

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2009 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

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In attendance:

Scott Jackson – **Chair / Secretary**

Brenda Blair – **Vice Chair**

LaVerne Pue – **Principal**

Renee Ma-Poy – **Teacher Representative**

Paul Freer

Heather Schmidt

Dan Brunning

Deloris Taylor

Joanne Deda

Charlotte Seehawer

Words of welcome and prayer – Scott Jackson

Student Representative Update

No update was given this month.

Principal's Update

There were no items to report from the December Hot Coffee – Hot Topics.

Mrs. Pue shared information about the upcoming Alberta Education's Educational Survey.

This survey is conducted by Alberta Education and it is now a yearly survey. It runs from January 11, to February 19. It is mailed directly to parents. HCA doesn't see the surveys until the results are tallied and they are presented as part of Heritage's accountability pillar. Please take the time to fill in the survey.

Mrs. Pue shared about our security check MOU.

The MOU for the security checks has now been completed. Wendy Brunning has graciously volunteered to come to the school and help those of us that have never had a security check completed fill out the paper work. There is a \$15 charge to process the application. As a reminder, you require a security check (within 3 years) in order to volunteer in the school. Mrs. Pue will be passing along dates and times that Wendy will be at the school.

Mrs. Pue provided an update on our "Giving up to Up the Giving".

This campaign is going very well. HCA recently received a very nice letter from CUPS thanking us for the work we have done.

Mrs. Pue shared information about Palliser's proposed 2010-2011 calendar.

The first item to highlight is that the school year will start 4 days before the end of August. Palliser has indicated this is non-negotiable. The second item to highlight is having every second Friday off. As this has the potential to affect the entire HCA family, Mrs. Pue indicated she would like to get as many opinions from the HCA family as possible in order to determine what points to fight for. It was determined this should be presented at the Society Board's AGM in late January.

Advancement Update

Ron was unable to attend but sent a request asking for School Council representation at the upcoming open house on February 2. This open house will be focused around kindergarten and grade 1 but is open to all who want to attend. Ron will make arrangements for staff and student representation. Both Scott and Joanne volunteered to attend.

Action: Ron to follow up with staff/students and Scott to follow up with School Council members.

Follow Up: Prior to February 2.

Food on Campus Committee

The committee will be holding its first meeting on January 15 at 1:00PM in the cafeteria. Any one interested in participating is welcome.

Action: Deloris and/or Becki to provide updates.

Follow Up: March meeting.

Legal Wording on Field Trip Forms

Based on all that is currently happening within Palliser (funding cuts), this is a very low priority item. We will leave this on the agenda and look for future updates.

Action: Mrs. Pue to follow up with Dale Backlin

Follow Up: March meeting.

Family Fun Night

It was felt this event should be held sometime in the new year. Further discussion and planning will occur then.

Action: Begin thinking about the date for such an event.

Follow Up: March meeting.

HCA Shepard's Guide

There were no updates on this item this month. Based on all of the issues brought forth this month, we will move this item into the new year.

Action: Ron and Paul to provide an update in the March timeframe.

Follow Up: March meeting.

ASCA General Resolution Submissions

HCA submitted and had accepted the following draft resolution for consideration at the ASCA AGM: "We Request that ASCA communicate to the Minister of Education, and other Ministers as appropriate, the importance of guaranteeing the continuation of provincial funding to all legislated education institutes, i.e. public, separate, Francophone, charter, funded private, or home schools."

Town Hall Meeting

Based on the information presented by Mrs. Pue about the proposed Palliser 2010-2011 school calendar, it was decided to have Mrs. Pue speak to this at the Society Board AGM (January 25, 2010) rather than open a discussion about this year's early dismissal and 20 minute lunch on Fridays.

Action: Mrs. Pue to present at Society Board AGM

Follow Up: Closed

Lobbying Palliser about cut backs

Is it possible to lobby Palliser about cut backs? Perhaps an email should be sent to the general population of the school with 2 or 3 areas of concern we may wish to lobby Palliser on.

Action: Add to the March Agenda.

Follow Up: March meeting

Prayer points in our minutes

Could there be prayer points in our minutes? It was asked whether we should include 4 – 6 prayer items within our minutes as it is important to pray for and not just discuss issues. Extend out to general public.

Action: Add to the March agenda.

Follow Up: March meeting

New Issues

1. Should HCA commission an in-depth survey targeted at all members of the HCA family (students/parent/teachers) to find out what we are doing well and what could be improved on. The last survey of this nature was conducted somewhere between 15 and 20 years ago.

Action: Add to the March Agenda.

Follow Up: February meeting

Closing Prayer- Mrs. Pue

Date for the next meeting: TBA