

Lakeview School Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 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 Jokanovic (Secretary), Sherry-Lynn Hyde, Sommer Schottlander, Monika Malig, Nikki Desmond, Robyn Attwood, Cathy Ireland, Leandri Engelbrecht

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
- 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

Staffing Update

- 416 in-class students/7 virtual students
- 18 homeroom teachers; 2 French teachers; 2 rotary teachers; 4 EAs; 3 ECEs; 2 secretaries (Mrs. Talukdar [morning ½ time]; Mrs. Jones [full time – front line for POC]); Youth Counsellor – twice a week (Cheryl Dobbin, Tuesday/Thursday); Social Worker – Mondays (Julie Pearce)

Construction Update

- 1.2 million dollar project complete with new ventilation system throughout the school; installed during the summer
- New roof installed over the summer/trim work completed October 6th
- Two additional water bottle filling stations have been installed (five in total)
- Two additional accessibility entrances/exits added (five in total)

Work to Be Completed

- Correct the west gate on the kinder courtyard and backyard access
- Additional kinder courtyard to be added to the school backyard

COVID-19 Protocols

- **NEW!!!** Daily elementary COVID-19 screening to be completed for EACH student EVERY DAY
- Updated school-screening released by the Ontario Government available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Students have been vigilant in wearing masks (grades 1-8)
- Enhanced cleaning protocols throughout the school; focusing on high touch points
- Increased signage strategically placed throughout the school to promote social distancing and safety measures
- Outside meeting places for cohorts being adhered to by students
- Increase in teachers utilizing outdoor learning
 - Students are reminded to dress for the weather to enable outdoor learning to continue successfully
- Parents are reminded to be socially distant when picking up their children

School Events

- Successful first school event on Friday, September 24th – Terry Fox run/walk
 - “Try for Terry” motto implemented
 - Events led by grade eights
- September 29th – Rowan’s Law Day (concussion awareness)
 - Students learned to recognize the signs/dangers of head injuries
 - Students/staff wore purple to show support of this initiative
- September 30th – Inaugural National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - Students learned about residential schools and Indigenous culture through teacher directed lessons
 - Students wore orange in support of Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters, originating from the story of Phyllis Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation
- October 8th – Junior Fall Olympics (four classes participated)

Upcoming Events

- October 29th – Black and Orange/Halloween Costume Day
 - Reminder that there is no outside shared food due to COVID regulations
 - Parents can send a special snack with their child (but only for their child and not for the class – even if individually packaged)
 - Costumes must be comfortable enough to wear all day and be able to be independently taken off for washroom use
 - No accessories or excessive gore
 - Parents are to not congregate outside, as before for Halloween Parade – respect social distancing
 - Teachers will share pictures via their D2L/Google classroom pages
- November 4th – Lakeview Picture Day (retake day TBD)
 - Access photos online; order online (see email sent out by Ms. McIntee)
 - Class photo will be a composite of individual photos due to COVID-19 protocols
 - Graduating students will get an opportunity for graduation photos later in school year (date TBD)

Progress Reports

- November 18th – Progress Reports (1-8) and Communication of Learning (JK/SK) sent home
- Guardian/Teacher Interviews will be virtual via MS Teams or phone call the week of November 22nd
- Interviews times will be booked online over same portal as last year (School Appointments)
 - Instructions for booking interviews will be sent out in November
- 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
 - There should be no surprises – these are the ‘next steps’
 - Strongly suggest to opt for virtual vs phone
 - Progress reports are an opportunity to express what has been happening in the first few weeks of school- Leads into the Term One Report

Clubs and Teams

- Running Club (Gr.4-8)
 - Started in October
 - 60 students that run 3x/week
 - Hoping to purchase shirts in future for their efforts
- Zumba (Gr.4-8)
 - Started in October
 - Lunch hour activity (2x/week)
 - 20-35 participants
- Primary “Be Active” Club (Gr.1-3)
 - Started in October
 - Learning to choose safe play activities

- 2x/week during break
- Co-ed Soccer
 - Try-outs and team selected in early October
 - Soccer Festival @ Smith School (Grimsby Soccer Club) on October 25th

Laker Wear

- Laker Wear/Spirit Wear is currently available for purchase (for spirit days – not for school sports' uniforms)
- Link on school website: Big Bear Spirit Wear - <https://www.bigbearspiritwear.com/lakeview-lakers-grimsby/>
 - Class of 2022 Gradhoodies
 - T-shirts
 - Long Sleeve shirts
 - Hoodies

6. New Business/Questions

Have field trips returned?

- Field trips have slowly started to return:
 - Grade 7/8 students have attended/will attend the DSBN's Outdoor Adventure Learning Campus (October 15th, 25th, 26th)

Are students allowed to bring individual treats for their class?

- No, unfortunately due to COVID-19 protocols, students cannot bring in any type of treat for their classmates (including pre-packed treats)

Has the curriculum changed due to COVID-19?

- Teachers are currently filling/bridging any gaps within their classes (as they have always done with various learning levels in the classroom)
- Some students excelled during virtual learning and some struggled (there are always students at various levels within the classroom – pre/post-pandemic)
- All learners will be taught the Ontario curriculum at their grade level – this has not changed with the pandemic
- Any students who have an IEP will have those specific modifications/accommodations met

7. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 14th @ 6:30p.m.