

Lakeview Elementary School Council Minutes

September 21, 2021 @ 6:30 via Microsoft TEAMS

Welcome from Rachelle Ririe, Chair and Connie Adserballe, Principal.

Attendance: Rachelle Ririe(Parent/Chair), Connie Adserballe (Principal), Melanie McMurray (Vice-Principal), Phil Williams (Learning Support Teacher), Sue Huel (Teacher), Kayla Harker (parent), Stacey Keraiff (parent/treasurer), Russet Ortlieb(parent), Candice Beattie(parent), Pat Balfour (parent), Stephanie Kwasney(parent), Jennifer Hendry (parent)

Approval of Minutes: Stacey/Rachelle

Approval of Agenda: Stacey/Sue

- No additional items were added.

Treasure Report: (Stacey Keraiff)

- Stacey presented the financial report (attached)
- Due to minimal fundraising over the past two years, the 2021-2022 budget needs to be modified. Stacey reported that she consulted with both Rachelle and Connie to determine which items could be cut with minimal impact to students. When funds increase, these items can be returned to the budget.

Election of Officers: (Connie Adserballe)

- Connie reviewed the process of election of officers including the responsibilities of each role.
- The following board members were elected by acclamation.
 - Chair, Candice Beattie
 - Vice Chair, Rachelle Ririe
 - Secretary, Stephanie Kwasney
 - Treasurer, Stacey Keraiff
- For the 2021-2022 school year we are welcoming 390 students to Lakeview Elementary School.
- Early Education Program (EEP) has been added with a morning and afternoon program Mon-Thurs. (35 students)
- 204 students are brand new to our school. (This includes 35 EEP/ 55 K students)
- We have a total of 45 staff members.
- Our class configurations are as follows:
 - 2 Kindergarten classrooms
 - 3 grade 1 classrooms
 - 3 grade 2 classrooms
 - 3 grade 3 classrooms
 - 3 grade 4 classrooms
 - 2 grade 5 classrooms
 - In addition to our 16 classroom teachers, we are supported by a .5 literacy/numeracy teacher, .5 teacher counsellor, a full time Learning Support Teacher and a music teacher

- With our additional classrooms due to the opening of Dr. Plaxton and shifting enrollment, we have created zones throughout our school to best serve the needs of our students and better utilize our space.
 - Our littlest learners are all in one hallway and have easiest access to the school washrooms
 - Our Grade 2/3 classrooms are grouped in cohorts in another zone in a hallway.
 - Our Grade 4/5 students are in the portables. These are some of our largest class sizes at Gr. 5 having 25 and 26 students. These classrooms are also the largest ones we have in the school.
 - Our teacher counsellor, Mrs. V. is now situated in a classroom in the heart of our Gr 2/3 classrooms and our support worker, Mr. Taylor has a classroom next to the Gr. 5 room.
 - We also have an art room, a stem room and a beautiful learning commons space.
- Covid—our school division has provided us with direction on COVID protocols and we have implemented these protocols accordingly.
 - All students are masked entering/exiting the school and when moving through common areas or working with another group that isn't part of their seating plan
 - Students are paired up with another cohort in the school to encourage more social interaction. These cohorts have opportunities to be buddies throughout the year and also get to play together in the same outdoor zone.
 - All K students
 - Grade ½
 - Grade ¾
 - Grade 5
 - Students are able to utilize the learning commons space and the music room this year.
 - All assemblies are on TEAMS until further notice. These include:
 - Wellness Wednesday with Mrs. V.
 - Monthly Student Recognition Assemblies
- Student drop off/Pick up—we've worked out most of the glitches and seem to have a nice flow. A temporary fence has been put up to keep students out of the parking lot and allow students to safely enter the courtyard or the school from the front. All of our K and 1 students are being asked to enter the building from the front of the school. This allows us to closely supervise and ensure they get into/exit the building safely. We continue to encourage parents to drop students off at the front of the school and avoid the alley to minimize congestion.
- Facilities were busy over the summer:
 - Outdoor classroom
 - Painting
 - Basketball court
 - Stacey provided background on how the court came into being. The hoops and nets are on backorder from a company out of Calgary with no clear date on when we'll be receiving them.
- Special days coming up:
 - Terry Fox—September 28 (students will wear red and donations can be made online)
 - Picture Day—September 29 all Mon/Wed EEP&K + 1-5/ October 27 (T/TH/ K group)

- Orange Shirt Day—In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation and to honour the survivors of Residential Schools, there is no school on September 30. Our school will be participating in Orange Shirt Day Monday, October 4, instead.
- Plans are in motion for our Remembrance Day virtual assembly.
- Parent Volunteers
 - We are planning to welcome parents back into the building to volunteer in the coming weeks
 - Must be masked in all areas at all times
 - To begin with, volunteer tasks will be outside of the classroom
 - We continue to put the hot lunch program on hold.
- Breakfast Program
 - The program is for all students and is just getting started and will be a “grab and go” plan where students will be able to eat in their classrooms
 - We are grateful for a grant that supports students getting food in schools, because we all know how challenging it is to get out the door in the morning and hungry kids can’t learn.

Committee Report:

- A request was made for a district school council representative. This role remains vacant. Connie will send an email to the school body to request someone to fill this position.

New Business:

1. Meeting times were set at 7:00 for the third Tuesday of each month.
2. We are Lakeview!
 - a. Connie shared the school’s desire to create a shared vision of who we are at Lakeview. Staff and students have already started the process of providing input and parents will have an opportunity to engage in this process at the next School Council meeting. Connie also shared how important she feels it is that every student feel like it’s their school from day one, even if they haven’t called Lakeview their school in the past. We are also looking for ways to connect with the community through COVID restrictions and we realize how important it is to continue to build community even if we can’t be together face-to-face.
 - b. Fundraising—Stacey shared that she has set up a fundraiser for Kernels popcorn. The fundraiser will run from October 4-10. Each child will be asked to sell 10 bags @ 2.50/bag. The school will make 1.20 on each bag. The bags will arrive on October 28 and will then be organized by a group of volunteer parents (hopefully the weather will cooperate and the parents can meet outside after school to complete the task. If not, an alternate plan will be created.)
3. Sue Huel shared highlights from Grade 5. The start of the year has been about setting up routines, and procedures, learning to be responsible and getting ready for middle school. The classes are also working on creating new friendships. The Grade 5 teachers are hoping that extracurricular sports will continue after Christmas. Leadership and handbells will continue. The Grade 5’s have also been involved in contributing to a vision of what they want their last year of elementary school to look like.

4. School goals—Connie shared information about the Lakeview Elementary Assurance Plan and the school's priorities of literacy, numeracy and inclusion that align with the priorities of the division. A link will be shared with this group to provide input.

Announcements/ Questions

1. Will there be a choir this year? Students are singing during music this year and are wearing masks. We are hopeful we will have a choir, but at this time we are focusing on handbells. This group has already started.

Adjournment:

7:49 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19 @ 7:00 via TEAMS