

School Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

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In attendance:

Scott Jackson – **Chair / Secretary**

LaVerne Pue – **Principal**

Renee Ma-Poy – **Teacher Representative**

Heather Schmidt

Wendy Brunning

Deloris Taylor

Joanne Deda

Laura Klumpp

Heather Schmidt

Tania MacCormack

Words of welcome and prayer – Scott Jackson

Student Representative Update

No update was given this month.

Principal's Update

Hot Coffee – Hot Topics

The survey results were raised (see below). A concern was raised about computer homework and expectations for computer use at home. Teachers indicate it is the student's choice whether to use a computer or not for assignments and, as much as possible, class time is given. Going forward we will have to define what our expectations for using computers at home are.

AGM Survey Results

Results went out in the February Hallmarks. Mrs. Pue was pleased with the amount of responses to the survey (145 responses). The input used for the 2010-2011 calendar was that of the majority of responses on the questions with the exception of early dismissal where a compromise between the two options was recommended.

2010 – 2011 Schedule submitted to Palliser

A draft copy was included in the January Hallmarks. Palliser must still agree to our proposal.

"What We Heard"

Alberta Education came out to numerous schools throughout Alberta to observe and ask questions of students. There are some very interesting results that arose from this. The results can be found at: <http://www.speakout.alberta.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=mooyRRPBT3M%3d&tabid=108>

Recent Parental Behavior at sporting events

We have had two incidents of poor parental behavior recently. One involved verbal abuse towards a coach and the second involved questionable language and negative comments. This is not only making coaches not want to volunteer, but it is not following our code of conduct. Some thoughts were discussed and the question of whether this is a covenant issue. It was decided further discussions would need to happen.

Action: Scott to ask for Society Board comment.

Follow Up: April meeting.

Advancement Update

The Spring Gala preparation is well underway. Homeroom baskets are available again this year. It will be held at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. There will be no key note speaker this year. More communications will be coming (soliciting items, etc).

Action: Ron to provide further updates.

Follow Up: April meeting.

Food on Campus Committee

The committee met on February 26. There is currently no consensus from the committee as to which way to proceed. The two thoughts are: following the Alberta guideline of 100% healthy or adopting a modification of some sort. The committee has been tasked to pull together a presentation on both stances and present to the rest of School Council. There is also the possibility of a survey being conducted based on the outcome of the presentations. LaVerne requested we get more information on what exactly is selling from the vending machines so we have more data to make use of.

Action: Committee to draft the two positions and present. Deloris to provide information on what is selling from the vending machines.

Follow Up: April meeting.

20 Minute Friday Lunch

Miss Whipple has reviewed the current schedule, but wasn't able to change it this year. This will have to be investigated further after the 2010 – 2011 schedule is finalized.

Action:

Follow Up: Closed

Group Security Checks

Wendy Brunning makes herself available most days after school to do checks between 3:00-3:30. Sherry will be sending a note to those who's security check has expired. We currently have 4 done.

Action:

Follow Up: Closed

Family Fun Night

It was decided the Family Fun Night will be on May 14, likely around the 6:30 time frame. As in the past, the gym will be open for drop in events (floor hockey, basketball, etc.) and families are encouraged to bring board games to play in the cafeteria. There is also talk of having some type of "coupon exchange" for people looking to trade coupons from the SUTP and Entertainment guides.

Action: Finalize activities and time for the event.

Follow Up: April meeting.

HCA Shepard's Guide

There were no updates on this item this month. It was decided this item would be closed with the opportunity to re-open in the future.

Action:

Follow Up: Closed

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."

Lobbying Palliser about cut backs

Palliser hosted an interactive Q&A session at GCA on March 1, 2010. HCA had very good representation from parents, teachers, and administration and were able to effectively deliver the message of continued and increased funding requirements to HCA.

Action:

Follow Up: Closed

In-depth HCA Survey

Good to have. Not sure who or what or when or how.

Prayer points in our minutes

This item will need to be followed up on in the future.

Action: Add to the April agenda.

Follow Up: April meeting

New Issues

1. No new issues were brought up.

Action: Add to the March Agenda.

Follow Up: February meeting

Future Follow Ups

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: TBD

Closing Prayer- Deloris Taylor

Date for the next meeting: April 6, 2010