

St. Gabriel School Council

January 19, 2016

This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with an opening prayer provided by John Barfoot

In attendance

Gayleen Sinclair, John Barfoot, Michelle Chellew, Lana Obrigewitsch, and Robyn Armstrong.

Principle's Report

John discussed the accountability survey that is being sent out to parents. It is no longer just grade 4,7 and 11, but will be sent to parents of grade 4, 5, and 6 as well this year.

The first 15 chrome books have arrived, 12 of the books are set up and ready for use. The chrome books are better for special needs children as the talk to text is built right in. They will be useful in balanced literacy.

The grades 3 and 4 classes had the local "who do you tell" speakers visit this week.

The Alberta Catholic School Board is in the news and in discussions on the correct course of action in implementing gender neutral change rooms/washrooms in their schools for transgender students. The Alberta government wants all school boards to have a draft of the policies ready by the end of March to ensure students have a "safe and inclusive environment" in which to learn.

The 2016-2017 school calendar is in the draft stage, and is open for discussion. It is being proposed that the students do not return until after labour day in 2016. The late start means that there will be two extra Fridays of School worked into the school year. It is being proposed that Christmas holiday start Dec 15 and students resume school on Jan. 3.

Ash Wednesday celebration will take place Feb. 10 and will include a Valentine's Day celebration.

Chair

School dance is being scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18th, a school night. The dance will start earlier than usual-6:00-to ensure that the kids will be able to be home early. It was decided that pizza will be served at a charge of \$2 per slice, with water and granola bars available as well. There will be a photographer for photo booth and face painting. We will need at least 8 parent volunteers for the food tables, 50/50 table, and set up.

There was a discussion about changing the usual movie night to a craft/physical fitness after school reward. The students aren't as interested in sitting and watching a movie. There would be 3 or 4 different craft stations, a 15 minute physical fitness workout, ect...

Treasurer

There is currently \$20,174.60 in the main account and \$2143.94 in the other account. The Christmas store brought in \$1466.60. There is still \$5076.75 waiting to clear. Account balance (after clears will be) \$15,097.85, total for both accounts \$17,241.79

Next meeting, Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30pm