

MINUTES

Holy Spirit Catholic School Parent Advisory Council

November 15, 2010

In attendance

Stacey Fouillard
Margaret Cargill
Steve Dempsey
Rose Gilberg
Kerry Hardy
Carmen Buote

Donna Power
Sheila Glebe
Kim Miron
Shelley Nygaard
Samantha Silva
Leslie Hart

Call to order and opening prayer

The meeting called to order at 6:33.

Opening prayer by Steve Dempsey

Administrator's Report

- Steve presented the Administration Report for November 2010
- Students did well in the STM Volleyball Tourney, Girls were first in their pool and the Boys were 2nd in their pool, both teams made the semifinals
- Jr. High Halloween Dance was exceptional; Grad 7 & 8's will be going to JP2 for the Valentine's Dance
- ECS has a new Teacher Assistant, welcome to Nicole Dittmer
- Student Teachers started today and will be in DCS, Grade 3, Grade 5/6 and Special Education for the next four weeks
- AISI Individual Collaboration with other schools continues
- DARE has started; there will be 10 lessons for the Grade 6 students
- Sound Sense Program for Grade 6's on October 21
- Grade 3-8 students attended a presentation by Dr. Eva Olsson in Stony Plain on October 22
- Grade 5-6 students also had a field trip to CanMet Energy Centre on October 22
- Remembrance Day Celebration November 10 at 10:30 rather than Mass; Councilor Groat and Veteran Clemens will be present
- Book Fair: October 25-29 raised over \$1500.00 in profit
- Parent Teacher Interviews take place October 27-28; Home Logic will be introduced to parents
- Catholic Education Sunday November 7 at 11:00 am mass was well attended by staff and community
- Jr. High went swimming at Tri-Leisure this afternoon as part of the Phys Ed Program
- Grade 3 India Day on November 9
- SERVUS presentations on November 10; Green Team received \$100.00 to purchase rubber gloves and the Health Shack received \$200.00; Mr. Hardy may have a "healthy snack day" with free fruit to give back to the school
- The shoe fundraiser took place November 13; this was the first fundraiser of its kind in Western Canada. While there was some miscommunication regarding the fundraiser, the school raised \$175.00
- Mrs. Baron wrote the Registered Psychology exam last week
- I Didn't Know I was a Bully Session on November 24 for Grade's 4B & 4L
- Grade 5 Immunization on November 16 and 18
- Grade 4 Bible Celebration at Church on Thursday afternoon
- Final Volleyball Tourney November 16 for Boys and Girls
- Term 1 Report Cards go home November 25

- Grade 4's To Leduc Discover Centre November 26
- Grade 5's to Telus December 2
- Alberta Opera House Hansel & Gretel December 3
- Girls Grade 7 Retreat December 10
- School Spelling Bee December 15 for Grade 4-8: results go to Edmonton Journal
- K-3 Christmas Concert December 8 at 1:00 & 7:00
- Grade 4-6 Christmas Concert December 9 at 1:00 & 7:00
- Travel Club will be going to Montreal, Ottawa & Quebec on March 27 for one week; this trip is for Grades 6-8
- Steve & Sheila presented the Annual Report/Accountability Report/Three Year Plan; for more info go to our website
- CFEP Grant to be sent off; HSCS is hoping for a \$10,000.00 grant for playground equipment installation; waiting for a letter from George Rogers
- Beginning next year School Fees will be able to be paid through PayPal; please remember when using PayPal to use the drop down menu to select the item that you are paying for

Old Business

- Margaret will draft a letter to Father Tadeusz regarding Parish Liaison position
- Position to be posted in Parish Newsletter if Nadia & Gerald are unable to fulfill the position
- Parishioners that Margaret spoke with believe that the Parish Liaison position is relevant to the PAC Council
- Movies in the Classroom Survey Results:
 - Grade 1 for the most part didn't see a difference in food consumed for Movie Day
 - Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 also didn't see a big difference in food consumed
 - There was no feedback from Grade 2
 - Sheila had one comment regarding what the children were watching for movies in the classroom
 - Decision on whether to show movies in the classroom will be left up to the individual teachers

New Business

- QSP Fundraiser
 - Approximately \$15,000.00 in sales, should receive about \$5,000.00 – 36%
 - This doesn't include credit cards NOT paid online
 - Should generate at least as much revenue as last year
- School is Cool
 - Run by the IGA – the money goes into school funds
- Bike Hills
 - Steve spoke with Chris Fish about the safety of the bike hills
 - Chris said the hills were built up to attract the older kids to play there
 - School owns ½ the hills, the Town of Devon owns the other ½
 - Steve will draft a letter voicing concerns to the Town regarding the safety (height) of the hills
 - Council will draft a letter to the Town regarding signage – "Play at your own Risk"
- HSCS is in a fairly unique situation as typically the municipality owns the land surrounding the school building and the school district owns the building. Holy Spirit owns the building AND the land
- Some parents enquired about outside supervision and how it works:
 - There are 3 supervisors; 1 in the back parking lot, 1 on the hills and 1 in the front of the school
 - It was put forth that Aides & Librarians also help with Supervision
 - It was also suggested that Steve can ask for supervision volunteers in the newsletter; the point was raised that parents can sometimes have issues with other parent volunteer supervisors
- Hot Lunch Program
 - Soup Day has been added on Tuesdays
 - Margaret has concerns that this addition strains Volunteerism and interferes with fundraising (Holy Childhood Hot Dog Days etc.)

- There is NO Hot Lunch Committee and there has been talk of opening the Flex Space for a concession on Fridays
- Steve to investigate the concession and Slushy Machine
- Mr. Hardy serves Healthy snacks on Fridays
- Surplus Funds from the Hot Lunch Program is given back to the school in various ways
- Article posted in the newsletter that there will be some funds raised this year will be analyzed at the end of the year and maybe the prices may or may not be adjusted as Hot Lunch is NOT a for profit program
- Hot Lunch Program does provide free hot lunches for some of the less fortunate children that attend HSCS
- Field Trips
 - Some concerns were voiced about the frequency & costs associated with Field Trips
 - School Fees include a "Field Trip" Fee of %15.00 with covers bus transportation for one field trip to the city
 - Fundraising Committee helps with lots of field trips to different places to help keep the field trips affordable
 - An Outline of costs will be posted in the newsletter to clarify how our funds are used
 - Maybe Fundraisers should be included in the School Calendar as we have 3 major fundraisers per year

Fundraising Report

- Presented by Kim Miron
 - Balance of \$17,419.73
 - This includes a payment to Alberta Opera for the Hansel & Gretel performance and income from QSP and the Fall/Halloween Fundraisers

Trustee's Report

- No Trustee's Report

Parish Liaison Report

- No Parish Liaison Report

Closure

- Margaret Cargill closed the meeting at 8:12pm
- Next meeting January 17, 2011 at 6:30pm