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Lacombe Schools Joint School Council Meeting

Tuesday March 6, 2018 6:45 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sonja Dykslag, Principal of Lacombe Upper Elementary School welcomed parent(s)/guardian(s) and representatives for the Wolf Creek Lacombe Schools to the annual Joint Lacombe Schools meeting. Sonja introduced the presenter, Cst. Jeff Hewitt, who is a School Resource Officer for the Wolf Creek Lacombe Schools.

2. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m..

3. Presentation – “Drugs and The Drug Culture” by Cst. Hewitt

Cst. Hewitt’s presented and took questions regarding his presentation.

4. Thank You and Adjournment (for School Councils not meeting after)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. for those school councils not meeting afterward.

5. School/Parent Council Meetings (continued)

- a. Lacombe Junior High, Room 1134
- b. Lacombe Composite High School, Room 1133

6. LCHS Reports

- School Board Report

Trustee Brent Buchanan reported that Wolf Creek Trustees attended a conference in Edmonton. Some of the sessions attended were rural high schools and how students need to be regulated and one of the keys in doing so is by building strong relationships with students in the school.

- **RAMS Leadership Report**

There are lots of exciting plans to promote school spirit – upcoming March Madness spirit week and lunch time fun competitions are in the planning stages. Pi(e) day is March 14 which means the Math Department is organizing to serve one piece of pie(Pi) to each student in the school during block 30/40. There is new RAMS WEAR and RAMS items available – under armor hoodies, RAMS phone pop sockets, two tone hoodies, plus all our other gear. Have had some very successful Friday RAMS WEAR days and RAMS Leadership has acknowledged participation with random treat days on RAMS WEAR days. Pink Shirt Day which was organized by both RAMS Leadership and SPARK Club was probably the most successful year with the number of student participants – our theme this year was Standing Together and Choosing Kindness! Upcoming Leadership conferences include Better World Conference at Burman University in May and the Alberta Student Leadership Conference in Airdrie which is also in May.

- **Principal's Report**

Val Yaremchuk provided the following information: Since our last meeting (Jan. 16th) we have ended one semester and are in full swing of semester 2. As we get into March, we are already planning for the 2018-19 school year. The new Student Course and Program Information booklet is being completed this week; new courses will include Yoga 15, Beekeeping, and a new version of Cake Decorating 25 & 35 that will become Cake Decorating 15 & 25. Courses that we will not continue for the next school year are Humanities 10, English Prep, and English 30-2/30-1. Given the rumors regarding the budget we may also need to look at canceling any classes with low enrollment once the requests come in. We're hoping to hear about the budget prior to Spring Break but sometimes that news gets delayed - should know more by our next School Council meeting.

Grade 11 students will be given a 2018-19 registration presentation in Block 5 on March 14th; this presentation will be available for viewing on our website for interested parent(s)/guardian(s). From March 15th-22nd, Mrs. Palm will be visiting individual Grade 11 classes regarding course selection. Computer course entry requests will occur between April 4th-10th. Grade 10s will be given the presentation in Block 6 on April 18th; Mrs. Palm will visit individual classes between April 19th-26th. And computer course entry will occur between April 30th-May 7th. Current grade 9 feeder school presentations will occur April 3rd-11th. Our Grade 9 Open House will be on April 19th and individual Grade 9 to Grade 10 registrations will be on the evenings of April 25th and 26th.

March break is from March 26th to, and including, April 2nd. April diploma exams are scheduled from April 9th to the 17th (specific course exam days can be found on the Alberta Education Website).

The Student Grad Committee has officially been meeting since the start of semester 2 and the members are currently working on a grad theme, decorations and the program for the day. Grad commencement and the banquet are June 29th, 2018. Grad supervisor, Kim Gillard, has asked me that I mention there may not be a Dry Grad event this year as she has not heard of any parent/guardian volunteers to organize and carry out the event.

The City of Lacombe has given our BEE WISE students and teacher Mr. Schultz permission to run an Urban Bee Keeping Program in Lacombe. The first BEE KEEPING Course is on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Career Center for anyone that lives in Lacombe and is interested in this opportunity.

Wolf Creek is once again offering a Summer School program and registration opened today, website is summer.wolfcreek.ab.ca . Registration applications must be completed online, applications will be reviewed and student and parent will be contacted to discuss their application. Classes start July and go until August 10th. Summer School will be offered at the Lacombe Outreach School building. Course delivery will be via the Enhanced Learning Model resources. A list of course offerings can be found on the website.

7. Correspondence

School Council Chair was unable to attend the meeting so no correspondence was provided.

8. Next Meeting – April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m..