

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes – February 09, 2011

**Attendance:** Lauri Goudreault, Shannon Sheard, Kim Rosenberger, Dianne Lavoie, Gayle Walton, Beth Wilkins, Cathy Hewko, Cara Boucher, Rebecca Joe, Patrick Connellan, Sandra Ciurysek, Anna Taplin, Leanne Rein, Krista Thompson, Lisa Wedderburn, Jan Tunnell

1. **Meeting called to order** 7:04pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Motion – Beth Wilkins moved to accept. Cathy Hewko seconded.  
Motion carried.
3. **Opening Prayer**  
Patrick led us in prayer
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion – Cathy Hewko moved to accept January 2011 minutes. Lisa Wedderburn seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Board of Trustee - Dianne Lavoie (PR & Nampa Representative)**
  - New Trustee for PR & Nampa Kelly Whalen
  - Still in need of two Trustees. Bi-election has been scheduled for Grimshaw & Manning to try and fill those positions
  - New Education Act is rumored to be presented this month in the Legislature
  - Discussed the boards expectation of school council: there are Admin. Procedures in place to address
    - encourage parent participation, interaction & contribution in the school
    - Board likes to meet with the chairs once a year & like to attend a meeting of the School Council
  - Procedures are on the H.F.R.C.D. #37 website for review. They can also be brought forth to the School Council for discussion.
6. **Treasurer's Report – Cara Boucher**
  - Pizza Account \$2241.43
  - Family Dance deposited \$310.57 (approximately 150 kids in attendance)
  - School Council account \$2371.25 (pending School Apparel invoice to be debited from)
7. **Teachers Update – Leanne Rein**  
Thank you from the staff for chili on Blue Day as well as manning the hot chocolate station and handing out cake
8. **School Update – Patrick Connellan/Anna Taplin/Sandra Ciurysek**
  - **Leanne** - the Excellence in Writing Program has started & is for K - 6. Teachers identify their top 2-3 students who have strong writing skills and Leanne works on improving their writing skills further. Purpose of program is to assist in increasing the Excellence core for GSS for provincial exams
    - Coaching Clinics headed by Leanne & Mme. Rachelle. Purpose of Coaching Team is to assist teachers with student services, testing, assessment etc.
  - **Patrick** - Irene Hefel (literary specialist) has been secured for March 28 PD Day
    - Letter from the Bishop received stating that the school is not to be connected with any fundraising connected to gambling
  - **Anna** - Lap top & computers have been collected for disposal. They will be available for the public to purchase on a first come first serve basis (advertisement in the newspaper)
  - **Sandra** - Has submitted a request to the Division for a School Review in the 2012-2013 school year
    - Instructional Learning Team. The focus of the team is on creating a writing culture in school & working on ideas based on the 6 Trait Writing Looking for feedback on the new report card appearance.
    - Discussion regarding Parent Portal usage and timelines for teachers to update information. This year is still and introductory period but should concerns

arise please

contact the school regarding.

- Before and after school tutoring still under construction. Homework room has now been changed to the tutorial room

**9. Our Lady of Peace – Gayle Walton**

- First Reconciliation under way for Gr 2. 1<sup>st</sup> service Feb 26
- First Eucharist prep starts soon. Will receive on May 1
- Gr 4 - 6 Liturgy now running. Has good attendance and leadership
- Stations of the Cross for children during lent. Friday night still yet to be selected, lasts 25 mins
- Good Friday service for children will be 10am
- No update on Father Joe's replacement. He will be leaving the beginning of May

**10. Community Update - Beth Wilkins**

- PR Newspaper has GSS Blue Day on the front page
- Supporting community newspaper very important just like supporting out Catholic schools. Without our support of the local newspaper, there would not be one. Without our support of the Catholics School, there would not be one.
- Concerns regarding the cease of transit operations in Peace River - what does it mean to business, employees, public, the community should the transit system be dissolved
- Erin Steele new Editor of PR Record Gazette
- An upcoming exhibit to the PR Museum will be in regards to local Chinese people and businesses in our area. Questionnaire circulated to assist in gathering social & cultural history
- Newspaper Articles regarding the Arch Diocese stance on fundraising via casinos/gambling etc/Separate School petition starting to garner attention (former Ed. Minister David King)/The Importance of Heritage Building and maintaining them/Initiatives underway for Northland School Division/New Approaches to Learning
- Parks & Recreation in Peace River is looking for input to our local parks and trail systems

**11. Holy Family Board & Council Meeting Update - Rebecca Joe**

- Catholic schools are not to partake in Casino's & are moving toward elimination of all gaming grants
- Discussed the calendar year - Division has some say but it is really the bus system that dictates the school year as there are 3 divisions using the same bussing system
- Discussion regarding PD days which Dianne Lavoie addressed

**12. Elimination of Separate Schools - Rebecca Joe**

- More information pending. A lot will depend on what happens with the new education act

**13. Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Rebecca Joe**

- Proposed to have coffee, donuts & carnations for teachers again this year. Rebecca motion that \$250 be debited from School Council account to purchase indicated items. Cara seconded. Motion carried.

**14. Round Table Discussion**

- Rebecca brought forth icy conditions of the sidewalks especially those by the Kindergarten access. Patrick has ensured it is being looked into and after.
- Requested that in the future a simpler explanation be provided to both parents and kids regarding the meaning of Blue Day
- Pond Hockey and Carnaval upcoming in February

**18. Meeting Adjourned – 8:45PM**