

St. Gabriel School Council

September 16, 2014

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

In attendance

Gayleen Sinclair, John Barfoot, Diane Zeilke, Stephanie Ewasiuk, Jody Boyle, Michelle Chellew, Mel Haskewich, Katherine Schmidt, and Faye Sacrey

Election Results 2014-2015 Year

Co-Chair - Michelle Chellew

Co-Chair - Jody Boyle

Secretary – Katherine Schmidt

Treasurer – Gayleen Sinclair

Principal's Report

Presented by John Barfoot.

John 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. The meetings currently happen the 3rd Tuesday of every month, excluding December and June. These meeting times may be re-evaluated to see if there would be a better day/time to get more parents involved.

Some events currently organized or sponsored by school council include: Heritage Park – 1 week for both grade 3 classes depending on availability, Yearend Accelerated Reading Picnic, Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation money and luncheon, Holiday Gift Shop, Family Dance, Lamontagne Fundraiser, PAT Snacks, Telus World of Science and Promethium boards

A reminder to parents that in order to volunteer in the school criminal record checks must be completed. They are good for 2 years, and you can get the forms from the office.

We currently have 268 students registered for the 2014-2015 school year. This is down from 290 (9%). With the new school opening in our district we are no longer getting an overflow for kids from other areas. The EEP program numbers are down across the district

A reminder that the school calendar of events can be found on the school webpage. This webpage is updated often. The web address is <http://stgabriel.fmcschools.ca/>

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Gayleen Sinclair

There is currently \$11,902.32 in the general account and \$2,142.94 in the playground account

Apple Schools

Big gains were made last year within the school. We are currently promoting 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Our wellness guidelines were put in place last year. These guidelines were developed with input from St Gabriel School staff and parents.

A reminder was given that any food that is to be shared within a classroom or the school must be foods from the Choose Most Often category. If snacks/treats are sent to school that do not fall in the Choose Most Often category they will be regrettably declined and sent home with the student who brought them.

New Business

Dates for next year's Christmas store is booked for December 15th and 16th

There is support to change our annual Christmas Dance to a Valentine's Day Dance, with a tentative date of Feb. 12, 2015.

Lamontagne Fundraiser was distributed to all classes. They are due back to the school no later than October 14

Next Meeting

Budget 2014-2015 Approval

Christmas Store Planning

Change signing authority on bank accounts

Information from COSC Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting: October 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm