

Good Shepherd School Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes-March 2, 2011

Attendance: Colleen Hughes, Krista Thompson, Lauri Goudreault, Darcy Haugan, Shannon Sheard, Lynn Haunholter, Cara Boucher, Kelly Whalen, Beth Wilkins, Patrick Connellan, Rebecca Joe, Lisa Wedderburn, Leanne Rein, Susan Dunn, Eliana Viola, Jan Tunnell.

Meeting called to order

-Rebecca Joe 7:03pm

Approval of Agenda

-Cara Boucher moved to accept, Krista Thompson seconds, carried.

-Change to agenda, Darcy Haugan in attendance in place of Christina Haugan to present

Track and Field/Fun Day

Rebecca Joe moves to accept, Lisa Wedderburn seconds, carried.

Opening Prayer

-Patrick Connellan

Approval of minutes

-1 change, confirmation that Catholic schools are not to participate in Casinos, further elimination of gaming funds in the future.

-Patrick Connellan moves to approve and accept, Lisa Wedderburn seconds, carried.

Board of Trustees

-Kelly Whalen: Introduces self, thanks everyone and encourages us all to feel free to ask him any questions regarding board or policy.

Track and Field/Fun Day

-Darcy Haugan: understanding that there is currently no T+F/F Day, encourages to plan one for this school year, feels it's a great teaching opportunity for good winning/losing, humbleness, healthy lifestyle, need to educate coaches and parents to reinforce positivity.

-Patrick Connellan: Informs T+F/F Day is still conducted. One year T+F was conducted during lunch hours, while Fun day was held separately. Have since continued to combine the two. There are the traditional Hershey Track and Field activities as well as 'fun' non competitive activities for kids to choose from, they can choose to participate in both traditional and nontraditional activities. Traditional T+F activities are currently included in Physical Education curriculum.

-Discussion of Navigators hockey team participating in organization of activities

-Discussion whether kids should be strongly encouraged to try at least one traditional/competitive option, what if parent says no.

-Concerns of how to keep track of Kindergarten kids

Treasurer's Report

-Cara Boucher: Pizza Account \$2034.27 – Play Ground \$441.64 – Activities \$954.45 (after paying Caribou Cresting) – School Budget \$6000

-Recycling committee has contributed to play ground

Teachers Update

-Eliana Viola : nothing to report

School Update

- Patrick Connellan: Will be attending an anaphylaxis plan information session.
 - Currently too many options for parents in handling a reaction (using Benadryl first).
 - Epi pens are currently kept in the office, some are in class rooms
- Provincial Budget
 - AISI grant cut 50%, will significantly effect our division
 - many other grants being eliminated
 - bonus for small class sizes increased 4.3%
 - Special needs assistance budget increased 12million
- School fees have not changed in several years. Currently \$45 school fee, \$30 supplies, \$4 craft, \$6 extra curricular.
 - In 2008/9 school ran at a deficit of \$2008 due to unpaid fees
 - In 2009/10 school ran at a deficit of \$3405 due to unpaid fees
 - So far in 2010/11 school year, school running at deficit of \$6007 due to unpaid fees. That is 20% of students not paying school/supply fees.
 - Options in handling unpaid fees?
 - parents buy supplies
 - some will still not participate
 - could decrease class organization/color coding
 - supplies per user
 - all supplies labeled, children that use more/run out will be asked to pay for additional supplies.
 - Supplies per division
 - similar to what we have now, could make some changes to decrease waste, best for class organization, doesn't matter if child uses less or more supplies. (Seems to be most agreed upon option)
- eliminating/reducing 'school fees' and increasing 'supply fees'.

Community up date

- Beth Wilkins: U of A attracting kids to science, article with Grade 6 students holding a robot
- Alberta cuts ESL immigrant services
- Budget cuts, Alberta teachers jobs on the line
- Alberta educators/New bold approach to learning, from Frank Oberles website
- 'Chop Suey of the Prairies', the new exhibit at the museum, open house scheduled for March 12, 1600-1830
- Park + trails survey had a great response from community
- Family Fair coming soon, ECS will be in attendance.

Parent Teacher Interview Supper

- March 16-17, in need of volunteers to supply meal
- query Mr. Randalls class to head up meal, they are looking for fundraisers.
- any thoughts of others who may be interested?

Round Table

-nothing brought up

Adjournment

-8:20pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 13 at 7:00pm