

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes

May 7th, 2012

In Attendance: Candace Lambert, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Lauren Getz, Penny Pahl, Melinda Mastel, Barb Thompson, Jodi Churla, Michele Plante, Lisa Zeidell, Michelle Lutz, Teresa Stark, Wayne Schlosser, Ray West, Clyde Pudwell

1. Fabulous Tour of St. Michael's Bow Island: led by Mike Weisgerber
2. Opening Prayer: 7:30: led by Wayne Schlosser
Please pray for David Leahy and Family
3. Introductions
4. Additions and Approval of Agenda : Approved by Michele Plante/seconded by Michelle Lutz
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2012: Approved by Lauren Getz/seconded by Candace Lambert
6. Central Office Report: Wayne Schlosser
 - 2012-13 budget was presented at May's board meeting – it is balanced through sacrifices and cuts across all areas of the division. There are 6-7 retiring teachers who comprise 5FTE. Interviewing for Admin postings: 1.0 with teaching for Vice at St. Pat's, acting principal at St. Thomas, 2 0.5FTE for Vice at McCoy, 0.5 AISI lead teacher. Jill Wilkinson has been named Religious Ed Coordinator. Other decisions anticipated by Friday. No definitive report on total FTE as in midst of hiring cycle.
 - Introduction of Clyde Pudwell, Acting Superintendent. Clyde was one of 7 children raised in Medicine Hat, and is married with 1 son. He is looking forward to following the footsteps of Mr. Leahy, the continuation of community, accountability for parental input, and looks forward to working with all. Welcome Clyde!!
 - The Centennial planning committee needs help!! A volunteer sign up form was distributed. No definitive numbers for attendance other than approximately 150 for the Bishop's dinner.
7. ATA Update: Ray West
Ray is watching what will happen with the Government and Minister. The division is hiring a learning coach connected to Inclusive education. Best Division to work in. All data suggests that the resources poured into professional development have the Division "leading the parade".
8. Board Trustee Report: Jodi Churla
Welcome Clyde! Town Hall for May has been cancelled as trustees believe there has been quite a bit of stakeholder collaboration already. Jodi announces her resignation as she is moving from Medicine Hat. A by-election should be called and parents are urged to consider the position. Good Luck and God Bless to Jodi!!
9. Committee Reports
 - Chair Report: Candace Lambert – ASCA Conference 2012 was discussed and a summary presented of what 6 parents that attended learned and experienced. (Side conversation – the ATA is opposed to PAT's for Grades 3 and 6)
 - Secretary /Treasurer : Corinne Hordos Goyer
Account Balance: 1168.54

- Board Representative: Laureen Getz
Lance Rosen presented and needs support – a student spoke at the presentation on Lance having saved him. Regular Board meeting May 8 and a special budget meeting will be announced. The group that leases St. Mary's childcare modular will also have gym access over the summer. The 2012-13 calendar keeps changing. Centennial advertising is ongoing.

10. School Reports

McCoy: Laureen Getz

Preparing for Grad May 17 & 18. Staff Appreciation upcoming. Spring Sing on May 23 at the esplanade – tickets 7.50 with tax. Choir will be performing at provincials.

Mother Teresa: Lesley Heather

Cookbooks for sale @ \$10 each. Investigating hotlunches.net to help with hot lunch program. Offering School Start, which deals in prepacked supplies. The penny drive for Aiden White is at \$984 and growing Turners held a special supper for the cause. June 6 will be Teacher Luncheon. 3 year plan ongoing. Spellathon raised \$4700. Erica Bodnaruk reviewed budget and was very eye-opening. Centennial is being promoted.

St. Francis: Teresa Stark

Received CS Grant for \$4200. Spellathon raised \$3700 – best ever – used for field trips. The dedication of Love Soccer Field will be held on June 7th. A parent is gathering info on a \$800 lighted sign from the states. The Grade 4's from St. Louis will be joining St. Francis for field trip to Heritage park. There are 10 children signed up for Before/After school care and Wayne commended St. Francis School Council for supporting the start-up.

St. Mary's: Laureen Getz

Track and Field will be May 15th. FI Grade 9 is off to Quebec!! Delph tests for FI taken in Lethbridge twice. Alice in Wonderland went well. Grade 9 will go to Echodale for farewell barbecue. Prizes will be drawn with entries for Grade improvement. Academy Choir travelling May 10 & 11 for provincials. School Art had fabulous displays of our student's creativity. St. Mary's Elemonators will be fundraising for Relay for Life. Staff Appreciation was held today. Fall fundraiser will be SUTP Coupon Books. The Pro Life Hike for Life is on Saturday.

St. Michael's BI: Penny Pahl & Melinda Mastel

Missoula Children's Theatre was very successful. 85 kg of food and \$315 was raised for the food bank. The Safety Patrol kids will travel to the Leisure Center. May 22 will be Kindergarten orientation. Free sub and healthy snack day. Grad on May 26. Beverley Hillbillies potluck and play. Fundraiser for Europe next spring – tickets to private Warehouse One sale with 30% off or 10 for \$50. All behaved at the Glow Dance which included kids from other schools that had signed up. Track & Field on May 24 with Cherry Coulee. Zoo trips in June – all families divided into assigned zoo animals. The student who won the trip to Kenya is back and had a good experience. Student Leadership Conference in Edmonton. Staff Appreciation near the end of school year. High School Orientation upcoming.

St. Patrick's: Lisa Zeidell

Staff appreciation went well. Council meeting next Tuesday. Safety Patrollers going to Leisure Center. \$9300 raised through Spellathon and will be used to apply for CSG - \$7300 CSG awarded for last year. Lifetouch will be doing school photos. Muffins with Mom on Thursday morning. Donna Serr lost her daughter and now volunteers for Make a Wish – Walk for Wishes on May 25 – all money stays in own community. The outdoor classroom is underway and a Worker Bee planned for May 26&27 – all are welcome. Talent Show was very interesting.

11. Old Business: Michelle Lutz makes a motion to compensate \$100 per hotel room (100 x 3) for 2012 ASCA Conference in Edmonton. Melinda Mastel second – passed. Discussion of future conference funding tabled.
 12. New Business: Wayne Schlosser announces that accountability pillar results should be posted online any day and to view and discuss at the next School Council meetings.
 13. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24TH @ MHC BOARD OFFICE @ 7:00 PM
- Adjourn 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer