

Good Shepherd School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 7, 2011

ATTENDANCE: John Durbak, Kim Roseberger, Beth Wilkins, Cathy Hewko, Cara Boucher, Colleen Fortin, Rebecca Joe, Pat Connellan, Leanne Rein, Sandra Ciurysek, Gayle Walton, Leah Davidge, Lynn Haunholter, Cory Brunham, Lisa Wedderburn, Jan Tunnell, Anna Taplin, Krista Thompson, Amanda Magnusson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 Pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cathy Hewko motioned approval. Cara Boucher second.

OPENING PRAYER: Patrick Connellan

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Correct Beth & Kim's name on June minutes.
Motion to approve with changes: Gayle Walton. Second: Cathy Hewko

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION: President, Treasurer & Vice-President up for election. Secretary: Colleen Hughes & Jan Tunnell to remain for another year.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cara Boucher
Hot Dog/Pizza Acct: \$2637.50 PTI Supper Acct: \$496.76 School Council Activity Account: \$1638.17
Playground Account: \$732.53 (Central Office still holding approx. \$6000 for playground)

TEACHER UPDATE: Leanne Rein
Kindergarten commenced school year September 8. 27 in the English program, 20 French Immersion. 8 rural students in the program, 19 in the AM class (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

SCHOOL UPDATE:
Patrick : There are kids still on the waiting list to get into GSS but due to class sizes the school is at capacity in some grades. All teachers are in place for this school year

Reading Recovery Program –The program starts kids on an intense 12 week program to ensure they are up to speed. There are 2 representatives from the division (1 from GSS & 1 from St. Stephen's in Valleyview) who will be receiving the training. Mary-Anne (GSS Rep.) will be training in the program for 3 full years. At present there is no Recovery Program in place for French Immersion. The Precision Reading will still continue in GSS for grades 1, 2, 3 in French Immersion.

School Goals – Focus on Excellence in Writing & Math
October 5 & 6 writing consultant Irene Heffle will be in the school for assessment & a Parent Workshop 6+1 Write Traits on Oct 5 @ 7pm. Phase 1 will be to work with the teachers. Phase 2 has students writing a common writing prompt. In May another common writing prompt will be done by the students to compare first & second composition.

Electronic Access – Public can now access WIFI in the school when given password. The WIFI goes through the central office server. GSS is now having to look at how electronics/phones etc. are now being used in the school to ensure for school purpose. The process is being worked out with teachers on how WIFI access will be granted to kids. IPODS are no longer permitted at recess.

Instructional Leadership Team – Early Learning Interview will be used this year prior to 1st report card being sent home. This will allow the parents & students to discuss the educational progress thus far and what additional areas need to be worked on prior to report cards being issued for term one. Early Learning Interviews are scheduled for Oct 12 & 13. Term one report cards will be issued end of November. If parents would like an additional meeting following the report card they will have to individually schedule/request. 2nd term report cards will be in March followed by a Student Lead Conference in the same month.

R.C.M.P. Dog Squad – Will be at the school assembly on September 12. Will be piped in to the

assembly.

Anna: **Report Cards** - The grading on the report card this year will once again be based on the 4 point scale. Wording/terminology has been changed to reflect standard/outcome based reporting. This will aid in better aligning with AB Education Curriculum.

Power School – Implemented last year. Can be used to view attendance, grades, and assignments and communicate with the teacher. The teachers are requested to post grades/report within 2 weeks of assessment/marks on assignments, quizzes being given. There will now be another tab on Power School that will show standard (outcome) and child's mark.

OUR LADY OF PEACE: Gayle Walton

Our permanent priest for OLOP is Father Stanley.

Sacramental prep. has started, 1st Reconciliation prep. starts in January 2012, 1st Eucharist prep. starts in March 2012. Confirmation prep. starts Sept 16 on Friday nights and will be held at OLOP. The Net Ministry Team will be coming and spending half a day with the Confirmation group.

Youth & Children Liturgy (3 separate groups based on age) has once again started at Sunday service.

New Roman Missile – The Roman Catholic Church has issued worldwide new prayers and responses. OLOP has begun to implement the changes gradually during Mass. All changes will be effective the 1st Sunday of Advent.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: Beth Wilkins

The seriousness of concussions can have long lasting implications.

School numbers continue to be a problem in other areas of the province.

Morinville – investigations moves forward to determine school system

Peace 10 advertising. Unfortunately education is becoming more & more like a business as established by advertising/communication etc. With that said marketing strategy is important.

September 1/2011 - 12 Foot Davis Gravesite in Green Provincial Park ribbon cutting.

The town walkways will not be cut as close to the river bank any more due to the safety concerns of operators and to discourage the public from walking close to the bank.

Heritage Run – the profits have been used to purchase cabinets and rolling displays. This year the Running Club provided the museum with approximately \$1400.

Town of Peace River is vying for Culture Ville – go to CBC webpage to vote

ELECTIONS: This year Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer are all open (2 year term)

MISCELLANEOUS:

October 1 – Fireman's Ball at the Peace River Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre. The Ball is in support of Fire Prevention and Muscular Dystrophy.

September 28 – Terry Fox Run & Early Dismissal

ROUND TABLE:

Honor Roll clarification for English and French program. Awards are being looked at this year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25PM

SEPERATE MEETING HELD AFTERWARDS FOR ELECTION OF OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS.

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Annual General Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: 8:27PM

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION: Chair 2 year term
Vice-Chair 2 year term
Treasurer 2 year term

Position of Treasurer Lisa Wedderburn by acclamation
Motioned by Kim Rosenberger
Second by Amanda Magnusson

Position of Vice-Chair Amanda Magnusson by acclamation
Motioned by
Second by

Position of Chair Krista Thompson nominated but declined
Rebecca Joe has agreed to continue as acting chair

Nomination Cease Motioned by Cara Boucher
Second by Patrick Connellan

Community Representative Beth Wilkins has agreed to remain in the position
Motioned by Krista Thompson
Second by Cathy Hewko

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30PM