

**GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL COUNCIL AND ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING MINUTES**

MINUTES –September 8, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Joe, Cathy Hewko, Cara Boucher, Beth Wilkins, Patrick Connellan, Anna Taplin, Leanne Rein, Lynn Haunholter, Krista Thompson, Kim Rosenberger, Shannon Sheard, Sheila Eckhart, Cheryl Fitchie, Colleen Hughs, Eliana Viola

1) **Meeting called to order** 7:04 pm

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Krista Thompson moved acceptance with additions. Cara Boucher seconded. Carried.

3) **Opening Prayer**

Patrick led us in prayer.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Patrick Connellan moved acceptance of June 9, 2010 minutes. Cathy Hewko seconded. Carried.

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

1 Cara reviewed the treasurer's report of accounts. Attached to minutes.

Motion: Cara Boucher moved that \$200 be taken out of the Hot Lunch Account and moved to the School Patrol Account. Carried by show of hands – unanimous.

6) **Teacher Update – Leanne Rein**

1 Leanne will share the position with Eliana Viola this year.

7) **School Update – Patrick Connellan**

1 **School Division:** There are new governance policies this year. They have gone from 700 to 12 policies. The rest of the policies were changed to administrative procedures and are in the manual. Many boards are doing this as it is easier to change/review procedures than to change/review policies.

2 **Holy Family Domain:** There is a more centralized computer system in place that connects GSS with central office. Holly Family has a single domain, so now GSS is backed up by central office

3 **School Computers:** There is a new computer lab in the school. There are now total 72 computers/laptops giving a student to computer ratio of 5:1.

4 **Power School:** There have been some problems with the new system but they are working through them.

5 **478 students enrolled at GSS.** They have had to turn some students away and have a few on a waiting list. The school had budgeted for 402 students.

- 6 **Homework Room:** Staff will be reviewing the purpose of the Homework Room to see if it is still needed.
- 7 **Timetable change:** The lunch has been shortened by 5 minutes and the time has been placed at the beginning of the day. School now starts at 8:50am with assembly at 8:55am. Assembly is from 8:55-9:10am.
- 8 **Academic Coaches:** In some grades, students who are working at the same level will be grouped together for work. Many schools have done this successfully and GSS is starting to groupings in certain portions of the Language Arts program.
- 9 **Project Peace:** is a program for grades 5 & 6 students providing education and help using many different agencies (such as Mental Health, Health Nursing, Behavior, Psychology, etc.) The liaison for GSS is Josea Gagnon. There are pamphlets available for more information.
- 10 **Pilot Project:** Three teachers will be piloting a project where Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in October (before report cards are issued in November). They will be surveying parents to see how they felt about having the interview before report cards rather than after.

8) Our Lady of Peace – Gayle Walton
Tabled.

9) Community Update – Beth Wilkins

- 1 Beth had the following articles for review 1) U of A medical students expand experience in Rural Alberta. 2) Teachers learning to deal with copy and paste generation. 3) Schools strive for healthier attitude toward fitness. 4) 1 in 5 Canadian teens is not perusing education. 5) Group protests Bill 44 at AB legislature. 6) Little improvement forecasts for Big City literacy rates. 7) Water worries haunt Northern Alberta residents.
- 2 Reminder that the Museum is a valuable resource for students and their families.

10) AGM Business:

- 1 **Two positions are open: Vice President
Secretary**
Announcement will be made in the October GSS Newsletter inviting any interested parents to contact the office.
- 2 **Motion: Rebecca Joe moved to make amendment to Good Shepherd School Council Bylaw 7(c) that the secretary position may be a shared position.
Carried by show of hands- unanimous.**

11) Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2010 @ 7pm.