

**G.S. LAKIE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
November 2009

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, Doug James, Trish Syme, special guest Clark Bosch (Principal for Chinook High School)

**Agenda:**

An addition was made to the agenda under New Business: District Council

**Call to Order:**

Review suggested time lines

**Approval of past minutes:**

Dayna Tilleman approved the previous minutes as the past minutes were brief due to October's meetings having presentations.

**Introductions:**

Clark Bosch (Principal for Chinook High School) – he passed around pens to everyone and would like to have it noted that the phone number on the pens are incorrect. The correct phone number for Chinook High School is (403) 320-7565.

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report – Dana mentioned that the balance in the bank account is \$380.72

**New business:**

**Travel Fund:**

Dayna asked about a general travel fund for students to travel, either doing a pop bottle donation or a fundraiser. A suggestion was that the students who are scheduled to travel on a class field trip would do a fundraiser to raise money for their section. Doug James suggested that we should do this as a council and distribute the information through the newsletter. At the moment the sections that do a lot of traveling are the dance and sports teams. Tracie Truscot asked how much would it cost for each trip? Doug mentioned that each group who needs to go out on a trip should do up an application so we would know how much was needed for each trip. Kerri Cowie suggested that for each group involved on the trips they should do a bake sale to raise the money. A suggestion of doing a bottle drive to supplement the cost could work with the funds being brought to PAC and PAC gives a percentage to each group, not

the full amount in case of other groups. Doug mentioned that each group should do their own fundraising to obtain the costs that it will require to travel.

Trish Syme looked into the cost of fundraising with gift cards through Safeway and Sobey's. Clark mentioned that one of the high schools is currently working on this program and that they are also doing gas cards. Clark mentioned that the schools would have to front the cards (pay for them first) and then those who are interested in getting involved can purchase the gift cards. In order to promote this program, word has to get out either by word of mouth or newsletters. The gift cards can be used for school fees, travel etc this is to be school related only and not used for anything else. Tracie asked how we should do this.

Doug mentioned that the group can apply anytime before the trip and make sure they adhere to the guidelines and deadlines. They can also apply to the school district for funding but the funding must be set for a specific perimeter. A suggestion of looking into opening up a separate account for school trips can be reviewed. Dayna and Linda will look into the concept and report back at the next PAC meeting. They will check out the other school's fundraiser programs and get prices. They will also check with parents and see if they are interested in doing these types of fundraisers and if there are enough numbers that are interested, we would advertise.

#### **Pop bottle donation setup:**

See discussion under Travel Fund.

#### **Dances:**

Concession at dances – this is done by an outside contract with the company that is currently doing the canteen at the school. This needs to be effective by negotiating with this company so PAC could bring in their own supplies and be able to use that money for related function in and out of the school. December 10, 2009 is the next dance from 5pm to 7pm.

Volunteers – we need as many volunteers as possible to help out with these dances. Chinook High School will not be doing dances, there might be a Halloween dance and prom but those would be the only dances available at Chinook High School.

Donation of funds following dances – tabled to January 19, 2010 meeting.

Health concerns at dances – students should wear runners while in the gym and not bare feet. Too many students were barefoot at the last dance and the health concern is that the students don't clean their feet off plus if there are materials on the floor, the students could step on them especially if there are sharp objects on the ground, a student could get injured.

#### **District Council:**

Congratulations to Kim Biesheuvel for being the Vice Chair on the District Council. The District Council has had their first meeting already. Keith Fowler is the Trustee and he mentioned a website for people to go to: [www.stopthecut.com](http://www.stopthecut.com) and put your name on the petition so no funds can be taken out of the education budget. Kim mentioned that at the last District Council meeting there was a presentation on healthy schools and Wendy Fox gave an update as to what they are doing at the schools. Kim was

wondering if GS Lakie has a healthy school champion. Lori Adams is on the committee and she would be our healthy school champion. Kim mentioned that for next September the menus would be changing, and we need Wendy Fox to come in and explain why the changes are happening, Kim will check to see if Wendy is available for our January meeting. Kim mentioned that she could assist by being in charge of the healthy diet program. The new guidelines will be quite extreme by restructuring the food policy in the public school system. We need to find out from Wendy as to what direction they are headed in with elementary, middle and high schools. Kim mentioned that they are trying to follow the Alberta Health guideline ([www.healthyalberta.ca](http://www.healthyalberta.ca)). Doug mentioned that the school will be getting in a hydration station and that funding has been approved for this for GS Lakie.

### **Administration reports:**

Clark passed around some information with regards to the Chinook High School that will be operational by September 2010. He mentioned that the construction has been done in two phases. The first phase is the east side will be for the Catholic school, the middle (peak) will be the library and the west side will be Chinook High School, the school's office, a cafeteria and a gym. Clark will have possession of the school at the beginning of April 2010. The second phase will be the theatre and the Fine Arts School. Clark said the school is on target and is ready to be open in the summer. He mentioned that the people in Lethbridge have made the school happen. In April/May 2010 there will be an open house in the evening for people to come and see the school. Deadline for registration to Chinook High School is February 2010.

Clark mentioned about an open form for students to choose which high school they wish to attend to in 2010 however there will be some bussing restrictions. If a student that lives in 2.4km of Chinook High School and wants to go to another high school, there will be no bus service for them. If the student lives outside the 2.4km from Chinook and wants to go to another high school, then there will be bus service for them. On February 4, 2010 there will be a parent evening held at GS Lakie for those parents whose children will be attending Chinook High School but it will be open to other parents who wish to have their children attend the new high school. The school's mascot name is the Chinook Coyotes.

Clark would like to have an evening meeting in January with those students who are attending Lethbridge Collegiate Institute or Winston Churchill to introduce them to Chinook High School. A suggestion was put forth to have the meeting in January be placed on the School District's website and have it be an open meeting for students and parents who are interested in attending to contact Clark.

Clark mentioned that the staff won't be named until April 2010. The students that are currently registered at LCI or Churchill who are not in the boundary of Chinook and would like to attend the school won't be able to, they must apply to the high school and their information will be reviewed on a case by case evaluation.

LCI is the only high school that will be offering the curriculum in cosmetology and automotive. Chinook will not be offering that trade.

### **Next meeting:**

The meeting ended at 8:35pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00pm in the library.