

# Lakeview School Council Meeting Minutes

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order/Introductions

**In attendance:** Mr. Blake (Principal), Ms. McIntee (Vice-Principal), Ms. Gaspic (Lakeview Teacher), Bobbi-Ann Mikolasek (Chair), Jessica Jokanovic (Secretary), Sherry-Lynn Hyde, Monika Malig, Dana Watt, Anna Perez-Turanskaya, Cathy Ireland

## 2. Purpose of School Council

The purpose of this organization is to provide a forum for communication and cooperation between parents, the community, and the school, as well as to recognize the shared responsibility between home and school to provide the best educational environment possible for Lakeview students.

## 3. Lakeview School Council:

**Chair – Bobbi-Ann Garrett**

**Secretary – Jessica Jokanovic**

**Staff Rep – Barb Gaspic**

## 4. Chair's Report

- Currently nothing to report due to disruption in last two school years
- Please feel free to email Bobbi-Ann any questions/concerns via Parent Council email: [lakeviewcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:lakeviewcouncil@hotmail.com)
  - Email allows for parent communication
    - Will answer questions or pass on concerns

## 5. Principal Report - Mr. Blake

### Staffing

- To date we have 41 pre-registered Year 1 (JK) kindergarten students
- Projected to have **14** Grades 1- 8 homerooms and **4** Kindergarten classes
- Kindergarten Open House for Year 1 students
  - Scheduled for **May 12<sup>th</sup>: 1-6pm** for parents/guardians of students entering Year 1
  - Parents/guardians will be assigned a timeslot for when they are allowed to come in
  - Parents/guardians can be expected to be contacted by the school to arrange a time to attend

## Graduation

- Grade 8 graduation will be held in person this year
- Projected date of Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm
- To be held at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church
  - Ideal location, as there is ample parking and air conditioning
  - There is **no limit/tickets** for guests of grads
- The event is run by staff; however, there is an opportunity for parents to rent a facility and have a grad after-party (more information to come)

## EQAO

- Has returned for students in grades 3 & 6
- New digital format (all online with multiple choice; drag and drop; short answer)
  - Assistive technology available within digital format including:
    - Built-in accessibility tools such as zoom-in and zoom-out, a text-to-speech reader and a high-contrast view, which are available for **all** students to use during the assessment
    - New features such as built-in calculator; rough notes; etc.
- Students will be preparing to have assessment between May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Will be sending parents further information
- The test will be broken up over a few days
  - Sessions are limited to 15-30mins
  - Entire test is approximately three hours and done over three and a half days

## Lunch Option Returns: Pita Pit

- Pita Mondays will return on April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Parents/guardians will be able to purchase and select the type of pita/toppings for their child on School Cash Online
- The cost per pita is \$5.50
- This is not a school fundraiser; only a lunch option for students
- Pitas will be individually wrapped and delivered to classes with child's name on it

## School Events/Activities

- Playground structures are now open and there are no more recess co-horts
- Successful "Sunflower Campaign" from the leadership team who chose to raise funds for those in the Ukraine and was spearheaded by Mrs. Bohonos
  - School raised \$1092
  - Money was sent to the Ukraine Red Cross

## Clubs and Teams

- Zumba (Gr.4-8)
  - Started in October
  - Lunch hour activity (Wednesdays)
  - 12-20 participants
- Intermediate Basketball
  - Were able to play in various schools
  - Both girls'/boys' teams did very well
  - Thank you to all the staff involved
- Intermediate Badminton
  - Currently running tryouts for the team
  - Tournament @ Smithville on April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Intermediate Leadership Team
  - Started in November
  - Focus on equity and inclusion
  - Sunflower Pin campaign a huge success (raised \$1092 for Red Cross Ukraine)
- Soccer Tournament
  - Rescheduled from the fall
  - Team chosen at the beginning of the school year – keeping that commitment
- Chess Club
  - Library filling up with students interested in learning/playing chess
- Math Links Club
  - A lot of primary participation
- Primary/Junior Basketball Club
  - Will begin soon

## Future Activities

- Lakeview Tack and Field
  - Grades 3 - 8
  - Tentative day of May 5<sup>th</sup> (weather dependent)
    - Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their child
  - Current changes – **NO** shot put or high jump
    - Due to not having enough time to teach proper technique and skills/professional development training
    - May return next year
  - Some students may move on to the regional meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Secondary School in Welland
    - School will provide bus transportation for students who qualify
- Intermediate Soccer tournament on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Intermediate 3 Pitch on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Junior 3 Pitch on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Trip to Safety Village for grade twos on May 20<sup>th</sup>

- Brock PALS Program for Grades 4-6 on June 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Brock requires students to be fully vaccinated
  - Currently looking into alternative options for students who are not vaccinated
    - Possibilities include Cave Springs Camp for grade 6 students
- DSBN Forest of Reading – Canadian Author Contest began in January
  - The Forest of Reading is an initiative of the Ontario Library Association. It is Canada’s largest recreational reading program and is the only book award program where children and young adults pick the winner! DSBN is proud to take part in this meaningful program.
  - There are eight students who are library helpers who are going to Niagara Falls Convention Centre to participate in activities/workshops and hear some of the nominated authors speak

### **Miscellaneous**

- Donated planter boxes for Kindergarten courtyard
  - A teacher has donated outdoor planter boxes for the Kindergarten courtyard
  - Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to plant and care for the plants
- Many parents inquiring about NSTS (Niagara Student Transportation Services)
  - Times are fluctuating daily (5-30mins late)
    - This is due to staff shortage and illness along with many drivers doing 2-3 routes
    - Drivers will start at GSS (Grimsby Secondary School), pick up another elementary school, and then finally pick up our students, as we are the last run of the day
    - Are addressing this and trying to smooth it out, along with trying to notify parents via email

### **6. New Business/Questions**

- Can parents of SK (Year 2) students attend the open house for JK (Year 1) students?
  - Not at this time, as getting directive from the DSBN senior officials
- Will there be an open house?
  - Again, could be a possibility if approved by the DSBN senior officials
  - Will look into this possibility
  - Would love to have parents see the school – especially all the work the students have put into creating sunflower art for the Ukraine
- Will information be sent home to parents whose children are attending the library event in Niagara Falls?
  - Will be sent home tomorrow (April 13<sup>th</sup>) – paper copy
  - Students will be driven by VP and library helper
  - Paperwork will include confirmation of workshops

- Are there any volunteer opportunities?
  - Not at this time
  - Currently waiting for the go-ahead from the DSBN
  - Right now they are still a little hesitant, as they need to create a policy (will parents need to be vaccinated? Where can they go? Are they only allowed in the one classroom? Etc.)
  - By next September it is hopeful that volunteers can return
  - For the trip to Safety Village, there are no volunteers
    - Teacher and extra Safety Village staff will be there to ensure students safety
  
- What if you have not registered for Kindergarten – can you still attend the Kindergarten open house?
  - Information is being created and sent to parents who have registered
  - If you have not registered, please contact Mrs. Ducroix at the office. She can take down your information and ensure you a spot
  
- Will there be trips for other grades?
  - Currently no trips planned, as bussing is difficult to get
  - Trips to Brock, Safety Village, Living Campus all provide the transportation
  - Mrs. Gaspic confirmed that the grade threes will do something locally like a picnic and outdoor games
  - Hopefully next year we can get back to the bigger trips for Intermediate students (previously went to Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City etc.)
  
- What grades are intermediate/junior?
  - Primary: 1-3
  - Junior: 4-6
  - Intermediate: 7-8
  
- Comment:
  - Big heartfelt thank you on behalf of Anna and her mom to the students who arranged the sunflower donations. It was amazing to see, as Anna still has family in the Ukraine.

**7. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30p.m.**