

St. Gabriel School Council
September 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm with opening prayer provided by John Barfoot.

In attendance

Gayleen Sinclair, John Barfoot, Michelle Chellew, Sarah Dube, Ashley Seniux, Lana Odrigewitsch

Principal's Report

John Barfoot gave a description about what school council is. School council gives parents a voice in our school. It is a great way to become involved.

We currently have 277 students registered for the 2016-2017 school year. There is still one EA position open to be filled shortly. District wide registration numbers are down about 6%. We have many new students from Father Beau and Good Sheppard Schools.

School conditions

Insurance decided during the summer months that all items in the school would be bagged and placed into c-cans until they could be sorted and thrown away. Teachers had a 2 hour period of time to find any personal items when they returned before the start of school. All other items were placed outside for parents to pick up and decide what they would like to do with them. All classrooms had air quality tests and swabs to make sure it was a safe environment for everyone to return to. Portables are still currently being restored so the sensory room, music room and native studies room have been temporarily relocated. We have a full time councillor for the next 2 years in order to help staff and students work through any after effects from the evacuation.

AR program is funded by the hot lunch program. There will be a credit for families from last may available for use on the first order this year.

Santa packs for the homeless are a maybe this year. More to come at the next meeting about this.

RCMP checks are due again for volunteers. Forms available at the office.

Some of the events we normally host are the fall fundraiser, Christmas store, Family Dance, staff luncheon at Christmas, Walk-a-thon and AR Picnic.

Elections:

Co-chair: Sarah Dube

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Treasurer: Gayleen Sinclair

Secretary: Lana Odrigewitsch

Gabe's Groceries will be put on hold until the new year. We will discuss at the January meeting.

Set dates for meetings:

Board agreed that the 2nd Wednesday of the month this year.

Oct 12, Nov 9, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Gayleen Sinclair

There is currently around \$16,000 in the general account and \$2,100 in the other account

We will not be doing the fall fundraiser this year, no heritage park field trip and no income from school supplies.

Science in Motion is about \$2100.

Motion to buy apples on a weekly basis made by Lana. Michelle seconds the motion.

Gayleen will buy apples for the week on Sundays.

\$2000 is usually donated for bussing. We will change that donation to pay for the agendas this year.

Possibly another \$3000 to help with the Brain Pop computer program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Oct 12 at 6:30 pm