
- Attendance up 300 students in EIPS, which helps with budget
- Sherwood Heights replacement will begin construction Spring 2024
- Modular classroom applications in for Ardrossan, South Pointe; and demolishing one at Westboro
- French immersion parent engagement resulted in new ideas such as elementary all attending in one location in their attendance district and looking at where jr high are attending (no longer at Bev Facey).
- Jim Seutter will be stepping down November 30, due to relocation. Another trustee will be assigned to represent Lakeland Ridge until next election.

b. Teacher's Report

Chantelle Robertson provided the following update:

- Halloween was a great success; dance, games room, parade
- Grade 9 take kids to work day was well attended
- Remembrance Day ceremony was very meaningful and respectful

- Bullying Awareness Week
- Linking Generations visit – Grade 5s will get to participate
- Nov 21 – EIPS is hosting future post secondary career fair at Agora
- Informatin coming out about honours program
- Grade 9s going to Citadel
- Dec 1 Report Cards
- Dec 5 Christmas concert at 1pm and 7pm

c. Administration Report

Jeff Huculak provided the following update:

1. Congratulations to Mrs. Candler (one of LLR’s Assistant principals who is on maternity leave). She gave birth to a baby girl, Andrea Rae, on October 18.
2. Great first 4 months of the school year. So many wonderful things happening for kids. Lots going on.
3. Celebration and Pie Throwing Assembly – Took place on October 13.
 - Introduced sports teams.
 - Drama crew
 - Custodial staff
 - Talked about The Ronald McDonald House, which is our Cash for Care charity this year that we are supporting.
 - Finished off with about 13 staff getting pied in the face. It was a lot of fun.
4. School Photos – Currently with Life Touch. Exploring other vendors, including Edge and a few others.
5. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Took place October 25 and 26. Very good turn out.
6. Halloween Celebrations
 - Kindergarten – showed their costumes to Division one.
 - Grades 1to 6 – snake parade in morning. Elementary classes had a variety of activities in the afternoon. Lots of parents. Great to see.
 - Junior High – Costume competition followed by a dance and some alternate activities in the afternoon. The school handed out chips to all the junior high kids as a treat. The day was a lot of fun.
7. Remembrance Day – Ceremony on Friday, November 3. Mr. Huculak was out of town at a conference, so Mrs. Williams gave the address form school administration. Matthew Sibbald played the bagpipes.
8. Junior High Honours Program
 - Information sent out to families before the fall Break.
 - The [EIPS Junior High Honours program](#) is designed for students in grades 8 and 9 with high achievement in their core courses and who enjoy a challenging academic environment. Students enrolled in Junior High Honours are expected to complete 25

hours of community service in an area of passion and will be automatically enrolled in the “CTF: Enterprise and Innovation” option course.

- Students must have a minimum 80 per cent average in each of the four core subjects to be eligible to apply to the Junior High Honours program. Students who apply to the program will receive conditional acceptance based on their marks as of mid-January. Students must maintain their

honours standing on the year-end report card in June to receive final acceptance in the Honours program for the upcoming year.

- Applications for the 2024-25 Junior High Honours program will open in January 2024. Details about the application process and deadline will be shared with all current grades 7 and 8 families when it's available.
 - To learn more about the EIPS Junior High Honours program, plan to attend the upcoming virtual Junior High Honours Information Session on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00pm. The link can be found on our the EIPS or LLR website.
9. Report Cards will be published on Friday, December 1. Both Elementary and Junior High report cards will be on PowerSchool.
10. Christmas Concerts
- Grades 1-6 on Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm at The Park Church.
 - Afternoon concert at 1:00pm and evening concert at 7:00pm.
 - Families are encouraged to attend the afternoon concert, if possible, as this will take some of the pressure off seating for the evening performance.
 - "Best Seats in the House" – The school will once again be raffling off "Best Seats in the House." Tickets are \$2 each (Cash only) and can be purchased by completing a raffle form that was sent home with students. Forms can be returned to the school office with payment. Tickets can also be purchased from the office during school hours. All ticket orders and monies must be into the school by Thursday, November 30. Three winners will be drawn on Friday, December 1 and each winner will receive 4 front row tickets. Winners will be contacted by phone.
 - We will also be collecting donations (completely optional) at the door of the auditorium. Half the money raised from "Best Seats in the House" and donations will be split between the school to assist with bussing costs and the other half will be donated to the Strathcona Food Bank.
 - Kindergarten Celebration – Friday, December 15 from 1:30-3:30pm at LLR in Kona Gym for Groups A & B. Group B students attend school as regularly scheduled, while Group A students will come to school for a 1:15 drop off.
 - Musical portion where the kindergarten students will perform. The performance will be followed by crafts and snacks in the gym!
11. Alberta Education Assurance Survey Data vs The Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey (October 2023)
- Data collected from the Alberta Education Assurance Survey shows a decline in several measures. Specifically, regarding parental involvement, the percentage of teachers and parents satisfied overall with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education declined by 14.1%. Additionally, 53.5% of parents stated they were satisfied overall with the level of involvement they had in decisions about their child's education in 2023 compared to 72.5% in 2022, which is a decline of 19.0%.
 - School administration was surprised by the decline and as a result created a survey for Lakeland Ridge families to gather input regarding student citizenship, student supports, and parental involvement. The Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey (October 2023) also provided parents with an opportunity to record suggestions for enhancing our school community. Our Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey had 89 participants respond compared to 36 in the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. The responses affirmed that the strategies we have in place to strengthen connections, build empathy, and relationships within our school community to support an inclusive and safe learning environment are effective.
 - Examples where there were discrepancies between the Alberta Education Assurance Survey and the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey include the following:

- 72.0% of parents/caregivers reported that students treat each other well at their child’s school in the Alberta Education Assurance Survey, compared to 89.9% in the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey.
- 59.0% of parents/caregivers reported that they are very satisfied or satisfied with the opportunity to be involved in decisions about their child’s school and overall education in the Alberta Education Assurance Survey, compared to 92.1% in the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey.
- 38.0% of parents/caregivers reported that they are involved in decisions about their child’s school in the Alberta Education Assurance Survey, compared to 64.1% in the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey.
- 69.4% of parents/caregivers reported that in their opinion the quality of education that their child experienced at school improved, stayed the same, or declined in the past 3 years in the Alberta Education Assurance Survey, compared to 92.1% in the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey.
- Over the past few years, despite a concerted effort to provide opportunities for parents to be involved, we have had difficulty recruiting parents to key positions. There has been a decrease in the number of parents attending our School Council and Parent Action Society meetings as well as volunteers to run our hot lunch program. However, the comments from parents in the Lakeland Ridge Parent/Caregiver Survey were very positive. For example, one parent shared “We love Lakeland Ridge and the support and dedication that the staff have for the students. Thanks for letting the parents participate in this as much as possible, our kids absolutely love coming to school.” The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and parents that completed the survey felt there was plenty of opportunity to get involved.

12. PAT results are as follows:

School: 1221 Lakeland Ridge School

Provincial Achievement Test Results – Measure Details

PAT Course by Course Results by Number Enrolled.

		Results (In percentages)										Target	
		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2023	
		A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E
English Language Arts 6	School	96.8	33.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89.4	27.1	97.7	50.6		
	Authority	94.2	24.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	87.8	25.5	91.3	27.7		
	Province	83.2	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	76.1	18.9	76.2	18.4		
Mathematics 6	School	90.3	23.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	91.8	16.5	94.3	29.9		
	Authority	86.5	22.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.9	20.6	84.4	26.5		
	Province	72.5	15.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	64.1	12.6	65.4	15.9		
Science 6	School	95.7	51.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	91.8	28.2	90.8	46.0		
	Authority	88.3	44.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	87.7	37.2	83.8	34.9		
	Province	77.6	28.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	71.5	23.7	66.7	21.8		
Social Studies 6	School	93.5	46.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	87.1	29.4	92.0	47.1		
	Authority	87.4	35.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	81.6	27.9	79.5	28.6		
	Province	76.2	24.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	67.8	20.1	66.2	18.0		

English Language Arts 9	School	87.5	16.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.2	18.6	87.2	18.4		
	Authority	83.0	17.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	78.8	14.0	82.0	13.1		
	Province	75.1	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	69.6	12.9	71.4	13.4		
Mathematics 9	School	67.5	17.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	66.4	23.9	69.6	16.0		
	Authority	69.9	24.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	67.3	22.3	66.1	16.0		
	Province	60.0	19.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	53.0	16.7	54.4	13.5		
Science 9	School	88.8	26.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.2	30.1	80.0	15.2		
	Authority	84.7	33.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.6	31.6	77.2	24.0		
	Province	75.2	26.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	68.0	22.6	66.3	20.1		
Social Studies 9	School	78.8	21.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	67.3	21.2	73.6	13.6		
	Authority	77.5	26.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70.1	18.0	66.7	16.1		
	Province	68.7	20.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	60.8	17.2	58.4	15.9		

13. Alberta Education Assurance Review – Monday, November 27 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm at Southpointe School. Associate Superintendent Regan Johnson, and a few trustees will be participating in the Assurance Review.

- School administration and one parent representative from each of the following schools will be in attendance:
 - a. Fort Saskatchewan Christian
 - b. Fultonvale
 - c. Mundare
 - d. SouthPointe
 - e. Lakeland Ridge
- April Childs, our School Council Chair, will also be in attendance. Thank you, April.

14. Staffing Update:

- Lakeland Ridge will have a new principal effective January 2024. I have accepted the position of Executive Staff Officer, Teacher Employment Services with the Alberta Teachers' Association. I will remain in my role as principal of Lakeland Ridge until Christmas Break and will begin my new position with the ATA in the New Year. Once the new principal for LLR is selected, I will work with them to ensure a smooth transition. It has been an absolute honour being the principal at LLR for the last 5 years and I will truly miss all the students, staff, and families. I am very proud of everything that we have accomplished collectively during my time at LLR. I want to thank all of you for your dedication to our students and school community.

d. COSC Report

April Childs provided the following update:

- No update since last meeting

Old Business

- a. N/A

New Business

a. Parent Engagement Discussion

- Input requested from parents on how parents have been engaged by the school so she can share ideas at Assurance Review.
 - Extracurricular activities to get parents through the door (e.g. Crimson Drive Halloween) during non-instructional time
 - Field trips
 - Parent Council
 - Parent Action Society
 - Team sports
 - Drama production
 - School-wide assemblies
 - Unpack your backpack day (Before first day of school)
 - Meet the Teacher Barbeque
 - Math Games Night
 - Weekly S'More Update

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2023 @ 6:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Contact Parent Council

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Website: <http://lakelandridge.ca/parent-info/school-council>