



St. Gabriel School Parent Council

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Minutes - January 10, 2018

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, Sarah Dube, Melissa Highfield, Susan Wilkie, Bev Pilgrim, Gayleen Sinclair

The following correction was made to the minutes: Next Meeting dates and Times: January 10th, 2018 – 6:30pm – 8pm. The November 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as amended by Susan Wilkie and seconded by Sarah Dube.

Presentation – Leader in Me:

Melissa Highfield did a presentation on the 7 Habits. 1) Be Proactive – “can do”, 2) Begin with the end in mind- have a plan, 3) First things first – work first, then play, 4) Think win-win – everybody can win, 5) Seek first to understand then to be understood – listen before you speak, 6) Synergize – working together is better, 7) Sharpen the saw – balance is best. Parents can support by reinforcing at home win-win, getting your child to talk about the 7 habits, asking your child which habit should they use to complete a task, and giving age appropriate responsibilities. Parents should not use the language as an accusation. Presentation also included the video Green and Clean. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8MyIQ_VPUI

Principal’s Message:

Staff thanks Parent Council for doing the Christmas luncheon and supervision.

Science in Motion is February 13, 14, 15th with an assembly on the first day from 8:45-9:45am and last day at the end of the day. Individual classes will get a presentation. Because of fewer classes this year, Kindergarten PM will also get an individual presentation. KAM will be included for the first day assembly. Parent Council pays \$2070 to fund this program. A \$900 deposit was already paid. Teachers may be asking for a parent volunteer depending on the session selected.

Fundraising was discussed at the last Principals meeting with the Superintendent. Concerns were brought up about certain food fundraising being done at elementary schools in the district. End result is for all schools in the district to follow the policy. Therefore, fundraising of food items that do not fit into these specifications will not be allowed.

The grade 5/6 Boys and Girls Basketball teams will be coached by Mr. Pretto this year. Other teachers will help as required. It is also an option for parents to get involved in coaching school team sports.



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Correction to monthly calendar: Epiphany next week will be moved to Thursday morning. This will be communicated to parents via the Principals weekly email.

Father Jestoni has replaced Father Jack at the parish and will now be involved with our school again.

Advent Mass went well. There was decent turn out and Father Jack and students did a great job. After the mass there were snacks (water and cookies) provided and a chime performance by students. Caroling was not done due to a technology issue. Teachers did setup and take down while students did the music and readings with coaching from Teachers. It was still a lot of prep to organize and prepare for the event. It was noted that most of the families in attendance were the ones who had children participating in the Mass and that a Christmas concert is appreciated because all students are involved. It is anticipated that a Christmas Concert will be done next year but it is still an option to have an Advent Mass in future years.

Winter games are Family Day long weekend. The 4 day weekend is because some of the school are being used a residence. St. Gabriel school doesn't have a sprinkler system so will not be used. Several staff will be volunteering for the winter games.

Skiing/ Tubing at Vista Ridge for grade 4, 5, 6 is on March 8 & 22 and grade 3 on March 22. Parent volunteers will be needed per class. RCMP Criminal Checks are required for parent volunteers.

Co-Chair Report:

Volunteer Update & Parking Permit Draw: Volunteers needed for Apples, Breakfast Program, and Valentine Dance. There were 160 volunteers since our last meeting. Susan Wilkie was drawn for the parking permit from Jan 11- Feb 7.

Crosswalk: Our Parent Council Letter was sent to Cst. Ninna Forte to be include in her package to present to the municipality. Mr. Barfoot was also requested to write a letter. The latest update from Cst. Ninna Forte is that she just returned to work and has some designs to review. She emailed Mr. Barfott saying she would be in touch soon.

ASCA Workshops: No update on a date. Continue to wait for these workshops.

Lessons Learned:

PTI Welcome Table – slow nights because of weather and cancellation/rebooking the following week. We had 2 volunteers sign up. The oranges didn't go but the bananas left over from smoothie day did. Look into doing a different fruit than oranges next time.

Staff Christmas Luncheon – Cost was \$358.81. There were cold cuts and cheese left over but not enough condiments, specifically mayo. Look at getting a jar of mayo on the side for next year. Quantities of everything else was good.



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AR Picnic: There are no longer any rewards associated with the Accelerated Reading program therefore no longer need to associate the picnic with that program. There was discussion on other options such as a family picnic, snacks for sports day, fall meet and greet BBQ. Possibility to do a poll on Facebook to get an idea of what parents would like. Item was tabled until another meeting.

Oilsands Rotary Music Festival Donation: Received a request for donation from the Oilsands Rotary Music Festival. St Gabriel students partake in the festival choir category. Susan Wilkie motioned to donate \$100 and seconded by Gayleen Sinclair.

ASCA Awards of Recognition/ Conference: ASCA has the following awards of recognition in support of school council efforts in Alberta: School Council Award of Merit, School Council Parent of Distinction Award, Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award, District School Council Engagement Award. Nominations must be received by Feb 28th. No nominations were made. Draft resolutions for the ASCA Conference are available on the ASCA website and comments can be submitted until Feb 28th.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/46944> The ASCA Conference & AGM will be held in Edmonton on April 20-22, 2018. Sarah Dube is not able to attend. Other parent council members are invited to go on behalf of our parent council. More information about the conference is available <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/46722>

Child and Youth Mental Health Outcomes in School Settings Project: Alberta Health Services – Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network (AMH SCN) has contracted PolicyWise for Children & Families (www.policywise.com) to lead the Supporting Child and Youth Mental Health Outcomes in School Settings project. This project is an initial step to better understand collaborative approaches to improve mental health outcomes for children and youth in school settings. PolicyWise works to improve child, family and community well-being through research, and wants to ensure the contributions of parents on school council are included in their data collection. Questions are in regard to our Parent Council's strategies, objectives, and activities as it relates to child mental health in the school setting. Contact information will be provided to Parent Council executives and coordinators so that they can respond if they wish to.

DancePlay: DancePlay will be covered by school funding this year. Therefore, it is an option to have Alien Inline skating do either a night event or in-school instruction. Will look into pricing and interest for such an activity before next meeting.

Fundraisers: FundScrip - Received 14 orders with a \$496.02 profit. Gift Card Holders – Sold 33 for a profit of \$55. M&M Food Market - Received 35 orders with a \$501.56 profit. Dieleman Spring Catalogue – Secured 50% profit before deadline, however, the decision was not to do this fundraiser. Instead we will do the walk-a-thon in June. Since there is no Walk-a-thon Coordinator, Susan Wilkie, Bev Pilgrim, and Gayleen Sinclair will do a team approach to organize the event.



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Coordinator Reports:

Special Event Day: Sarah reported smoothie day went well. It made about \$245. There are leftover supplies so the next special event day will most likely be a smoothie day. No date decided upon yet.

Christmas Store: Sarah reported it was successful and made a profit of \$1362.72. There was a slight decrease of participants this year by about 30. This year we purchased an additional \$510 and of that only \$80 of product was returned. Items that were not sufficiently supplied for by Fun Services was adult males and pets. The majority of items returned to Fun Services were higher priced items. Several of the loyalty reward products and a few of the non-returnable products from Shoppers are leftover for next year. We did not use the POS system provided by Fun Services.

Bulletin Board: Being changed to promote the Valentine’s Family Dance on Feb 13th.

Valentines Dance: Center of Hope was selected as the beneficiary for the entrance fee. Items or monetary donations will be accepted all week and at the event. Bev will get a list of specific items that the Center of Hope is in need of. Gym decoration can be put up from 1:50-2:20pm while there is no class in it and leaves only 6S to go in after. Suggestion made to select a heart with a straight edge so that the students can easily cut them out. If there are enough volunteers then games such as race track, kiss the frog, and punch a prize will be provided for the first hour of the dance. Any parents or guardians who are interested in volunteering can sign up. Contact Mr. Barfoot if there are any questions around the requirements to volunteer. There will be 5 raffle baskets: Lego boy, Lego girl, Arts/Crafts, Movie Night, Nerf. Raffle baskets will be visible on the 1/2M shelf during the dance and the draw will be the day after the dance. Will use a spreadsheet to collect the list of tickets numbers purchased by an individual. Therefore, they only have to write their name once (not on every ticket), we don’t need to sell a different ticket for raffle baskets versus activities/food, and individuals don’t need to keep the tickets to claim prizes. Advance raffle tickets will be available; contact stgabrielpc@gmail.com. 50/50 draw will be made the night of the dance. Same food will be provided as last year: pizza, cheese string, apples, granola bars, water. Will also sell LED finger lights. Will have face painting if we have volunteers but will not do glitter tattoos. If we do not get face painters than will do water tattoos.

Breakfast Program: Going great. Krista Marquis volunteered to organize students and cover the month of January when no parent has signed up. This will also help to get the breakfast cart out earlier because the students are inquiring about it since they are indoors in the mornings.

Treasurer Report:

Summary of Account Balances on January 1, 2018 - Community of Spirit Account:	\$2,145.94
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Total after cheques written to clear \$15,299.16

Total Deposits \$17,445.10

Closing Comments and Round table:

For next meeting there will be a presentation from Teachers/Students on Technology in the Class. Add to next meeting agenda school supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Next Meeting date and time: February 7th, 2018 - 3:30pm -5pm All parents welcome!