



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday November 19, 2024, 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Teresa Bladon, Chair

In Attendance

Mr. Andy Cunningham, Principal	Teresa Bladon, Chair
Ms. Amaya Ortigosa, Assistant Principal	April Childs, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Chantelle Robertson, Teacher	Meagan Olive, Secretary
Don Irwin, EIPS Board Trustee (left at 6:50 pm)	Parents / Other Attendees: 2 in person (1 left at 6:50 pm)

Welcome, Agenda & Introductions

- The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept November Agenda as presented made by Tammy. Seconded by April. Carried.
- Motion to approve the September Minutes as presented made by April. Seconded by Teresa. Carried.

Reports

a. EIPS Board Trustee

- Refer to the attached report.

b. Teacher's Report

Chantelle Robertson provided the following update:

- Refer to the attached LLR School Report for detailed report and dates
- Full review of the celebrations and notable events held at the school since last council meeting
 - Teresa asked about scheduling for Indigenous Youth Ambassadors Club and if there is opportunity in future families to attend
 - Meagan asked if Water Testing event was sponsored and offered to volunteer in future years
- Upcoming and notable events and celebrations were reviewed

c. Administration Report

Amaya Ortigosa and Andy Cunningham provided the following update:

- Refer to the attached LLR School Report for detailed report and dates
- Assurance Review included a discussion on the school’s new initiative that is Wellness Wednesdays when the day is started with wellness movements and deep breathing.
 - Staff asked if there was awareness at home about this at home
 - Meagan Olive noted that she recalls it being in a classroom newsletter communication
- Details about the Christmas Concert (December 10, 2024) were discussed including notable items:
 - Audience (parents, grandparents, etc.) are encouraged to attend in the afternoon to free up evening seating
 - Best Seats in the House raffle will be held again this year
 - Transportation will be provided to and from Park Church. Parents wanting to take their child home from the concert in the afternoon will need permission from school prior to (re: Permission Click from Mrs. Rice)

d. COSC Report

Teresa Bladon provided the following update:

- Possible approaches to a new funding model—the Board sent a letter to Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides, asking him to consider funding in relation to inflation and based on classroom complexity. There will be a presentation on the weighted moving average at the January COSC meeting.
- The ASCA Board of Directors is hosting a free [Virtual Engagement Event](#) for school councils—and education partners and stakeholders—on the afternoon of **Saturday, November 23**. Keynote Speaker Tammy Schamuhn from the Institute of Child Psychology will talk about *Emotion Regulation & Children: Understanding Their Brain is Your Superpower*. [Pre-registration](#) is required.
- Caregiver Education Series for November and December: Recovery Alberta is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on **ways to support students’ mental health**. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. [Learn more](#)

Old Business

a. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

Teresa Bladon provided the following information:

- The grant is for \$500 and deadline to apply is end of December 2024.
- An opportunity to pool funds with other EIPS schools to have David Irvine present virtually on March 11, 12, or 13, 2025.
 - The opportunity was discussed, but not fully supported due to potential lack of engagement from parents and does not include student participation.
- The school hosted Math Night with this grant in previous years and consensus was that last year’s event was successful.

- APEGA Science Night was discussed, but requests for 2024-2025 school year are full.
 - Meagan will look into costs and future year requests.
- Teresa will explore STEM opportunities and otherwise another Math Night will be planned.

New Business

a. Edge Imaging Alberta Student Photography Contest

Teresa Bladon provided the following information:

- Information received through the School Council Chair email account.
- Alberta Student Photography Showcase being run by Edge Imaging.
- Entry Deadline: Submissions must be received by May 1st, 2025 at 11:59 pm MST.
- Grand Prize: \$150 Gift Card of choice.
- Official contest website at edgeimaging.ca/alberta.

b. SMART Recovery Opportunity

- See COSC Report

c. ACSA Board of Directors free Virtual Engagement Event

- See COSC Report

Adjournment

- Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 6:30pm
- Next PAS meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 7:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

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