

**G.S. LAKIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
January 2010

Recorded by: Kerri Cowie

**In Attendance:**

Dayna Tilleman, Tina Gunness, Kerri Cowie, Tracie Truscott, Claudia van Toor, Catherine McLean, Kim Biesheuvel, Wanda Clifton, Edwina Giesbrecht, Margaret Neufield, Doug James

**Opening/Introductions:**

No report

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00pm.

**Approval of past minutes:**

MOTION CARRIED

**Changes to minutes if needed**

Not applicable

**Treasurer's Report:**

Margaret mentioned that the balance in the bank account is \$380.72

**Old Business:**

**Travel Fund:**

Dayna mentioned that at this point in time there is not a huge interest in doing a travel fund.

**Dance:**

Dayna mentioned that they sold glo sticks at the dance and the students had fun with them by making glasses or bunny ears. There are some glo sticks leftover for the next dance. Parent Council made \$75 from the sale of the glo sticks. Doug said it was wonderful that the parent council were there and that he saw the kids having fun with the glo sticks.

Parent Council Table – will do the same thing for next time (glo sticks) or could have something different for next time. Some ideas that Doug mentioned were doing raffles and take a break during the dance to draw the winning raffle ticket.

The next dance will take place two weeks after the GS Lakie fundraiser which ends on February 25, 2010.

**New business:**

**Parent looking for help in getting student home, policy:**

A round table discussion to place to offer suggestions for the parent who is looking for help getting their child home. Dayna did talk to Barry Litun regarding this and Doug mentioned that if the parent needed some support for the parent to come and talk to the school as well.

**Have \$200 for parent council to go to Alberta school council AGM or other pd for council:**

The AGM will be taking place in Edmonton on April 23 – 25, 2010. There is enough money to send one person for the whole AGM or two people for part of the AGM.

**District Council review of health and wellness:**

This discussion has been tabled to the next meeting in March as we would like confirmation to see if the draft policy and its interpretation is a good thing or not. Doug did mention that this is a work in progress. Tracie mentioned that there should be more clarity on points that were mentioned, it is a draft document but will this draft be the working document. Kerri mentioned that the person in charge of this report should go to the post-secondary institutions and find out what their health and wellness is for the type of food is being served and how they use to cook the food (ie oils).

**When do forms come: re Chinook:**

Doug mentioned that the forms have been mailed out and he will discuss this further at the Admin report.

**Feb 1 Town hall volunteers**

There is a Town Hall meeting taking place at Allan Watson on February 1, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30pm. This is the third year that the Town Hall has been in progress. Parents who volunteer to attend this function get an opportunity to vote and see what is put on the table for items to be discussed for next years scheduling.

Claudia, Linda, Kerri, Margaret, Wanda, Dayna and Kim will be going. However as we have two members on the parent council who are either employed with the school district or married to an employee with the school district, we need to check if they can attend as a GS Lakie parent representative.

**Available Chris Windle to do presentations**

We will check and see if Chris Windle from the AADAC can do a presentation in either April or May. Kevin Wood will be doing his presentation in March called The Middle School Brain.

**Administration reports:**

Doug mentioned that the National Anthem is being sung every Monday and that they have brought back the birthday announcements.

He stated that the parent teacher interviews will be taking place on February 25 & 26 and it will be the same as last time where you can call in to book the appointment or do it online. Doug currently has the staff working on their intention forms for the upcoming 2010/2011 academic year.

There will be an Open House at GS Lakie on February 3, 2010 starting at 7pm for those students who are looking at wanting to go to Chinook High School for Fall 2010. Clark will be coming next week to meet with the Grade 8 students and hand out the packages for enrolment. The registration packages are due back on February 5, 2010.

New fundraiser – GS Lakie is starting a fundraiser that will coincide with the Winter Olympics. Doug handed out the draft notice to council and said the actual notice will be handed out this coming Friday. Doug talked about what was going to be happening with the students. Pledge forms will be sent out closer to the start of the fundraiser, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Doug mentioned that the school will need parents to help out collecting the money from pledges for each day of the fundraiser, February 9 – 12, not collecting money during Reading Week, and February 22 – 25, 2010. We need these parents to help count the pledge money and then forward it to Rose who will double check the money count.

If you are able to help do the collection of money you are to contact Doug James. The time that the volunteers are needed is from 8:30am to 10:30am at the latest.

Doug will mention that volunteer parents are needed in the newsletter that is being sent out to students.

**Next meeting:**

The meeting ended at 8:35pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00pm in the staff lunch room.