

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES –May 12, 2010

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Rebecca Joe, Cathy Hewko, Cara Boucher, Beth Wilkins, Patrick Connellan, Anna Taplin, Leanne Rein, Lynn Haunholter, Gayle Walton, Cathy Meston, John Kuran, Peggy Blayone, Gloria Brine, Jan Tunnell

1) **Meeting called to order** 7:03 pm

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Additions to agenda: Guests from Glenmary School Council and Administration

Motion: Cathy Hewko moved acceptance with additions. Gayle Walton seconded.

Carried.

3) **Opening Prayer**

Patrick led us in prayer.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Cara Boucher moved acceptance of April 14, 2010 minutes. Patrick Connellan seconded. Carried.

5) **Special Guests: Glenmary School Council and Principal from Glenmary**

1 **Donna Mattie – Teacher representative on Glenmary School Council**

**Cathy Meston – Parent representative on Glenmary School Council**

**John Kuran – Principal at Glenmary**

2 **Glenmary School Council acts as an advisory group to the school administration. They have been instrumental in changing or spearheading projects such as development of the cafeteria, advocating for the classroom portable for CTS.**

3 **The group does no fundraising.**

4 **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend School Council meetings at Glenmary once their child starts grade 7 and continue until grade 12. It is a great way to be involved in your child's education.**

5 **Glenmary School Council meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm.**

6) **Treasurer's Report – Cara Boucher**

1 Cara reviewed the treasurer's report of accounts.

Motion: Cara Boucher motioned to move \$600 from PTI Supper Account into School Council General Activities Account. Rebecca seconded. Carried.

7) **Fun Day- Patrick Connellan**

1 Fun Day and Track/Field Day are on the same day this year.

2 Students who would like to do Track and Field can do so and then participate in

Fun Day activities.

- 3 Cara Boucher in charge of canteen; Tracey Boucher in charge of fruit for snack that day.
- 4 Hot dogs will be provided that day by the IGA.

**8) Teacher Update – Leanne Rein**

- 1 PAT testing has begun for grade 3 & 6.
- 2 There was a question if fruit bowls in the office would be continued. Unfortunately, School Council cannot continue this initiative due to the cost.

**9) School Update – Patrick Connellan**

- 1 **Timetable:** it is being adjusted for next year. Five minutes is being added onto assembly in the morning; 5 minutes will be taken off the recess portion of lunch time to maintain the minimum hours needed for instruction (950 hrs).
- 2 **Discipline procedures:** working on realigning discipline procedures at the school so there is consistency and students know the severity of their actions and the consequences assigned. This will then be posted in each room and will be covered by classroom teachers on a regular basis. They are currently looking to develop something like the model Springfield School uses.
- 3 **Setting the Direction Update:** Learning coach's model is being implemented next year. English and French language arts in K to 3 will be opposite each other next year and teachers will be team teaching. The focus will be having students at similar levels in groups.
- 4 **Technology in the school:** there will be a new computer lab (built in the library) as well as 24 new computers and two new COW's with 24 computers in each.
- 5 **Inspiring Education:** Inspiring Education website hosts both a blog and "Share your Ideas!" discussion forum where Albertans are encouraged to continue dialogue on the importance of education. You can participate at :

**[www.inspiring.education.alberta.ca/Share Your Ideas/tabid/105/Default.aspx](http://www.inspiring.education.alberta.ca/Share%20Your%20Ideas/tabid/105/Default.aspx)**

or

**[www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca/blog/tabid/62/Default.aspx](http://www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca/blog/tabid/62/Default.aspx)**

- 1 **Early Childhood Mapping Initiative:** we will be participating in this 5 year initiative. It will be to develop a sense of need with early childhood community and what supports are needed in what community.
- 2 **Volunteers needed to lay sod in front of the school** – date to be announced.

**10) Our Lady of Peace – Gayle Walton**

- 1 Confirmation prep will begin in the fall this year. Start date is Sept 17.
- 2 One step closer to children's liturgy at Sunday's 10am mass for grades 4-6 in the fall.
- 3 Father Joe is back from vacation.
- 4 Discussion took place regarding first communion preparation taking place in the

school.

**11) Community Representative – Beth Wilkins**

- 1 Beth brought articles of interest to be reviewed 1) How do Alberta Kindergarten students measure up 2) 11 students cheated: Alberta Education 3) Is it too early to switch to digital textbooks? 4) Edmonton trustee proposes tax for school building maintenance – this proposal was voted down. 5) School Bus Plans
- 2 Museum News: “Play On” Exhibit at the museum featuring history of sports and culture in our community.
- 3 June 13 weekend:
  - AB Health walk planned – encouraging use of our trails in Peace River
  - Heritage Run
  - Museum Open on Sunday

**12) Canteen for Fun Day – Cara Boucher**

- 1 Volunteer needed to sell at canteen 11am-3pm. Lynn Haunholter volunteered. Cathy Hewko to let Cara know.

**13) Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm.**

**Next Meeting: June 9, 2010 @ 7pm.**