

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC PARENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
MAY 25, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Candace Lambert, Barb Dolter, Michele Plante, Justin Boksteyn, Celena Gerl, Joe Colistro, Regina Durst, Lana Johnson, Laureen Getz, Peter Grad, Teresa Stark.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Candace Lambert.

OPENING PRAYER: led by Joe Colistro.

Additions and Approval of Agenda: Approved by Celena Gerl and Michele Plante.

Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2015.

Central Office Report: Mr. Joe Colistro reported that Mike Weisgerber was named Principal of St. Mary's School and a Vice Principal will be named soon. The partnership with Medicine Hat College is working well and the marketing plan prepared by the students was a success. They would like to offer the Fine Arts program from McCoy at the College in the future. There is an update to the field trip A/P with forms to be signed by parents. Joe talked about the Strategic Planning Session held on May 1. He showed us a draft of the Division's Strategic Priorities and gave a short explanation of each. Joe invited all to the sod turning at McCoy on June 8. Joe bought Mum plants for all the members of PA present to thank us for the year and wish us a good summer. A gift appreciated by all, Thank You Joe.

ATA Report: Bernie Kinch at a EPC meeting so not able to attend. Candace talked to him and thanked the ATA for supporting PA and he told her the ATA is happy to support the group.

Trustee Board Report: Regina Durst for Robert Risling reported that the new website is up and running. Letters were sent to the Education Minister asking for additional funding for the McCoy upgrade. There has been no response to the letters so far and with new government in place, there may be changes to the budget. The Annual Golf Tournament is on June 12 at Cottonwood. The retirement banquet is set for June 23.

ASCA Conference Report: Candace Lambert and Barb Dolter attended the ASCA conference in Edmonton. They summarized the sessions they attended and reported on the value of attending the Conference. They printed up a handout document reviewing info gathered from their sessions. A copy can be obtained from Candace if interested. There was a resource gallery and entertainment on Saturday night. Sunday was the AGM and elections. Candace encouraged new parents to plan to attend as it is so informative and worth going to.

Committee Reports:

Chair Report: Candace Lambert handed out PA brochures for each school council. Take back to your schools to be handed out to parents that are wanting info about PA. The template will be on the website so more brochures can be printed off as needed. The brochures were done at Minuteman Press. Great job, they look great.

Secretary/Treasurer: Laureen Getz reported the Bank Balance is \$1690.80. A cheque was written to Candace Lambert to reimburse her for the hotel room to attend the ASCA Conference for \$327.84. Also a cheque to Candace for \$81.90 to pay for the printing of the PA Brochures. These items were voted on at a previous meeting. New balance will be \$1281.06.

Board Representative: Laureen Getz reported on the April 14 and May 12 board meetings Peter Grad presented Corinne Hordos-Goyer and Laureen Getz with MHCBE pins to recognize the Volunteer honor given to them by the Med Hat News. Thanks for the recognition. McCoy fundraising and modernization were discussed. PD topics were set for next year. College partnerships are going well and looking at more for the future. Cape School's lease was discussed and extended. At the May meeting, the sod turning for McCoy is on June 8. The field

trip A/P will be reviewed. The budget deadline was extended to the end of June due to the election. Hugh Lehr talked about the Mental Health Fun run and showed pictures of the day.

School Reports:

Monsignor McCoy: Laureen Getz: Report cards were out April 24. The Easter school mass was on April 16. Grad was May 14 and 15. Finals are coming soon. Fastball and baseball are underway and going well. Mass at Holy Family was on May 24 and the sports award banquet is on June 3.

Mother Teresa: Justin Boksteyn reported that the spellathon went well. They will be doing a art auction next year in Feb. They had a fun track day and science in motion. Concerned with the cost to have the Christmas concert at the Esplanade. They have to upgrade their playground or Health and Safety will close it down. They are planning to save money from fundraisers and replace it in the future.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante reported that they held a Walk for Wishes. Track and Field and field trips are booked.

St. Francis: Teresa Stark reported the spelling bee raised almost \$4000. They had staff appreciation, field trips and science in motion.

St. Mary's Barb Dolter reported the Fine Arts year end Academy concert will be May 26 at the Esplanade. The school students are going to Echo Dale on June 19. Staff Appreciation was on May 21 with the HIT team helping chop vegetables. Celena Gerl reported that the Gr. 9 parents are planning a farewell on June 7 for the students.

St. Michael's: Lana Johnson reported they went to Spring Sing , celebrated Fine Arts week, held their Spring Art Gala and had Staff Appreciation catered.

St. Thomas: Celena Gerl reported the spelling bee was good. The Gr.6 class is going to Camp McCoy. She spoke about her concern of how students in split classes might have their PAT scores affected depending on when they learn the content. Their trip of the month club fundraiser will happen again next year.

No reps or reports for St. Louis and St. Patrick's.

Old Business: Candace talked about the 3 yr plan and the volunteer plan for the Salvation Army Soup kitchen. There is a need for help on Friday nights. Meet to get the info, criminal record check and then get on the list to help. Candace will work on this and get it going for the fall.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting Date: We will meet at the Board Office on Sept. 28 at 7pm for the AGM.

Adjournment: 9:35 pm.