

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES –October 13, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Joe, Cathy Hewko, Cara Boucher, Patrick Connellan, Lynn Haunholter, Leanne Rein, Krista Thompson, Kim Rosenberger, Josea Gagnon, Eliana Viola, Leslie Brecht, Shannon Sheard, Cheryl Fitchie, Colette Mydynski, Jan Tunnell, Lisa Wedderburn, Colleen Hughes, Susan Dirksen, Collette Reynolds, Karen Skarberg

REGRETS: Beth Wilkins

1) **Meeting called to order** 7:07 pm

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Additions: 1) Project Peace Presentation

Motion: Lynn Haunholter moved acceptance with additions. Cara Boucher seconded.

Carried.

3) **Opening Prayer**

Patrick led us in prayer.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Cara Boucher moved acceptance of September 8, 2010 minutes. Krista Thompson seconded. Carried.

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

1 Cara reviewed the treasurer's report of accounts.

6) **Teacher Update – Leanne Rein/Eliana Viola**

1 Richelle Kryns requested support from the Council in bringing Franco Folk to the school in March.

Motion: Kim Rosenberger moved that \$350 be allotted for Franco Folk. Cathy Hewko seconded. Carried by show of hands.

2 Natalie Whittaker requested financial support from Council in purchasing ipads for the library. More information is being requested by Council regarding intended uses and cost.

7) **Presentation – Project Peace – Josea Gagnon**

3 Josea presented information on Project Peace and its purpose. It is a supportive program that helps remove barriers for youth to access mental health services. It is a program for grades 5-12.

4 Information regarding Project Peace is available at the office or by contacting the school.

5 Project Peace will be having a presentation on Cyberviolence November 28 @ 7pm

8) School Update – Patrick Connellan

- 1 **School Plan** – reviewed
- 2 **School Council Focus:** round table discussion on focus for council this year. Ideas brought forward by parents in attendance included: after school programs, recruiting more parental involvement, review last year's goals, school council as advocate with government and school uniforms. Discussion took place on these various suggestions.
- 3 **Power School:** is up and running. The office is continuing to work through problems. There will be a parent session Oct 14 @ 7pm.
- 4 **Learning coaches/resource room:** The learning coaches are Leanne Rein, Patrick Connellan, and Richelle Kryz. They will be receiving training over the next two years.

9) Alternatives to year end ceremony – Cheryl Fitchie

- 1 It was suggested that a different format be considered for the year end ceremony. Patrick suggested a survey to see if parents were dissatisfied and suggestions for improvement. Cheryl Fitchie will make survey.

10) School Council Elections:

Vice Chair – open

Secretary – Jan Tunnell and Colleen Hughes by acclamation

11) Community Update

- 1 Patrick presented package of articles from Beth. Articles for review included: 1) Participation and Results for First Nations Students. 2) Parents and Grandparents model healthy habits for future generations. 3) Alberta exam scores continue 'worrisome' slide. 4) Play, Eat and Learn...a winning formula 5) Morris Manyfingers article 6) Slumping grade 12 English results in Alberta cause for concern 7) Ermineskin students find oasis of calm in a stormy place. 8) New Governor General David Johnston

12) Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2010 @ 7pm.