

Pope John Paul II School Council

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15th, 2009

In attendance: D. McClure-Anderson, S. Warner, J. McEwen, C. Hansen, R. Hatfield, T. Bush, M. Houle, L. Polischuk, C. Brown, M. Frankcom, A. Graham.

Regrets: C. Alcock, M. Favreau

1. Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda- last meeting held was May 26th – not June 16th as indicated in Agenda.
3. Confirmation of Minutes - Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 – tabled to next meeting.
4. Election of Executive:
Co-Chairs – Charlotte Brown & Crystal Alcock
Secretary – Liz Polischuk
Treasurer & 1st signer – Sandy Warner
2nd & 3rd signers – Crystal Alcock & Charlotte Brown
Teaching Rep: Tammy Bush
Non-teaching Rep: Reagan Hatfield

Motion: L. Polischuk, Approved by all in attendance.

5. Committee:
 - Correspondence – Charlotte Brown
 - Fundraising – C. Brown, C. Alcock, L. Polischuk, T. Bush, R. Hatfield
 - Hot Lunches – M. Frankcom. Partnership between KACL and School Council was discussed, but KACL determined that they were unable to provide the service. The Board could hire someone, but the cycle to hire is a lengthy process. Tender out to contract is not an option. Parent volunteers for assisting the main person an option for delivery, clean up, etc. More discussion at next meeting.
 - New Committees –
Parent Involvement Committee (to set up class rep system & incorporate into Constitution) – T. Bush, L. Polischuk, J. McEwen, S. Warner, C. Brown, C. Alcock, M. Frankcom.
6. New Business:
 - Fundraising Ideas – Movie license has been renewed.
 - i. Flower fundraiser – ie. Pykerman's.
 - ii. Frosted Foods – more support is required for the running of the program.
 - iii. Other local meat shops perhaps.
 - iv. QSP – no. Calendars, cookbooks, note cards also discussed; discussion put to Fundraising Committee to meet and decide.
 - Parish Invitations – suggestion to invite Father Rudy and Father Darren to join our committee. Motion: C. Brown; Seconded: L. Polischuk and M. Phillipow

7. Principal's Report:

- Student enrollment – 398; class count at 20
- Staffing -
 - i. 3 teachers on leave (Tenhunen & Bowlin on Maternity leave, Biehn – supplying).
 - ii. New teachers include: M. Buffett & M. Corp on LTA positions.
 - iii. K. Prystai is doing .5 permanent French.
 - iv. R. Hatfield is now a Special Assignment Literacy Support position.
 - v. T. Gropp has retired and a replacement is in the process of being hired and should be in place next week.
- Suggestion to have pictures of all staff so parents can identify them.
- School Report – discussion about the monthly report – programs in school, short and brief recap of information.
- Start Up – went well despite bussing cutbacks.
- School Success Planning-
 - i. Focus this year is Special Education/Pyramid of Interventions, Numeracy and Writing.
 - ii. EQAO results officially come out tomorrow and individual results will be send home by the school.
- Lunchroom Update –
 - i. Considered turning stage into lunch room area, but despite the positives, H1N1 is now too great of a concern and the cost is \$10,000, so this is likely not going to happen this year.
 - ii. There may be pilot situations with special occasions throughout the year.
- Wednesday Programming –
 - i. Have applied for \$10,000 funding with focus on the Arts.
 - ii. Parents will be encouraged to come in and do art activities with their children (or instruct), such as guitar, fiddle, drumming, jingle dancing.
 - iii. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies; funds aren't finalized yet, so there will be a sign-up by interest at a later date.
 - iv. Will occur every second Wednesday.
- S. Bonkowski will be running the PASS program this year. This will be to teach parents how to best help their children with their schooling.
- Open House is Wednesday, September 23rd;
 - i. Invitations will be sent to parents.
 - ii. Request to School Council to pay for pizza – estimated cost about \$300-400. Agreed to pay for pizza.
- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant – Board has requested that the schools apply for it so that parents can attend various conferences etc.
- Parent Committee is being put together by the Board, mandated by the Ministry three years ago, and is now being put into action.

8. Other:

- Treasurer's Report –
 - i. Current balance \$2007.35 –
 - ii. Outstanding commitments: \$400 for French plays/props; \$500 for Agendas.
 - iii. Our account no longer receives patronage dividends and we now pay a \$2/month service charge for the account these changes came into effect May 1, 2009.

9. Next Meeting:

- Monday October 26th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fundraising discussions will take place at 6:00 p.m.