



St. Gabriel School Parent Council

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Minutes - October 11, 2017

6:30pm School Staff Room

This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with an opening prayer done by Everyone.

In attendance:

John Barfoot, Sarah Dube, Melissa Highfield, Susan Wilkie, Ashley Seniuk, Marianne Corbett, Tina Briere, Michael Briere, Jennifer Malbon

The minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting were approved by Sarah Dube and seconded by Marianne Corbett.

Principal Report:

New EEP teacher, Mrs. Wangler, is fitting in well and the transition was smooth.

School Goals will focus on Leader in Me and Math. The Provincial Achievements result have not been released yet. More information to come at the next meeting. The Leader in Me training for staff next week on October 20th. Round table about Fraser Report - comes out in the spring. A rank of all schools in the province. More to follow in the spring.

Christmas concert - Unfortunately due to several factors such as available professional development days already being dedicated to Leader in Me training, the vacant music position at the time to book Holy Trinity (Mrs. Germain has taken the role as music teacher in Aug. of this year), the staff and class time required to prepare for the event, there will be an Advent Mass in place of the Christmas Concert. Discussion around a social as well - suggestion of carols, more to follow.

Breakfast Program- Mr. Barfoot requested help from parent volunteers to get started the breakfast program. Volunteers needed for shopping and distribution. Start up on a simple program with such items as cheerios in a bag, apples, cheese strings, granola bars on a cart. Now we currently have cereal and milk available at the office. There is \$1600.00 in the fund. Canada Post grant could be applied for to supplement this program for future years.

Co-chair Report:

Remind/ Volunteer Update - Remind has 52 parents currently signed up. Bumpy start up, it has been a learning curve ensuring parents were signed up. Teachers were invited to join but will continue to use other methods such as agendas or emails to communicate with parents. An additional letter has been sent to parents to encourage more to sign up. As well our Co-chair, Darlene Scharf, has stepped down therefore leaving the position vacant and up for election. Sarah to send the information about Remind and Co-chair position to Mr. Barfoot to include in his weekly Principal email to parents. Facebook group continues to get new individuals- 17 since the beginning of September. Currently has 110 members. There



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have been 16 parents who filled out the Volunteer Sign Up form. Current volunteer opportunities are the Apples for Apple School which have been filled for October and November.

Parking Permit Draw – There were 27 volunteers for the past month. Ashely Seniuk was drawn after the meeting for the parking permit from Oct 11 – Nov 8.

Dieleman Fall Fundraiser - Program Deadline was Oct 11 and form submissions is Oct 20. Numbers to follow.

Christmas Celebration/ Donations – Facebook poll results show significant interest in Christmas concert. The second ranking option was the Family Christmas Craft Night. However, was agreed that nothing further than a social after the Advent Mass should be arranged. Discussion around back packs for the homeless. Shell was the corporate support and this is no longer in place since there divestment June 01. 2017. Program will not continue. Possible substitute - Giving Tree sock donations and Santas Anonymous accepted.

Crosswalk – The RCMP noticed a significant amount of jaywalking and reminders have been made to parents to use the designated crosswalks. This is still a safety concern. Suggestions for a crosswalk in front of the school front doors has been brought to the municipality in the past by parent groups and has been rejected because it is too close to the intersection. A new bylaw officer has come forward to John Barfoot and is currently looking into it. More information to follow.

2017-18 Parent Council Goals - Alberta Association to do a workshop. Minimum of 4 parents. Is there interest? Possibility to align/ reach out to other districts (schools) to meet these expectations. Parent council is interested in participating in the workshops. FB post/ poll for possible dates and times.

Fundraisers – The fundraisers were agreed upon and to be scheduled as follows:

M&M Meat Shops – Arrange for mid to end of November so that pickup can be before Christmas.

Available by paper order forms.

First Aid Kits- Arrange for Spring to align with May 6-12 emergency awareness week. Available by paper order forms.

FundScrip (Gift Cards) – Arrange for as soon as possible so that pickup can be around parent teacher interviews time. Available by online ordering or by paper order forms. Information to be sent home.

Stamping Up Christmas cards – Arrange for as soon as possible. \$35.00 to make 15 cards in a workshop. Offered Nov 04. 2017 - 3 time slots and 60 spots to fill. Information to be sent home.

Coordinator Reports:

Marianne provided an update on the Christmas Store - Set up Dec 5 - Run Through 6 & 7 - Tear down on Dec 8. 2017. Feedback was received from parents that higher grades should go first. It was decided to have the teachers choose the timeslots. With additional items being purchased it should provide more selection availability for all classes no matter what their timeslot. Sarah motioned to give \$500.00 to Marianne to purchase extra items for the Christmas store. Tina Briere second and all of parent council approved.



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Ashley suggested a Popcorn Day for next week (Oct 19), money raised will be donated to the United Way. Suggestion of keeping some of the fundraiser money for school supplies e.g. Kanga Packs for a more environmentally friendly choice. John Barfoot - this must be brought to the teachers and see if they support this addition. They are \$6.00 per pouch. Melissa to talk with teachers. They would be for EEP to grade 3 and if the Kanga pouch is lost in the year parents pay for replacements.

Treasurer Report:

Sarah provided the Treasurer update. Change in signing authority not required now since the other Co-chair position is vacant. The request to complete the FuseSocial RMWB Social Profit Economic Impact Project was agreed upon. There was no update to account balances.

Closing Comments and Round table:

Website class menu is out of date and needs to be revised to reflect the current list of teachers who have links to class websites.

3 Things Wood Buffalo – will be approaching the Elementary schools to encourage kindness and promote the program within the school.

Is Indigo Adopt a School a program for us? There is a selection process in order to qualify. Gently used book donations for the school will be accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next meeting date is November 8, 2017.