

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday October 3, 2011

7PM

- IN ATTENDANCE:** Debra Dye, Rebecca Joe, Leah Davidge, Kim Rosenberger, Krista Thompson, Lise Paras, Beth Wilkins, Gayle Walton, Leanne Rein, Patrick Connellan, Shannon Sheard, Lisa Wedderburn, Jan Tunnell
- CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05PM
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Gayle Walton motioned. Lisa Wedderburn seconded
- OPENING PRAYER:** Patrick Connellan
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Amendment to previous minutes to say "Kindergarten AM is Monday to Friday". Motioned by Lisa Wedderburn to approve with amendments. Krista Thompson seconded.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

Patrick:

Early Learning Conferences (ELC) which was piloted last year with a few classes will be implemented throughout all grades this school year. This year tELC will be hosted on Oct 13 & 14 with the book fair, babysitting and supper available as per previous years. The purpose behind the conference is to be proactive rather than reactive to student's education. By reviewing the student 's progress prior to report cards coming out this will give the student time to focus on key areas for further development prior to report cards being issued. Comments and feedback from parents are welcome. Nicola Quigley will be coordinating the ELC supper. Funds raised will be used to pay for Foothills Brass that will be in the school on Oct 19. Nicola has inquired as to whether School Council would be able to contribute any funds toward the cost of the Foothills Brass. Motion made by Jan Tunnell for School Council to pay any shortfall that may arise after the ELC supper proceeds towards the Foothills Brass cost. Lisa Wedderburn Second. No Opposed.

Excellence in Writing Program - GSS excellence rating came up by 19.2% which has GSS approaching provincial average. The need for the Excellence in Writing Program was identified 2 years ago at a retreat. On Oct. 4 the whole school will be writing from the same pictorial prompt. Irene Heffle (6+1 Writing Traits) will then meet with teachers to discuss/assess where GSS is at in writing skills. In spring the students will all write from the same pictorial prompt then their work reviewed to see what progress has been made in writing through the year. On Oct. 6 Irene Heffle will present the 6+1 Writing Trait to parents detailing the writing process and what is involved.

Budget Update - Presently there are 409 students enrolled in GSS which is on target with the 413 spaces available. There has been an increase in severe needs students from 24 to 30 this school year. School budget will be reviewed with Central Office mid Oct. and will likely be able to be shared with School Council in Nov.

Miscellaneous - Aug. Faith day - the foundations/fundamentals of the day will continue throughout the school year.

Peace River School Division is no longer taking parental requests for student placement. This is something that GSS has offered parents in previous years but is considering following suite . When classes are arranged annually the school's decision to place students in a certain class is based on a number of criteria being taken into consideration. The request has been put forth by the GSS Administration Team for discussion around GSS perhaps removing the option of parental requests on student placement. The idea has been left open for discussion & the Admin Team is always available to parent to discuss and concerns regarding.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Lisa: School Council ECS \$81.88/Hot Dog Lunch \$2637.58/PTI \$496.79/
Parent Teacher In Service \$35.78/Playground \$441.64/School Patrol \$732.53/
School Council Activities \$1638.17

TEACHERS REPORT:

Leanne : Hanna Baruma would like to thank Lisa Wedderburn for doing the sign out front the school. She is also asking for parent volunteers to grocery shop & help with the preparation of hot lunches. Krista Thompson, Lisa Wedderburn & Kim Rosenberger will assist. Breakfast for Learning is also in need of someone to prep food in the morning. Kim Rosenberger will provide the school a website to share with parents where you can get coupons that when used contribute proceeds to the Breakfast for Learning Program.
Terry Fox Run - funds are still be totaled from the fundraiser. Concern brought forth about the use of "OMG" on the pledge forms. Patrick will look into.

Patrick: Another grant has been applied for through Health Active Living so that the fruit bowl could be re-instated

OUR LADY OF PEACE UPDATE:

Gayle: Alter server training is now done - there are 6 new kids that have joined.
Confirmation for Grade 6 has started & there are 12 kids participating.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:

Beth: New female premier designate, Alison Redford, looks promising as she appears to be paying attention to Education.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Fruit fundraising - no interest in coordinating this year
What are we as school council fundraising for? One suggestion was playground improvement and the purchase of another IPAD for the school.
Kim & Jan to plan a "fun night" in Nov.
Kathy is looking into Subway as an alternative for pizza days.
Camp Read-A-Lot: Any new coordinators/volunteers interested?
North Peace Gymnastics Club asking for votes via AVIVA
Professional Development Day (Grimshaw last year) - looking into bring speaker from conference in Grimshaw last year to speak to School Council at GSS
Peace River awarded the title of Cultureville

MEETING ADJORNED: 8:25PM