

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes – January 12, 2011

Attendance: Rebecca Joe, Kim Rosenberger, Colleen Hughes, Jan Tunnell, Beth Wilkes, Sandra Ciurysek, Anna Taplin, Gayle Walton, Leanne Rein,

1. **Meeting called to order** 7:05pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion – Gayle Walton moved to accept. Sandra Ciurysek seconded.
Motion carried.
3. **Opening Prayer**
Sandra led us in prayer
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion – Jan Tunnell moved to accept November 2010 minutes. Colleen Hughes seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report – Cara Boucher** - not present/no update
6. **Teachers Update – Leanne Rein**
Hanna Baruma asking for a volunteer from School Council to assist with changing out the letters on the outdoor sign. Request to go out in next newsletter and to Glenmary School
7. **School Update – Anna Taplin/Sandra Ciurysek**
 - Patrick away for the month of January. Anna acting as Principal and Sandra Vice-Principal.
 - Accountability Pillar - can access on line and survey will be mailed out for parents to complete
 - Policy Update - any volunteers in the school require a RCMP check. Letters to go home informing parents of the requirement.
 - Blue Day Celebration - January 27. Will be held in conjunction with Family Literacy Day. On January 27 in the afternoon there will be a winter carnival and story time. Volunteers are needed to assist with the hot chocolate station at the carnival.
 - Special lunch for the teachers that day to be put on by School Council. Gale Walton motioned for School Council to pay for the cost of the chili. Kim Rosenberger second. Motion carried. Rebecca Joe to make chili.
 - Family Math Night - Still in the organization stage. Will try to host a luncheon where parents can attend and problem solve with their kids. Planning for April.
 - Instructional Leadership Team - Sandra Ciurysek. Workshop at Central Office. Facilitator Shirley Stiles. Certified & non-certified staff discuss issues/concerns regarding students & try to target improvement areas in the school.
8. **Our Lady of Peace – Gayle Walton**
 - First Reconciliation starts January 15 - 26 students registered
 - First Reconciliation services February 26
 - First Eucharist March 18. Receive the Sacrament on May 1
 - Winter Baptismal Preparation scheduled for January 19/26/Feb 2
 - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti & Talent Show Feb 5
 - Bishop agreed to expand children's Liturgy program to three groups
 - Father Joseph is returning to India in May - Replacement still pending
9. **Community Update - Beth Wilkes**
 - Horizon Learning Centre looking for tutors
 - Museum is hosting Memories Entwined (quilt & scrapbook)
 - Registered Heritage Fair in Grande Prairie is May 19
 - News articles regarding education, health concerns (3D, wi-fi)
 - Northland School Division Report/Article

10. Rebecca Joe

- Former Education Minister David King in December was proposing eliminating separate schools from public school funding. Rebecca proposes to organize a petition at the division level. More information to follow at the next meeting. Can view more information at www.seperateschooleducation.ca
- Update on PD day for School Council in December - looking at how School Councils can be involved in budget, 3 yr plan.
- Kim Rosenberger motioned to invite facilitators of meeting to attend GSS School Council meeting in Sept/Oct of 2011 to assist with goal setting. Jan Tunnell second. Motion carried

12. School Apparel Fundraiser – Jan Tunnell

- 53 orders with a profit of approximately \$203. Will do school apparel orders next school year. Order forms to go out end of September.

13. Camp Read - A- Lot – Jan Tunnell

- May need to postpone due as Sagitawa may not be able to provide teepee or reader for scheduled night. Will know by Wednesday of the following week.

14. Teacher Appreciation Week - Rebecca Joe

- Will do something for the teachers on another date

15. Parent Drop Off - Rebecca Joe

- Rebecca volunteered to observe traffic parent loop in December & January. Will look into signage as a means of providing further direction on proper use of parent pickup/drop off
- Contacted the RCMP who were present in the school zone in early January. 8 to 9 speeding tickets handed out & 1 warning given

17. Round Table Discussion

- Kim Rosenberger inquired if the kids could still go out when cold. Sandra Ciurysek addressed - due to school procedures/policy kids are not permitted to be outside for recess after a certain temperature

18. Meeting Adjourned – 8:45PM