

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES –March 3, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Joe, Cara Boucher, Cathy Hewko, Beth Wilkins, Patrick Connellan, Anna Taplin, Lynn Haunholter, Gayle Walton, Tracey Boucher, Janice Lougheed, Leanne Reine, Cheryl Fitchie

- 1) **Meeting called to order** 7:03 pm
- 2) **Opening Prayer**
Patrick led us in prayer.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
Additions: Pizza Day – Cara Boucher
 Family Movie Night – Cara Boucher
Motion: Tracey Boucher moved acceptance. Beth Wilkins seconded. Carried.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes**
 - Change to minutes: Spelling corrections and correction to 16)Our Lady of Peace – the Stations of the Cross is intended for children **K-6**.Motion: Gayle Walton moved acceptance of February 10, 2010 minutes with the above changes. Tracey Boucher seconded. Carried.
- 5) **Election of New Treasurer**
Cara Boucher was elected by acclamation.
- 6) **PTI Supper – Rebecca Joe**
 - Spaghetti supper planned
 - Council will buy the groceries needed to make the supper. Profits will go into general operating account.
 - Gayle, Cheryl and Rebecca will phone for cupcake donationsMotion: Rebecca Joe motioned \$250 from Hot Dog Account go towards PTI supper. Unanimous vote in favor. Carried.
- 7) **Staff Appreciation – Rebecca Joe**
 - Details to follow.Motion: Rebecca motioned \$200 towards staff appreciation. Cara Boucher seconded. Carried.

8) Teacher Update – Leanne Rein

- Book Fair with PTI supper- both English and French books will be included.
- Patrick & Scott will be picking out school clothing for purchase. Parents will be welcome to order items.
- To address a question last meeting – it is left up to Student Council to decide what charities to support.
- Grade 4-6 Math Night is on March 31 from 7-8pm. Volunteer(s) needed to help with babysitting. Anyone interested can let Rebecca Joe know.
- Fun Day will take place May 28. Hot Dogs will be served. It was requested that School Council provide a healthy snack to go along with lunch. Last year it was fruit cups. Cara Boucher will organize a concession sponsored by School Council.
- Email from Wanda Laurin – Good Shepherd is invited to partner with Springfield School on *Safe Routes to School* put on by the RCMP. Patrick is waiting for further information.

9) School Update – Patrick Connellan

- Education Budget 2010 -There are no big cuts for education this year. Education is being provided \$249 million more than last year. Details on budget and changes outlined in the March Newsletter sent home or available online.
- Getting 45 new computers next year.
- K-6 class room size initiative – they are restructuring how to fund this initiative It means GS gets one new teaching position next year.
- Writing Process review underway.
- AISI – forming a school improvement team consisting of teachers, parents and community – the team will be looking at academics.
- DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education for grade 5. An RCMP member will be trained to carry on this program. Council supports the efforts of DARE.
- Family Science Fun Night put on by APEGA will take place March 23.
- Kindergarten registration on April 13 at the school. Bus garage and Health Region will have representatives there.
- Principal's PLC group will focus on school improvement.
- New student information system, *Power School*, will be online in September.

10) Our Lady of Peace Update – Gayle Walton

- A service for the Station's of the Cross will be held at the church again this year. It will take place March 12 at 7pm. It will consist of a short service (20min) and the stations (20-25 min). It is geared for children K-6.
- There will be a Good Friday service for children at the church. It starts at 10am and goes for approximately 40 minutes.

11) Community Representative – Beth Wilkins

- Beth noted that the website is very impressive and up to date.
- Beth brought articles of interest to be reviewed 1) Junior Forest Rangers has been suspended – means 120 youths won't have access to summer employment for

park upkeep. 2) 70 schools are under review in Edmonton. 3) Northland School Division headlines reviewed. 4) Northland Students blame truancy on lack of parental support. 5) Mother's Magic Moment – 13yr old, girl with autism takes part in spelling bee. 6) Stereotypes hurt girl's math

12) Campbell Soup Labels – Colette Reynolds

Tabled.

13) Hot Lunch Update – Committee Rep.

Tabled.

14) Crosswalk and Parent Loop Update – Rebecca Joe

- The yellow line by the crosswalk on the west side of the school will be extended soon.

15) MLA Frank Oberle not able to attend

16) Family Math Night – Anna Taplin

- Grade K-3 math night had approximately 175 people attending. Very Successful!
- Grade 4-6 Math Night is on March 31 from 7-8pm. Volunteer(s) needed to help with babysitting. Anyone interested can let Rebecca Joe know.

17) Pizza Day – Cara Boucher

- Pizza day March 24 – a note will soon be sent home.
- Pizza will be delivered to the classes.

18) Movie Night – Cara Boucher

- Kim is planning to have a Family Movie Night – details to follow.
- Motion: Cara Boucher motioned to have a Family Movie Night. Tracey seconded. Carried.

19) Treasurer's Report – Cara Boucher

Cara reviewed accounts.

20) Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2010 @ 7pm.