



# St. Gabriel School Parent Council

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## Minutes – March 8, 2017

6:30pm School Staff Room

This meeting was called to order at 6:34pm with an opening prayer done by Everyone.

### **In attendance:**

John Barfoot, Suzette Berenger-Reid, Jody Boyle, Sarah Dube, Gayleen Sinclair, Marianne Corbett, Susan Wilkie, Maria Kirui

### **Principle's Report**

St. Gabriel School will be a Leader in Me school. It was a District decision to have the remaining 4 elementary schools start next year. There is also future intention to include it at the high school level. Staff had a presentation on the program and Mr. Barfoot and Mrs. Highfield are going to a conference to learn more. Mr. Barfoot will attend training in April and the staff will attend training in August. It is a 3-year process: first year is staff education, second year is student education, and third year is full implementation. How it is rolled out and what it looks like can be different from school to school.

Science in Motion is April 4-6<sup>th</sup>. There will be an assembly presentation on Tuesday/Thursday. Music Festival is the same time so scheduling was required to ensure all kids would be able to attend the Science in Motion assembly presentation. Music Festival dates and times will be sent to parents in advance.

An announcement was made that Good Shepherd will open in the fall, however, Parson's creek school will not. No decision has been made in regards to Father Beauregard.

EEP and Kindergarten registration is open. Already 19 registrations for EEP have come in. Open houses are in late April/ early May.

### **Chair Discussion**

#### **Volunteer Update/ Parking Permit Volunteer Draw**

Current volunteer opportunities include: Apples for Apple School. For the past month there were 64 occurrences of volunteerism at the school. Suzette Reid was drawn for the School Council parking pass permit from March 8 – April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pallet Board Sign (Our Happy Place)**

A Facebook poll was done to see if there was enough interest to have the Pallet Board Sign Workshop Fundraiser. The results included 14 likes and 11 comments. For those who specified preference on dates there were 2 for April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2 for April 26<sup>th</sup>. April 3<sup>rd</sup> was best for Our Happy Place because on April 27<sup>th</sup>



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they have to set up for a tradeshow. A decision was made to hold the fundraiser event on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the school's meeting room. Information is to go out next week to parents/guardians and staff. It was suggested to make it a closed event for just St. Gabriel families for the first week then open it to the public if possible.

## **Gabe's Groceries**

A letter has gone home with all students and one family has started using the program. We got a significant amount of food donations from the dance to get started. Cash donations were also given and have been used to supply a \$25 SAVE-ON gift card. No special fundraising days are required at this time to supplement the donations that are coming in.

## **Lessons Learned - Valentine's Family Dance**

Valentine Family Dance and Smoothie/ Popcorn Days amounted to a gross profit of \$2426.65. Costs were \$1203.49; therefore, equaling a net profit of \$1223.16. Ticket Breakdown: Raffles sold 329 Tickets (Movie – 79; Snowball - 77; Treat Out – 67; Recreation – 53; Snow Day – 53). Food/ Activity sold 845 Tickets (Food – 569; Face Painting- 158 (53 kids); Kiss the Frog – 64; Race Track – 54). 50/50 Draw total was \$440 and the \$220 winnings were donated back to Parent Council.

Layout was good but raffle baskets got overlooked being behind the ticket table- maybe on 1M coat shelf would be better seen; Need table cloth at Face Painting and to figure a way to make it possible to stop by 7:30pm – ending the line at 7:15pm still took until 8:00pm to finish; Glitter tattoos took too long – maybe use a separate table; Ticket sale line seemed long at times but went through rather well – definitely need two people; One type of ticket for food/games/raffle baskets would simplify sales but add to the congestion at raffle baskets to write name and class on it - still need different tickets for 50/50 draw; Need to make an announcement at end of school day for kids to have their shoes accessible for the dance; Buy less food (sold 22 apples, 22 cheese string, 20 medium pizzas cut into 8 slices, 158 bottle water, 50 granola bars); Have more games if we can get more volunteers.

## **ASC Conference & AGM**

The ASC Conference & AGM is April 28-30<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Edmonton South. The Co-chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary are unable to attend so communications will go out to see if any Class Parent Reps are interested in attending.

## **Christmas Store**

Decision was made to continue to use the Holiday Shop company for next year with the possibility of supplementing if need be. We have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to confirm in order to get \$251 in free merchandise. Sarah will ask the company what they can do for us in regards to the amount and quality of products being sent. This past year kids were going home with money. It was suggested to also ask around with other Parent Councils to see what they do. Date for next year could not be set until approval of next year's calendar but it was suggested that earlier is better to allow more time for students to mail to family members and so that it doesn't conflict with the Christmas concert.



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## **Dieleman's Spring Catalogue Fundraiser**

We have been approached by Dieleman to do a spring catalogue fundraiser which includes housewares and bulbs/seeds. Decision was made not to do this fundraiser.

## **Walk-a-thon**

Decision was made to do the walk-a-thon fundraiser. It will be for an hour in an afternoon in early June so as not to conflict with Jump Rope at the end of May. Something will also be done in the morning for the AM EEP and Kindergarten classes. Suggested to have prize draws based on # of pledges and give specific coloured bracelets out in 5 minute intervals to reduce the confusion of handing out the bracelets. Last time 4 boxes of jelly bracelets were purchased but there was a lot left over. Also encouraged students to bring their own water bottles but Parent Council provided water bottles for those who didn't have. Four to five parent volunteers will be needed.

## **School Supplies - Staples**

Decision was made to do the school supplies for a profit and the school supply list will be based on what is provided on the District website.

## **Craft Day**

Decision was made to do a free Spring Fun Afternoon on April 25 3-4:30pm. It will include exercise, crafts, and snacks. Because of the high interest in it last year, it was suggested to do 3 different time slots by family last name. However, it was decided to do it on one day only. Some of the suggested crafts included painting rocks, beading, fridge magnets, and the crafts that were still available from last year. Sarah and Jody will decide on 3-4 crafts. The plan for last year was for the kids to be arranged in groups and each group have a dedicated volunteer. The group would then go around together after a set duration from the different crafts set up in the other rooms. The number of students participating and number of volunteers that come forward will determine if this is feasible. Will need 8 parent volunteers but will also encourage grade 6 students to volunteer. Out of School Care will also be invited to join.

## **Bulletin Board**

The next bulletin board will be of a crafting theme to promote the Pallet Board Fundraiser and Spring Fun Afternoon.

## **ABCya.com**

It was brought forward as a possibility to provide subscriptions to ABCya.com for St. Gabriel families much like how RAZ kids is provided. ABCya.com is a teacher-created website which provides fun and educational games and apps for kids to use. Its content is for grades Pre-K to 5 and includes the following categories: letters, numbers, skills, strategy, and holidays. It is free for PC but for mobile devices it is a \$39.99 US monthly fee for 30 subscriptions. It was decided not to do this because there are so many other free apps and games available. Instead it was suggested to communicate that this program is available.



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## Treasurer Report

At the time of the meeting the February statement was not available.

End of February statistics are as follows:

\$14,979.39

First account - \$12,835.45

Second account - \$2,143.94

Amount still to clear - \$947.85

## Closing Comments and Round Table

DancePlay is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cathie Langmead has resigned as COSC Chair due to her successful nomination for Trustee of the Catholic District. It is a conflict of interest for her to be involved in COSC as a parent therefore the discussion is open to whether or not COSC should continue and if so if anyone is interested in the position of Chair or Co-chair.

Purple day is on March 26<sup>th</sup> and since we have a student with epilepsy there will be something happening on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Purple Day is an international effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy.

There are plans to recognize the anniversary of the wildfire on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, however, it will be low key such as inclusion during morning announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

**Next meeting: April 5, 2017 at 6:30pm. Location: St. Gabriel School staff room.**