

Holy Spirit School Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2010

In attendance: Maureen Kerwin, Jeanne St. John, Tera Gariepy, Don Marceau, Stefan Vindis, Angelique Summers, Shelley Salazar, Dolores Chalupa

- 1.0 Don Marceau read the opening prayer
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
1st Tera Gariepy 2nd Maureen Kerwin
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes
1st Maureen Kerwin 2nd Tera Gariepy
- 4.0 Financial Plan
- 4.1 Proposed funding plan: Maureen briefly outlined the proposed financial plan (see attached) Jeanne agreed it was a good foundation and a place to start from and build on. Maureen asked those at the meeting if anyone had anything to add to the proposal or to change. All were in agreement with the proposal.
- 4.2 **2010-2011 Funding**
Approximately \$12,000 to spend

OPERATING COSTS - \$2375

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST \$400

Stefan's wife works for a company that can possibly provide cooking oil and therefore reduce costs of breakfast somewhat. It was decided to change the staff lunch to \$500 and the pancake breakfast to \$400.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH \$500

SHROVE TUESDAY \$200

WINTER FESTIVAL (hot chocolate) \$100

CHAPEL BANNER \$400

Don to confirm amount with Mrs. Ryl

PARENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE \$200

\$200/person would like to send two representatives each year

PARENT COUNCIL WEBSITE \$500

Will look into having the option of paying online. The website is working very well this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES \$75

POSITIVE LIVING - \$4500 (\$312.50 left)

50% of remaining budget will be spent within this area, approximately \$4812.50

7th Rain \$1500

Anti bullying, respect, etc presentation for Grades 5-9 Booked for Jan 14/2011, Parent Council sharing cost with the school

GRADE 9 RETREAT \$1000

Parent council to cover \$1000 the school will cover the rest.

It was mentioned that this was an excellent retreat and the grade nines come back with knowledge and skills on how to be a leader in the school. This has a trickle down effect and touches the school as a whole.

CULTURAL/COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT \$2000

Discussion around shifting this year from a large cultural fair (like last year) to 2 separate events geared at the K-5 level. One idea was Native Hoop Dancers, this falls under social studies curriculum for all grades. Another option is singer/songwriter Jon Bauer. Jon Bauer presents a faith based, interactive show that is very appealing to students.

Parent council agrees to fund the Jon Bauer concert this year (approximately \$1000) and look into planning a Canadian Cultural fair (ex. showcasing each province) next year.

Parent council would also like to fund a positive living/relationships program for grades 3-4 for about \$1000. Don will look into a suitable program.

This leaves approximately \$312.50 in the positive living budget as a contingency.

LITERACY - \$2375

Parent council has decided to put the whole \$ amount towards new books for the library. Council has requested the books to be geared towards the primary grades and also towards boys in grades 4-6.

TECHNOLOGY - \$2375

Parent Council will contribute \$2375 towards purchasing and installing a new screen and projector for the gym. The school will cover any amounts above our contribution.

Motion made by Maureen to approve and accept the Parent Council 2010/2011 Budget
1st Shelley 2nd Tera

5.0 Teachers Report
Ongoing issue with parents parking in the staff lot at the south end of the school.

6.1 Safety patrol
Nothing to report

6.2 Letters on front of school
These were vandalized in July. Don said they have taken awhile to replace due to matching of size/type. They are to be replaced ASAP.

7.0 Motion to Adjourn
1st Angelique 2nd Jeanne

Next parent council meeting is Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 7pm.