

St. Gabriel School Council
October 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with opening prayer provided by John Barfoot.

In attendance

Gayleen Sinclair, John Barfoot, Michelle Chellew, Suzette Berenguei-Reid, Jennifer Lacey, Lana Obrigewitsch, Susan Wilkie

Principal's Report

John discussed the accountability pillar results. Last year the school had red in two categories because of the timing of the report and a note sent home to parents. This year we received mostly all blue (highest excellent category) and one green which is a good category. Overall our school received a blue category.

School goals were discussed again. Two ongoing goals are increasing critical thinking and project based learning. The new goal for this year is working on balanced literacy which will take place at the same time for all grades.

November school goal is to continue with the Healthy Living Program and not lose any momentum in the school. There is one coordinator for the entire district now so it is up to the teachers and staff to continue encouraging students to stay with the program.

School fees reminder notes will be sent home next week. There are still 90 students that aren't paid for.

Upcoming events:

Science in Motion – Oct 20-22

Success Assembly – Oct 29

Picture retakes – Nov 4

COSC meeting – Nov 2

PTI's – Nov 23 (5-8 pm) and Nov 25 (4-7 pm)

EEP/K will only be receiving the EYE assessment, no report cards this term

Christmas Concert – Dec 10

Christmas Store – Dec 14, 15

Santa Packs – Dec 16

Santa Pack party – Dec 18

Chair Report

Elections:

Chair – Michelle Chellew

Secretary – Lana Obrigewitsch

Treasurer – Gayleen Sinclair

Class reps:

EEP – vacant

Kindergarten – Susan Wilkie

Grade One – Michelle Chellew

Grade Two – Suzette Berenguei-Reid

Grade Three – vacant

Grade Four – Gayleen Sinclair, Lana Obrigewitsch

Grade Five – vacant

Grade Six – Jennifer Lacey

Gayleen motions to take Jody Boyle off the signing authority and to add Lana Obrigewitsch to the signing authority. Michelle seconds the motion. Michelle will call the bank and make an appointment to change the paperwork.

Dieleman fundraiser was successful. There were around 50 orders handed in and more received online. We will receive around \$2500 from it. Orders should arrive around Nov 25.

We have been asked by a few parents to look into the Buddy Bench program. Michelle will research it more for the next meeting. Lana has a relative who could carve the bench and repaint it to create a buddy bench from one of our existing benches.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$16,739.09 in the general account and \$2,143.94 in the other account. There is still \$3060 waiting to clear.

We are spending around \$10 a day in apples which ends up being around \$150-200 a month. The students are enjoying having apples available in the school office again.

The budget was discussed, and a few adjustments made. At the end of the year we should have around \$10,080 in the account. Motion to approve the budget was made by Suzette Berenguei-Reid. Susan Wilkie seconds the motion.

Round Table

Lana suggested a book exchange for the school. We will talk to Mrs. H about organizing it in the library.

Gayleen brought up the idea of an ipad lab. We will table it until the teachers have a meeting and decide if it's wanted by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Nov 17 at 6:30 pm