

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes

April 29, 2013

In Attendance: Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laureen Getz, Michele Plante, Lesley Heather, Lisa Faller-Torrie, Andy Dooling, Lana Johnson, Nancy Small, Laurie Pearse, Lisa Zeidell, Lisa Sinclair, Teresa Stark, Barb Dolter, Bernie Kinch, Stan Aberle, Wayne Schlosser

1. Tour of St. Pat's School: led by Mr. Wilkinson – Laureen thanks for tour.
2. Opening Prayer: led by Laureen and prayed as group at 7:25 – our thoughts and prayers extend to our Chair, Candace Lambert, who is absent.
3. Corrections and Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2013: Approved by Laurie Pearse/seconded by Barbie Dolter
4. Guest Speaker: George Ibach “Hike for Life”
Mr. Ibach presented the annual report for the Medicine Hat Pro-Life Association – please see attached. He gave an interesting talk on the focus of pro-life, which includes education against both abortion and euthanasia. They stand for life from conception to death, and the Hike for Life on Saturday, May 11 supports their cause.
5. Central Office Report: i) Wayne Schlosser
 - Online registration and fee payments to launch potentially in January 2014. Uncertain whether pilot schools or whole division involved – “in service” is needed – no idea of cost.
 - AP 260 – field trips – asked for input on international travel for junior high students– some feedback was accepted – potential issues are safety concern and a belief it should be “saved” for high school.
 - Invitation to school chair/designate to sit in on interviews through hiring process for new principal – role will be to give input to Clyde – questions should be sent ahead to Clyde – will not be allowed in the room for the final decision.
 - Diploma Results – 7/9 hit the acceptable standard which is higher than the province – 6/9 hit excellence and above. 7/9 was at or above the diploma average but there was a struggle in Math. Wayne states that they need time to acclimatize teachers to the math program – 47% of the province failed with 56% of our division failing 30-2. Belief that test will be re-evaluated for next year.
 - Regional Skills Competition for CTS April 30 at the college beginning at 8:30 a.m. There are 17 students going, with 8 from the videographer class Mr. Kinch teaches.
 - 3 Year Capital Plan has been approved with first priority the modernization of McCoy and the second a new elementary school in the south part of the city. 5+ new schools were announced by the province with 1 potentially to Lethbridge and 5+ potentially to Calgary.
 - 8:22 Wayne finishes report.
- ii) Board Representative: Laureen Getz
 - Mr. Grisonich, Mr. Loendorff & Mr. Russell were awarded Ambassador of Education. The agreement between the Province and ATA was ratified by the board. Sub for a Day was won by St. Mary's and McCoy. 2016 Winter Games

may be held in Medicine Hat but need the support of the schools. 3 candidates are proposed for the position of youth Ministry Coordinator. Centennial Mass will be held at Holy Family on Sunday, May 26 at 3pm.

- 8:25 Laureen finishes her report.

iii) Board Trustee: Stan Aberle

- Memorandum of Agreement too complicated to mention, but it won't affect children's education.
- The board would like to expand the Ambassador's for Education Awards so please contact Della or a Trustee if you would like to nominate a student/parent.
- Annual Golf Tournament will run June 14 with all proceeds to the Catholic Education Foundation.
- Elections this fall for trustees – please contact a current trustee for info – Registration is on September 17 with the election October 21.
- 8:30 Stan finishes report.

6. ATA Update: Bernie Kinch: Wednesday will be a bargaining unit general meeting to vote on the framework as put forth by provincial Gov't & ATA. One local has already turned down the offer. There is a great deal of respect/friendship between the local, board, and central office.

7. Committee Reports

A. Chair Report: Laureen Getz

- Food Safety Course was successful. We had no attendees from our Division to the ASCA Conference, but it is believed that a trustee from District 76 attended and may have feedback. Trustee info packs are available at the Catholic Education Office, or you can visit the ASBA website for more info on becoming a trustee.

B. Secretary/Treasurer:

- \$1268.54 in bank account.

8:35 Wayne Schlosser departs the meeting.

8. School Reports

McCoy: Laureen Getz

The next Council meeting is May 22. Colt's Baseball is busy. Football training begins April 30. Into the Woods was a very good play and the partnering with Hometown Acting appears successful. Easter Mass was held April 12. 80/90 kids attended the Spain trip and pictures are available on the McCoy website. Report cards went out April 22. The Grad Festivities will be held May 16 & 17.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante

Pizza Fundraiser was held with 500 sold and a \$1500 profit. Make a Wish Day saw a \$5000+ profit with a barbecue that had a \$700 profit – they are just waiting on Jay Lynn's wish. Need new parents for Council as $\frac{3}{4}$ are leaving at the end of this year. Chair sat in on the new Principal interviews.

St. Louis: Andy Dooling

Teracycle program started and is fabulous with 2 cents to St. Louis for any recyclable object brought in. Spring tea will be held May 24/31. Anti-bullying policy has been submitted to office. Grade 6 trip to Camp McCoy has been planned. Mrs. Flanagan has started a running club and all participants receive a pair of New Balance shades and an entry to win a pair of New Balance Runners. Successful mass with St. Michael's school was held. Literature Fair had 5 families attend. Spelling Bee was held with participants from St. Louis, Mother Teresa and St. Francis, and a boy from Mother Teresa won. The school attended and enjoyed Annie by St. Mary's. There is a continuing bottle drive through Shamrock Bottle Depot. The school is looking to add an After School Care Program as presently only have before school program. Excited for potential installation of a swing set – a student named Isaiah won \$500 at the Rock Paper Scissors tournament and would like to donate his share to install a swing set at the school playground. \$1243 is needed and donations are coming in – the school staff and parents will be building and installing the set themselves. There was a Lifetouch Photo Night fundraiser which Andy does not have feedback for as he did not attend ☺

St. Michael's MH: Laurie Pearse

Bingo night was a huge success – bingo cards were purchased from Amazon and more need to be brought in. Fundraising is complete for society for the year and a free lunch for the students will be coming soon. Laurie asks for guidance on the large amount of school fundraisers being done with no communication with the fundraising society. Stan states that it is a concern – not a board concern but a school one and directs Laurie to attempt to have a conversation with her principal who needs to have a conversation with his staff about the issue and then contact Clyde if needed for extra guidance.

St. Patrick's: The Lisas

There will be a new preschool at St. Pats – there are 84 kids registered – it was full the first day of registration so a second preschool program is needed. Reg's Meats is an annual fundraiser but profits were down this year. There is a Readathon rather than a Spellathon this year – the goal is 250,000 pages by May 16 the win will be a free lunch and fun school for the afternoon and the Grade 4's are graphing the results. Trying loveable labels (Mother Teresa has had success with Mabel's labels.) Signed on with School Start Program with 10% profit and 20% with labels and a chance for families to donate an additional \$5. Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad are coming up. May 13 will be Staff Appreciation. Mrs. Davy has started the "Run across Canada" program with laps the students run being measured and counting for "travel" along the #1 hiway – they LOVE it!! Money is being raised for the Ulmer family whose young son has cancer – coin drive, etc. and Grade 1 bake sale raised over \$5000.

Mother Teresa: Lisa Faller-Torrie

Council has purchased 10 cameras for the school. Spellathon held during education week. Movie night fundraiser with \$5 a family and rotating grades for volunteers. Students attended “Annie” and “Into the Woods”. Science in Motion will be coming soon. Student Council attended the student leadership conference at CHHS. Hot lunches have been great with 8-9 parents stepping up and cooking rather than ordering in. Fingers & fries only one not a success. A grade 3 student won the “regional spelling bee” – very cool!!

St. Francis: Teresa Stark

A spelling bee was held and three students were sent to “regionals” - \$4800 raised and all students enjoyed! For every \$50 raised student received an entry to principal & secretary for the day – free hot lunch went to all. 4 parents attended the Food Safety course. The school attended “Annie”. Mass was held at St. Pats for Easter. Science in Motion is coming soon. Staff Luncheon is coming in May.

St. Mary’s: Lauren Getz

Annie was last week with great performances by all!! Badminton players just attended zones and received 3 gold, 1 bronze and 1 fourth place. Yay team!! Fine Arts held a Wine & Art Gala that was both successful and fun with \$4100 raised to help support the fine arts programming. The bike building option has seen 4 kids be hired at Canadian Tire. Regional Science Fair winners Jordy Sehn & Adam Dumanowski will attend Nationals in Lethbridge. Yay boys!! Fine Arts Spring Show will be held May 30 at the Dream Center. 2 students from Grade 9 French Immersion have written their Delph exams. School Start is being set up for new school year, with orders expected for May 28.

St. Michael’s BI: emailed in by Natalie Van Tryp

Europe trip during Easter Break was a great adventure for all the staff and students who went. They enjoyed all the sights along the way. Tenille and “play it forward’ tour was at our school on April 16th. At each school the tour visits, one to three students are pre-selected and recognized for their leadership efforts. Our school recognized Jaime Hansen, Wyatt Pahl and Amanda Taylor. Each of them received a \$75 cheque and has their name entered into a draw for \$10,000 with ½ to be put toward a charity of their choice and ½ an in-school charity program. Missoula Children’s Theatre was at the school from April 22-26 performing the ‘Secret Garden’. We had 41 kids perform for the community who paid their way in with a food bank donation. In all we raised \$185. 25 and weighed in 174 lbs of food. We met with the principal and vice principal from the C.F.L. (Centre For Learning) on the 23rd. Things are going good there. Upcoming for May: 30 Hour famine on May 3rd and 4th. 1st Communion on Sunday, May 5th. Farm safety presentations on May 8th. Grade 5/6 go to camp McCoy May 14-15th. Student Council at Alberta Student Leadership Conference at Edmonton May 26-28th. Grade 1/2s going to Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump on May 31 as part of the Social Studies Curriculum.

St. Thomas: Nancy Small

Spelling Bee is coming up. Hanging baskets and bedding plants will be the Spring fundraiser. Students who join the running club receive a t-shirt & juice. There will be a fun day in June with the theme "French Cross Canada". One movie night a year is held with no charge to families. The school attended "Annie". Two hot lunches planned for month with the caterer – beef tacos & spaghetti & cucumbers. 10-12 parents regularly attend council meetings – excellent parent support!!

9. Old Business:

10. New Business: Watch for a possible trustee info forum coming before October's election.

11. NEXT MEETING: AGM for 2013/14 on September 30th at 7pm at Board Office.

Adjourn 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer