

MINUTES

Holy Spirit Catholic School Parent Advisory Council

March 22, 2010

In attendance

Darryl Wishnowski
Lois Skjel
Cynthia Pynn
Zach Johnson
Kate Lee
Gerald Rhodes
Tina Schoenfelder
Trina Collins
Renee Ali
Rene Quix
John Wilson
Daunica Brock
Rod Johnson
Tammy Jorgenson
Karen Morley
Terrill Lizotte
Tyson Joyce
Samantha Smith
Margaret Cargill
Joe MacLellan

Wanda Noseworthy
Fernanda Alfarela
Ann MacIsaac/Johnson
Lori Colonel
Shelley Saunders
Shawn O'Neill
Dean Persson
Serena Nash
Darren Ali
Tina Quix
Maggie Fulford
Shelley Nygaard
Marion Johnson
Shan Tebb
Barry Morley
Sheila Glebe
Nicole Howrish
Donna Power
Stacey Fouillard

Call to order and opening prayer

The meeting called to order at 6:35.

Administrator's Report

- Steve presented the Administration Report for March 2010
- Grade Level Masses will be completed this Wednesday
- Travel Club has over 10 signed up for the Spring Break 2011 trip
- Ski Club is complete
- Evergreen Catholic School Division hired a PR Firm that recently did a photo shoot at HSCS
- Skating is complete
- Book Fair – thanks to Mrs. Stecyk
- FCSS Courses for Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls are complete and there is a follow up course in April for Grade 3/4 kids
- Retreats for Grades 5/6/7 are complete and any feedback to Steve Dempsey is appreciated
- Jr. Boys Basketball won the LDAA Championships, banner in the gym and PEP rally held March 16
- Report Cards went out March 15 and Interviews were held March 17-18
- Grade 7/8/9 option forms go out this week
- Several Field trips were held
- Grade 6 production of "Way of the Cross" will be held Thursday at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm
- School Lenten Mass on Wednesday, March 24 at 9:15 am
- White Elephant Sale will be on Friday morning
- Talent Show will be held Friday afternoon
- Spring Break March 27-April 5. School resumes April 6
- DARE meeting April 8 at RCMP building, new members are welcome
- Possible ski trip with STM April 14-16
- School Choir Festival the week of April 12-16 in Leduc
- Home Logic will be coming next year. With an assigned password you may check your children's grades online in real time

- Earth Day is April 22 and HSCS will be cleaning up the area around HSCS
- Grade 8/9 Farewell will be catered by the CWL
- Vicki Barron and Steve Dempsey will be attending a Crisis Intervention Workshop
- April 23: Grade 9 Jr. High Box Social and April 29: Grade 7 Makeover as well as an upcoming Cotton Candy sale will see proceeds donated to the Holy Childhood Association
- New Associate Superintendent Michael Hauptman will be visiting HSCS
- Steve presented letters received from Grade 5's requesting changes to the dress code. One of the requests was a change in colour to the gym strip, which will be investigated. In addition, a parent requested a 'white line' below the school logo where a child's name can be written. These will be investigated further

Parish Liaison Report

- Gerald Rhodes presented the parish report

Fundraising Report

- Balance is approximately \$10578.78
- Debts include \$668.00 for risers for the Choir
- \$6666.00 final playground payment in September
- Muscle Builders and a Swing Set were purchased. Need to fundraise for the cost of the installation of the purchased equipment. Hopefully Family Carnival will raise enough funds to cover the installation cost

Trustee's Report

- Joe MacLellan gave the Trustee's Report
- Evergreen CSRSD has appointed Mr. Michael Hauptman as Deputy Superintendent of Schools effective March 1, 2010. He will be responsible for most curriculum areas, technology, facilities, transportation, evaluation and liaison between Alberta Education and ECSRD No.2 regarding finance and budget matters
- Alberta Education has forwarded the results for the January 2010 Grade 12 examinations. ECSRD students met or exceeded the provincial acceptable standard in nine out of ten examinations
- The 2010 Catholic Conference was held March 12-13 in Edmonton. David Wells of Devon, England was the keynote speaker and focused on the home as a holy place
- Trustees from ECSRD No. 2 recently visited some schools in the Division and had interesting discussions with student representatives over lunch. Visits are scheduled for all remaining schools in the near future

New Business

- Tina Schoenfelder approached the PAC regarding the discontinuation of Grade 9 at HSCS and requested that the issue be reintroduced
- Tina was invited by Joe MacLellan to request a meeting with School Trustees to further discuss it.
- Margaret noted that a survey was sent out last March (2009) regarding Grade 9. The survey indicated that the parents at HSCS were in favour of retaining Grade 9
- Mel Malowney attended a PAC meeting last March and informed the PAC that based on space restrictions HSCS would not offer Grade 9 after the 2009 – 2010 school year.
- There are several parents that vehemently oppose the loss of Grade 9 at HSCS
- Discussion ensued
- Gerald enquired about space limitations to Steve Dempsey.
- Steve replied that a minimum of one (1) additional classroom would be required to retain Grade 9 and two (2) additional classrooms would be better
- There were some questions of sharing "option classes" with Riverview
- Joe encouraged parents to follow up with the Division Board
- Tina Schoenfelder requested that all parents submit a letter to ECSRD No. 2 stating their concerns/request for Grade 9 at HSCS to her. Tina's email is extreme@tbwifi.ca She would like the letters no later than April 2, 2010
- Joe's phone number is 780-987-4175 and the Division web site is www.ecsrd.ca

- Gerald Rhodes addressed the fact that town planning may include a new public high school in the future, which may make the "old" high school available for ECSRD. There are many factors in town and provincial planning which may affect the ability for Devon to have a Catholic High School
- It was noted by several parents that HSCS Teachers are to be commended for a job well done
- Travelling to Spruce Grove for High School is a major concern for many parents
- Tyson suggested that the presentation of a solid set of goals/plans for Grade 9 at HSCS might help to reinstate Grade 9 with the Division
- Tina to move forward with the issue to the Division Board
- Margaret will meet with Tina regarding the Grade 9 issue

Old Business

- The Alberta School Council Association will be holding a 'Recruiting and retaining School Councils' presentation at HSCS May 10, 2010
- This will replace the PAC regular meeting
- Stacey to bring doughnuts
- Donna to provide coffee
- Week of April 26 - 29 will be Staff Appreciation Day
- Potential lunch for teachers on April 29 as April 30 is an in lieu day

Closure

- Margaret Cargill closed the meeting at 8:06.
- Next meeting April 19, 2010 at 6:30.