

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

In Attendance: Corinne Hordos-Goyer, Lana Johnson, Celena Gerl, Joe Colistro, Michele Plante, Justin Boksteyn, Barb Dolter, Garry Andrews, Candace Lambert, Laureen Getz, Robert Risling, Teresa Stark, Adelee Penner.

Meeting was held at the Central Board Office, called to order at 7:04 pm by Candace Lambert.

1. Opening Prayer led by Garry Andrews.
2. Introductions of all in attendance and the school or organization they represent.
3. Agenda approved by Corinne Hordos-Goyer and Michele Plante.
4. Approval of minutes from September 30, 2013, AGM, by Corinne Hordos-Goyer and Candace Lambert.
5. Motion to dissolve current executive by Corinne Hordos-Goyer and Michele Plante. Garry Andrews was chosen to chair the elections of Executive for 2014/2015 school year.

Executive elected for the 2014/2015 school year for Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association are as follows:

- A) Chair - Candace Lambert
- B) Vice Chair - Celena Gerl
- C) Secretary/Treasurer - Laureen Getz
- D) Board Representatives - Laureen Getz and Corinne Hordos-Goyer

Signing Authority on account # 600108215113 at Servus on 13 Ave will be updated. The new Executive Candace Lambert, Celena Gerl and Laureen Getz will hold signing authority for the 2014/2015 school year.

The election portion of the meeting was closed and Candace Lambert chaired the rest of the regular meeting.

5. Guest Speaker Adelee Penner from Alberta Education. Adelee wanted to discuss Inspiring Education. Garry and Jo had been taking her around to visit our schools. The main points of Inspiring Education is to have future students be Ethical Citizens with a Entrepreneurial Spirit and an Engaged Thinker. The hope is that students want to be in school in grade 12 and want to learn. Some parts of Inspiring Education have been around for a long time and good teachers are already teaching using the same principles. Adelee answered some questions regarding how it looks for the future University students and new teachers. Professional Development days and mentorship plans will help new teachers learn. Waiting to see if the new government and Education Minister will be going forward with Inspiring Education.

7. Central Office Report - Dr. Garry Andrews talked about the board retreat set for October 10. A priority of the board work plan is Catholicity and they will be working on a school review process focussing on the 6 marks of Authentic Catholic Education. McCoy modernization is moving to public awareness through the video on the website and brochures. The goal is to raise \$250 000 to cover projects not funded by the government.

8. ATA Update - Bernie Kinch, ATA rep was not able to attend but sent greetings and said that they are happy with the work PA does. The ATA sent a cheque for \$400.00 to cover PA membership fees for all councils. Thank you to the ATA for their support and donation.

9. Trustee Board Report - Deacon Robert Risling reported on the retirement banquet held in June. He has met with the city regarding school zone safety and presented the study from Calgary. The city will continue discussions on safety in school zones. School enrollment is down 33 FTE from original budget. Southland Transportation has taken over the busing and there have been a few problems but a good start up so far. Joe Colistro is the new Deputy Superintendent and Chuck Hellman will be working a .2 position on Inspiring Education. The Bishop 's dinner is on Oct 16.

10. A. Chair Report - Candace Lambert encouraged everyone to read the bylaws and constitution of PA. ASCA website has been redesigned and has a lot of good information. The ASCA conference will be at the end of April. Review our mission statement on the bottom of the agenda. Welcome to Joe and thanked him for coming to our meeting.

B. Secretary/Treasurer - Laureen Getz Bank Balance as of Aug 31 2014 is \$1290.80. The ATA cheque for \$400.00 will be deposited.

C. Board Representative - Laureen Getz - Robert Risling reported on his meeting with the city about school zone safety. The board has advertised for a communications coordinator but have not filled it yet. Bow Island transfer is complete. SLA's for gr. 3 start Sept. 29. Mr. Hellman gave an update on Inspiring Education. McCoy modernization BBQ set for Sept.23. Enrollment down slightly. Bishop's Dinner, Oct. 16. next meeting Oct 14 at 3 pm.

11. School Reports - The school reps present gave an update on their AGM's, their new council members and upcoming school events and activities.

12. Old Business - The PA brochure rough copy was circulated. Feedback was given and a new copy will be made to be taken to all schools to inform parents of our group.

13. New Business - The meeting dates were set for the year, Oct 28, Nov 24, Jan 26, Mar 30, May 25.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.