

## Lakeview Elementary School Council Minutes

November 16, 2021

7:00 PM via TEAMS

**Board Members:** Chair, Candice Beattie; Vice Chair, Rachelle Ririe; Secretary, Stephanie Kwasney; Treasurer; Stacey Keraiff

### Welcome

**Candice Beattie**

- Introductions
- **Attendees:** Candace Beattie (Chair), Connie Adserballe (Principal), Stephanie Kwasney (Secretary), Allison Purcell (representative), Jennifer Hendry (parent), Kara Reimer (parent), Kayla Harker (parent), Lindsey Haslam (parent), Patrick Balfour (parent), Phil Williams (Learning Support Teacher), Rachelle Ririe (Vice-chair), Macaul Johnson (parent), Tanisha Stewart (parent), Stacey Keraiff (treasurer)

### Review of Minutes/Approval of Minutes

**Candice Beattie**

- Stacey Keraiff/Macaul Johnson approve

### Approval/Additions to Agenda

**Candice Beattie**

- Stephanie Kwasney/Jennifer Hendry approve

### Treasurer's Report

**Stacey Keraiff**

- Added \$7,081.70 into school budget account from popcorn fundraiser.
- Wasn't enough money to budget for field trips at the beginning of the year. Stacey proposed moving \$5000 towards field trips this year, and is looking to put it to a vote.
- Candice – asked how field trips work and money is allocated (ie. per grade, per classroom).
  - Typical fieldtrip budget is \$10,000. Connie stated that the budget is reasonable to be less as Lakeview has lost 5 classrooms since last year. Staff will place proposals for in person and virtual field trips.
  - Field trip budget has historically been so high due to busing costs.
- Candace/Rachelle approve transfer of funds to field trip budget.

### Administrative Report

**Connie Adserballe**

- See attached administrative report.

### Committee Reports

**Candice Beattie**

- District School Council Rep (Jennifer Hendry)
  1. Parent Learning Session – education sessions available to parents will be held monthly. Parents do not need to stay for the remainder of the meeting (District School Council Meeting) to participate in the parent learning session.

- Schedule for Parent Learning Sessions (6:00-6:30 PM)
  - December 6, 2021 – Literacy
  - January 10, 2022 – Digital Citizenship
  - February 1, 2022 – Town Hall (possibly virtual)
  - March 7, 2022 – Sleep and brain development
  - April 4, 2022 – Celebration of Learning
  - May 2, 2022 – Roundtable discussion on topic(s) of interest, topic TBD
  - June 6, 2022 – Roundtable discussion on topic(s) of interest, topic TBD
  
- 2. Community Engagement Grant – school council is given \$500 grant that is to be spent by the end of the year. How do we want to use these funds? If money is not used, it is sent back to Alberta Education.
  - Ideas for fund use could include “workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council, info sessions to support student learning at home, parent workshops for mental health, cyber bullying, programs to support multiculturalism and indigenous families” etc. (List was taken from District School Council Meeting Minutes).
  - Allison Purcell stated she would be willing to share ideas regarding different learning opportunities that we could use our \$500 towards.
  - <https://lethsdpublicengagement.schoolsites.ca/current-public-engagement-projects/curriculum-feedback>
- 3. BOOST Program - \$450,000 given to Lethbridge School Division to help children catch up due to lost learning opportunities due to the COVID pandemic.
- 4. Poverty Intervention Committee – supporting different families throughout the division.
- November 27, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 PM. Parent Engagement Session. Free to this school division. Sign up at: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/virtual-engagement-event>

### **Old Business:**

1. Assurance Plan – will be posted on the website shortly.
2. Building Community
  - Planning a Winter Wonderland Festival (name to be determined).
    - o Will be held during the day during school hours. Due to COVID, we will be unable to invite families.
    - o Will remain winter themes, as not all families celebrate Christmas.
3. Safe Arrival
  - Has been a seamless transition.
  - Staff able to help parents set up APP to record absences.

### **New Business:**

1. LST Highlights (Phil Williams, LST teacher)
  - What does a Learning Support Teacher Do?
    - o Learning Support teachers are very important towards the Inclusive education system. In the school, it looks like creating opportunities for every child to access learning.
    - o Role is to build capacity for teachers. The model has transitioned from removing children from classrooms to pushing supports into the classrooms (ie. ELL services, OT services, Student support worker, Speech Language Pathologists, etc).
2. Re-defining Space
  - In order for universal learning strategies to be effective, we need to redefine the space. One of these spaces in Lakeview is our stage – potentially looking to repurpose this area for children who may need to be more active during the day. Phil and Connie working together to transition these spaces.
    - o Learning commons working on becoming a maker’s space – where kids are creating.
    - o Creating an art room for the first time in a long time.
3. Cold Weather
  - a. Dressing for all Weather
    - i. Emphasizing to children the importance of dressing for the weather.
    - ii. Will be accessing clothes to make some available for children who are in need.
    - iii. Kara asked if the school takes in used winter clothing to distribute. Connie responded that absolutely Lakeview will accept donations, please contact the office to donate.
  - b. Severe Weather Policy
    - i. Please review this – to know what the school does when severe weather happens. See attached forms.

### **Announcements/Questions**

- Allison Purcell stated she is so happy to be a representative for Lakeview and is happy to speak with parents/staff if anyone would like to chat.

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Next Meeting:** January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 PM on TEAMS