

Lakeview School Council Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2021 @ 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 Garrett (Chair), Jessica Jkanovic (Secretary), Sherry-Lynn Hyde, Monika Malig, Dana Watt

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 Jkanovic

Staff Rep – Barb Gaspic

4. Chair's Report

- Currently nothing to report due to disruption in last two school years
- Looking forward to having more to add as the school year progresses
- Please feel free to email Bobbi-Ann any questions/concerns via Parent Council email: lakeviewcouncil@hotmail.com
 - Email allows for parent communication
 - Will answer questions or pass on concerns

5. Principal Report - Mr. Blake

Safety Update

- The west gate on the Kinder courtyard and backyard access has been completed
 - The additional gate by Mrs. Lobb's class allows for Kinder students to move to the backyard safely without going into the school parking lot
- The play structure equipment "action items" indicated in annual inspection have been corrected and the equipment is safe and ready to use once it reopens in the spring
 - Closed in winter for safety reasons (students can easily slip with mittens, larger boots, restricted movement with snowsuits, etc.)
- Request for additional Kinder Courtyard to be added to the school backyard is on hold

- Could be future adjustments to current backyard, so adding another structure is on hold

COVID Update

- December 3rd, 2021 – volunteer rapid tests information sent to parents
 - Tests are available **FREE** as a partnership between the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to assist in a safe return after the winter break
 - There are five (5) tests per kit and each student gets one (1) kit
 - Parents have three options: can opt-out of testing kits; can pick up tests in person; can have tests sent home with student(s)
 - Testing kits can be requested over School Cash Online
 - Testing kits will be distributed to families (if requested) on December 20th (for in-person pick-up) and December 21st (sent home with student)
 - To date, 256 kits have been requested by families (63% of the school's population)
 - **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL BOARD WILL NOT BE TRACKING THE RESULTS OF THESE TESTS**
 - These tests are conducted at home only
- Parents will continue to use screening tool to indicate that it is safe for their child to attend
 - If parents automatically get the 'green check' without going through the process, parents can still use the Ontario School Screening Tool available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/context>

School Events

- Successful Virtual Scholastic Book Fair in November
 - School earned \$300 credit to purchase new titles
- December – GBF Food Drive (duration of one week)
 - Led by Intermediate Leadership Team
 - Collected over 700 items
- December – “Shine a Light on Lakeview Talent” Virtual Performance
 - Classes will participate by singing songs they have been practicing
 - Students who want to do solo performances have been permitted to do so
 - Everyone is ready to go – will watch as a school (virtually) next week
 - Individual class performances will be available for parents to download via various platforms

Important Dates

- Winter Break (December 24th – January 7th)
 - School Returns in person on January 10th
- Online School Climate Survey for Junior/Intermediate students (Gr.4-8)
 - To be completed week of January 17th
 - Climate survey on how students feel in their school environment

- Focus on equity and inclusion
- Gives the school a perspective on community
- PA Day – January 21st
- Term 1 Report Cards (sent home on February 17th)
 - Guardian communications with staff:
 - Staff are ready and willing to communicate about your student at any time
 - Feel free to contact the school with any concerns
- Class trips to DSBN Living Campus (Adventure Camp) on February 22nd
 - Gr. 5/6 Mr. Davidson's and Gr. 6 Mr. Scott's class
 - Will participate in winter activities: snowshoe; snow much fun!

Clubs and Teams

- Zumba (Gr.4-8)
 - Started in October
 - Lunch hour activity (2x/week)
 - 12-20 participants
- Primary "Be Active" Club (Gr.1-3)
 - Will resume in the New Year
 - Learning to choose safe play activities
 - 2x/week during break
- Girls' and Boys' Intermediate Volleyball
 - Participated in DSBN Tournament (Girls on November 29th; Boys on December 10th)
 - Each team played six games each
- Intermediate Leadership Team
 - Started in November
 - Focus on equity and inclusion
 - First campaign of GBF food donations a success
- Mini-Stick Intramurals
 - To start in the New Year
- Lego Robotics
 - To start in the New Year

Miscellaneous

- Might see a return of Pita Pit in the new year
 - The return of Pita Pit days is seen as a good first step in a return to lunches at Lakeview
 - Pitas are individual and require no outside volunteers to handle and distribute (as in the case of pizza days)
- DSBN Forest of Reading – Canadian Author Contest to begin 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.

- Lakeview Exciting Event – Ministry Announcement at Lakeview School
 - Unknown topic – announcement will be made outside gym doors @ 11:20am

6. New Business/Questions

- Are parents pulling their kids out of school early, as DSBN is going right up to just before holidays?
 - There are a small number of parents who have decided to pull kids out of school early to try to keep their kids healthy just before the holidays
 - It has been hit or miss with attendance (usually 35-65 kids absent each day for a variety of reasons: appointments, vacations, sports, illness etc.)
 - Appreciation for parents keeping kids home when needed
 - Suggested that last week is often full of activities for students, so if parents pull students out they may miss these fun events
 - Upcoming Winter Wonderland Day – distribution of hot chocolate
- Are other parents having trouble filling out the school COVID-19 screening?
 - Yes, some parents are logging in and getting the 'green check' without completing the screening
 - This is an IT issue
 - Parents can still fill out the Ontario School Screening on the government website to make sure that their child is good to go to school (in addition to logging in)
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Will there be additional screening like the NCDSB?
 - Not that anyone is aware of
 - Directive comes directly from Public Health
 - No indication of additional screening being implemented

7. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 15th @ 6:30p.m.