

## Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes

October 29, 2012

In Attendance: Candace Lambert, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laureen Getz, Michele Plante, Teresa Stark, Christine Stupak, Barb Thompson, Alicia Garrecht, Kate Glass, Barb Dolter, Celena Gerl, Nancy Small, Robert Dumanowski, Stan Aberle, Clyde Pudwell

1. Tour of St. Francis: led by Mr. Dumanowski – beautiful large rooms.
2. Opening Prayer: led by Mr. Pudwell
3. Introductions
4. Additions and Approval of Agenda: Addition to Clyde's report of BYOD update and AP112. Approved by Michele Plante/seconded by Christine Stupak
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2012: minutes not present but read prior: Approved by Teresa Stark /seconded by Laureen Getz
6. Central Office Report: Clyde Pudwell
  - See attached memos x 4
  - AISI in Cycle 5 – Differentiated Instruction. Continuation of last two cycle's assessment strategies. Each school has developed own AISI project related to DI. Dr. Diane Heacox spoke to staff – lots of strategies – helped to unify – will take approximately 10 years per subject to have true diversification. Would like to involve parents – Principal should ask "How does this affect your child and do you see benefits?" – Certain subjects won't see differentiation right away. Celena questions what happens to students while being put in place and Clyde reassures that strategies are in place, but need guidance – ask principal what & where projects are in place. Ask teachers what they can tell us about their students and if they can answer they have begun using DI. DI also takes into account "gifted" students. Students differ in: Interests, Learning Profile, Learner Readiness
  - Bill 3 – through third reading – highlight paper attached
  - AP 520: 2.12 Submit Fundraising reports – Please submit your fundraising reports to Clyde ASAP.
  - AP 112: Procedures 2& 3 affect School council/parents – Lengthy discussion on how far the AP goes, who will watch over it, is there a level playing field, is there enough balance – Nutrition AP a done deal and Clyde asks for time to get everyone on same page – please review lists of acceptable food items.
  - Accountability pillar: session on understanding results – please see attached handout – Students fill out at school so they can be helped to understand and to ensure all are handed in. All surveys are given equal weight, high school completion results a year behind, PATs and Diplomas from actual test results, for the "work-readiness" question, elementary students should replace "ready for work" with "ready for next level in education". Measurements come from percentile not percentage. Lots of blue and green for Division (see chart).
  - Ward Withdrawal: Please see diagram.
  - BYOD: 11 teachers, 5 schools, just had first meeting. Making digital citizenship policy draft which includes policy, info, and user agreements. All info will be relayed to parents with anticipated start date of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Some devices will be placed in library to help with equity piece. Also need equity in knowledge about device use. There will be

a transition period, but no time limit for pilot project. Barb Dolter expressed a concern about a “level playing field” and advantages/disadvantages for kids that do/don’t use technology. District 76 is utilizing a “backwards classroom” model where you view a lesson at home and do assignment in class.

7. ATA Update: Bernie Kinch Absent: A HUGE Thank you to the ATA for the donation of \$200 towards Parent Association Membership Fees for all 10 Catholic Schools in the District (\$20 each). ☺

Invoicing requested by Celena Gerl for remaining \$20 fee per school.

Clyde mentions insurance premium has been paid for councils plus 10 separate fundraising insurances paid.

8. Board Trustee Report: Stan Aberle: Welcome esteemed new sir.

The food charter was signed as it ties to the Nutrition AP. Several other groups such as “Moving and Choosing” have signed with the Community Food association. Check out [www.foodconnections.ca](http://www.foodconnections.ca) for more info. Ambassador for Education criteria is being developed. The Town hall meeting has been postponed indefinitely, as there are no “hot topics” at this time. HPV may be looked at again.

9. Committee Reports

A. Chair Report: Candace Lambert

- Request for Chairs and PA Reps for each school, with emails, to be on file.
- Request for PA page on Division website.

B. Secretary/Treasurer: Corinne HG

- \$868.54 in bank account. \$1.02 in Common Shares. Cheque for \$200 to deposit (thanks again to ATA)

C. Board Representative: Laureen Getz

- Warren Stark new trustee – cool to see swearing in process. Peter Grad remains as Chair, with Stan Aberle as Vice. Food Charter, Ambassador for Education, and Capital Plan discussed, with school sites and modernization of McCoy as the first priority. November 26<sup>th</sup> will be a special board meeting for the budget – plan to attend as Greg rocks. Clyde was denied Town Hall to discuss 3 Yr Plan – trustees felt this was not as exciting to parents as to Clyde – thank you trustees.

10. School Reports

McCoy: Laureen Getz

Academic Award night November 14 at the College Theatre. PT Interviews November 7&8 with report cards home November 13. Halloween costume contest, cosmetology field trip, and grocery cart challenge upcoming. Check out the website <http://www.mccoyhighschool.ca/> for lots of info.

Mother Teresa: Rep had to leave

School dance on Friday, successful fundraiser with SUTP coupon books.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante

Presentation held by Dawn Dyck, a public health nurse. Two teachers are looking to do Lifebook as a fundraiser. STITCH is like a drop box for pictures. Done through Herff Jones. Awards night was October 15. Notre Dame would like to host PA. EPIC Grad was held for Grade 6. Terry Fox run was a success and approx. \$2000 raised for Layton’ family.

St. Thomas: Celena Gerl

SUTP Fundraiser raised \$2500. 718 lbs of food was collected to date for the Food Bank. There will be a penny drive for Movember. A Christmas dinner is being planned.

St. Francis: Barb Thompson

The Cheque writing campaign has raised \$2800. Halloween dance is coming up. Caring Coats campaign and Fill the Shelves for the Food Bank underway. Skating begins for all grades.

St. Mary's: Laureen Getz

Terry Fox run and Fine Arts Dessert social were held. A new Fine Arts society has been formed. The Christmas concert will be at the College, and a basket raffle is being held to offset costs. Les Roberts is our resource officer and leading the Epic program. There will be a Halloween masquerade. Seeking bibles for classrooms, with a question as to whether there will be funds available to use after Catholic Education Sunday.

Stan spoke about the possibility of Bibles on Wheels (BOWS) to share amongst classrooms.

St. Michael's MH: Barb Dolter

Barb attended the Bishop's Dinner in Calgary – it was very nice and worth the late night. DARE to CARE is being taken further in the school by the formation of a committee, and you can contact Barb for more info. St. Michael's Day was celebrated with mass and a family picnic. CATCHAT was fabulous. Alberta Symphony coming in November.

11. Old Business: Workshops from ASCA group can be booked 2 weeks in advance. Would like workshop on 3 year plan guidance, which will be free as the Board pays our membership fees.

12. New Business: none

13. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 26 @ NOTRE DAME

Adjourn 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer