

Holy Spirit School Parent council Meeting

Wednesday May 27, 2011, 7:00pm

In attendance: Don Marceau, Carrie Peterson, Maureen Kerwin, Megan Gorman, Tera Gariepy, Melanie Sczesny, Lesa Sanderson, Alayna MacGillivray, Jeanne St. John, Aimee Pidhirniak, Sharlene Minke, Bonny Funke, Nadine Wright, Shelley Salazar, Derrick and Tracey Germain, Cheryl Hogan, Carmand Gosselin, Phoebe Kozakewich, Cyndi Snider, Roberta McClurg, Liza Mydan, Stefan Vindis

- 1.0 Mr. Marceau read the opening prayer
- 2.0 Approval of agenda motion made by Maureen Kerwin, 2nd by Alayna MacGillivray
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes motion made by Maureen Kerwin 2nd by Lesa Sanderson
- 4.0 Financial report by treasurer Jeanne St. John:
 - We had a good year. We raised \$13,600 which will be the amount spent next year. (parent council only spends what was raised the previous year) Write on Stationary amount to be added in after it is complete. \$3000 was raised from Silver Bells, thanks to Doris Chalupa and Shelley Sazlazar. Also thanks to Melanie Sczesny for organizing and running the hot lunch program this year.
 - parent council had budgeted \$2375 for audio/visual equipment for the school gym. The estimate had been \$10,000 with the school covering the remainder. The actual estimate was closer to \$50,000. The school is also under a spending freeze. The \$2375 and the proposed project will be carried over to next year.
- 5.0 2011-2012 Parent council Elections
 - Each position had only one person interested in taking on the responsibility.
 - The new parent council will be:
 - Chair: Bonny Funke
 - Vice-Chair: Tera Gariepy
 - Treasurer: Roberta McClurg
 - Secretary: Leanne Taphorn
 - Nadine Wright has volunteered to take on the computer duties associated with the Parent Council website (hot lunch orders, sending out notices etc)
- 6.0 Proposal for improving communication between home and school.
 - Overview of attached proposal read by Megan Gorman.

Discussion regarding supervision on school grounds. The last bus leaves Holy Spirit at 3:45 so there is supervision until then. The transfer buses arrive at 8:25 in the morning so there are supervisors out at that time as well. Morning recess has approximately 5-6 supervisors outside, lunch has 3 paid supervisors that go outside and supervise classrooms. The idea was brought forward to have junior high students supervise the younger grades at lunch. They could then be rewarded with passes for movies etc as incentive. Mr. Marceau said it was a good idea but those students need a lunch break as well. He agrees to look at it closer. Mr. Marceau says he will meet with Bonny Funke (new chair) to go over these ideas and it will again be discussed at the net parent council meeting. Some people thought this was too long of a break in between. Some things can be looked /implemented now but most will have to wait until September.

7.0 Staff Report by Carrie Peterson

-Jon Bauer concert/workshop was great! Much enjoyed by students and staff. Jr High band went to Seattle for 4 days in April and had a great/successful trip. Gr 1-2 went to symphony, Gr 9 went on a riverwatch fieldtrip, Gr 1 went to Jurassic Forest, Gr 8 went to Birch Bay to prepare to become Servant Leaders next year, Track meet was May 17, PAT's have begun for gr 3,6,9. Talent show auditions begin this week, talent show will be June 17. Volunteer tea is June 1 in the afternoon. Grade 7 presentations May 27 as they prepare for their fieldtrip to the Columbia Icefields June 1-3. Grade 9 farewell June 3. Grade 4 led the school in a beautiful Living Rosary Celebration. Gr 3/4 went to the Strathcona Care centre to plant plants with the elders.

8.0 Silver Bells

Jeanne told us that each year Silver Bells brings in \$2500-\$3200.

Shelley Salazar explained her position.

Megan Gorman volunteered for the position and will gather a committee to work together.

Hot lunch: Melanie Sczesny volunteered to organize hot lunch again but will be looking for more people to help out with purchasing supplies, sourcing vendors etc.

9.0 Revisioning of Elk Island Catholic Schools

Chris Diachuk and other trustees were in attendance. The issues the board is faced with: old ABJ school: what to do with the building/land? Looking at various options to deal with overcrowding at some schools and other schools being underpopulated. Some schools have very old portables that need to be taken out of use. Should the structure of schools remain the same (k-9 mostly) or change to a different format (ex. K-6, 7-9, and

10-12)? Discussions followed, everyone was asked to write their thoughts and submit them to the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.