

# MINUTES

## Holy Spirit Catholic School Parent Advisory Council

January 17, 2011

### In attendance

Carmen Buote  
Margaret Cargill  
Steve Dempsey  
Darryl Wishnowski  
Nadia Rhodes

Donna Power  
Sheila Glebe  
Kim Miron  
Diane Stang  
Gerald Rhodes

### Call to order and opening prayer

The meeting called to order at 6:35.  
Opening prayer by Steve Dempsey

### Old Business

- No old business was discussed.

### New Business

- Criminal record checks.
  - Margaret wanted to let the school know that S.M.G. Parish was asking for their criminal record checks to be submitted annually.
  - The school asks parent volunteers to have a criminal record check every 5 years, the school has a registry they use which lists all the parents who have criminal record checks on file at the school and a corresponding expiry date for each one.
  - School employees have a criminal record check at their time of hire.
- Family groups
  - family groups have been replaced with paired groupings. 2 grade levels are paired for the school year and they get together for different activities thru the school year.
- Reconciliation
  - 19 students attended the reconciliation (confession) at the church before Christmas.
  - the pros and cons of having reconciliation at the school or church were discussed.
  - more may attend if it was offered at the school, but it loses the Sacramental aspect
  - an alternative may be to offer reconciliation after school masses, the students would already be at the church

### Administrator's Report

- The administrators report was presented by Steve Dempsey and Sheila Glebe
  1. Activities that have occurred
    - Grade 4 Bible Celebration at Church was great!!!
    - Final Volleyball Tourney for boys and girls: both won GOLD!!!!
    - Term 1 Report Cards went home on November 25
    - Grade 4's to Leduc Discovery Centre on Nov. 26
    - Grade 5's to Telus on Dec 2
    - I Didn't Know I was a Bully Session on Nov 24 for Grade 4's
    - Alberta Opera/Hansel and Gretel on December 3
    - Girls Grade 7 Retreat on December 10 and boys shoveling and skiing
      - Viki Baron talk to the girls about body image
    - Shoebox campaign was awesome!
      - may change focus next year to a local charity
    - School Spelling Bee with Robbie Kelly the winner

- Christmas Concerts: December 8: K-3 December 9: Grade 4-6
- Travel Club News...20 or so kids and parents
  - Austin Morley received the scholarship sponsored by the Fundraising Committee
- Student Teachers: ECS, Grade 3 and Grade 5/6
- Term 2 options started for Grade 7 and 8, runs until spring break
- Door Decorating for Christmas
- School Council, Activities: Green and Red, Tacky Sweater, Christmas Hat, Dress Up Day, Slipper and PJ Day
- Advent Reconciliation
- Advent Mass
- St. Nicholas Visit
  - costume is now stored at the school
- Devon Elves
- New Website Launched
- Basketball Season Started
- Skiing Continues
- Journal Games
- Green Team grades 3 and 4 participate
- Grade 5 and 6 Retreats with Mike Landry
- Lock Down Drill last week
- STA Councilor in this AM for Grade 8's
  - regarding moving on to Grade 9, students will visit S.T.A. in January
- Instrumental Music begins in march
- Art Club Continues

2. 2. Activities That Will Occur

- Vicki on Leave as of Friday: Angela Psalios in
  - counsellor will be available 3 days per week 11:15 to 2:40
- Grade 5/6 Instructional Mass on Wednesday this week
- Grade 7 Instructional Mass on January 26
- Grade 8 Instructional mass on Feb 2
- Family Dance on Friday
- Interim Reports on January 28
- PD Day on January 31
- Teacher Convention on February 10-11
- Wisest for Grade 6 Girls on February 23
  - to U of A for math and science exposure
- CWL Essays
  - participation from K to grade 8

3. 3. Accountability Surveys: Grade 4 and 7

- Parent Survey fielded between January 10 and February 25
- Student and Teacher Surveys online between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28

4. 4. CFEP Grant

- was rejected due to the paper work, will resubmitt



### **Fundraising Report**

- Presented by Kim Miron
  - Balance of \$11,119.36
  - The expenses included the cost of purchasing pointsetias, backpacks and water bottles and the dove Christmas ornaments. Also, QSP expenses, which included a new charge, of \$571.98 for shipping magazines to the subscribers.
  - the next fundraising meeting will be January 18th at 2:00

### **Trustee's Report**

- No Trustee's Report

### **Parish Liaison Report**

- parish activities include an alter servers workshops, confirmation classes and first communion classes

### **Closure**

- Steve Dempsey wanted to express his thanks to all the parents who generously supported the community activities of the school, the Shoe Boxes for Mexico, the Food Bank and the Christmas Elves
- Margaret Cargill closed the meeting at 7:30pm
- Next meeting February 22, 2011 at 6:30pm