

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2014 at ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

In attendance- Kate Glass, Mike Weisgerber, Chuck Hellman, Candace Lambert, Laureen Getz, Michele Plante, Teresa Stark, Dr. Garry Andrews, Peter Grad, Regina Dust, Stephanie Durst, Bernie Kinch, Barb Dolter, Lana Johnson, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laurie Pearce.

Meeting Start @ 7:04

1. Opening Prayer- Dr. Garry Andrews

2. Introductions of parents

3. Additions and Approval of agenda- Addition to 5.1- Peter Grad would like to speak

4. Approval of minutes from November 28, 2013 meeting- Laureen approve, 2nd Candace

5. CO Report- Dr. Garry Andrews

- Inspiring education Symposium held in Calgary Feb 19 All School Councils invited to attend. A variety of groups will be represented. Fri and Sat will be a retreat looking at strategic priorities that have been in place. They will also talk about COMMUNITY.
- A question about why parents are not notified when there is a lice breakout in school Answer: AB Health changed their policy and treat lice as it is a common cold. The only parents that are notified are the child with lice's parents. Dr. Garry Andrews will talk to Hugh Lehr as he will be able to advise on this further. Hugh will call Candace

5.1- Peter Grad

- Talked about the 3 year Plan workshop that the PA had planned to have- did not happen as we didn't have enough parents that were able to attend. Will be rescheduled.
- Working with ASPA on provincial level. He sees a lot of potential in our PA. Really wants to be a part of our 3 year Plan workshop.
- Parent question- Dr. Andrews was brought on as long as we needed and was not meant to be permanent. The Board decided that we wanted to have him stay as superintendent. Dr. Andrews indicated that the school district needed someone for a lengthy period of time so the Board spent the money to see if we could find a long term Superintendent by hiring someone to help find one. Final decision is to have Dr. Andrews stay on. Dr. Andrews spoke to why the contract is only until 2015- he is almost ready to retire and wants to give the MHCBE the best opportunity to thrive
- Talked about his goals when he ran for trustee and where they stand now.
- Talked to the issue of the Bow Island issues- he is not a fan of any of the hard feelings that have accumulated between MH and BI

6. ATA Update- Bernie Kinch

- Congratulations to Dr. Andrews
- March 10-14 is substitute teacher week

7. Board Trustee- Regina Durst

- Announcement about McCoy modernization. (Handout) There will be an amount that we have to stay within.
- Board Bulletin (handout)- C2 committee- Reg month (FEB)
- Catholic Ed symposium will be held Feb 21-22. Most trustees and administrators attend. Do any parents want to attend? They will be talking about the future of Catholic Education. The board has set aside \$1500 for people to attend. Anybody interested can contact Della in Board office.
- Candace brought up speed boxes and ways to eliminate safety issues in our school zones. Talked about a potential contact to get ball rolling.

8. Committee Reports

A. Chair- Candace Lambert

- Nothing

B. Secretary/Treasurer- Kate Glass

- Lost ATA cheque. Bernie will put a stop payment on it and re-issue.
- Account balance as of Dec. 31, 2013- \$1268.54

C. Board Representative- Laureen Getz

- Nov 26 was a special board meeting. Audited Financial statements were approved.
- Fall budget update: what kind of Financial loss if Bl leaves? Approx. \$57,000. Board has asked Bl to stay. Holy Spirit in Lethbridge appears to be a good fit with Bl.
- Annual education results approved and on website
- Dec 10- Meeting- hired Jim Gibbons to help find a new Superintendent
- Toonies for tuition- all graduates pay a \$2
- HPV for boy swill start in 2014/2015
- Jan 13- Meeting- Dr. Andrews showed inspiring education video which is available to public on board website.
- School Fees reviewed in March
- Wayne Schlosser did a review on the French Immersion program.

9. School Reports

Monsignor McCoy- Laureen Getz

- gift card fundraiser ongoing and successful
- ADHD presentation
- Youth coordinator from church came to discuss programs
- Second grad meeting Feb 3
- Final exams end this week- report cards Feb 3
- Match a pal- funds donated

- Feb 26- bully awareness day

Mother Teresa- Kate Glass

- Christmas Concert was at Esplanade and was a huge success
- Working on Winter Family Fun night for February
- Planning a Spring Art Sale and Auction for April- large undertaking but should be a good fundraiser.
- Continue with hot lunches and snack day.
- Breakfast program is running well

Notre Dame- Michele Plante

- Christmas Gala went well
- Ski trip went well with good turn out
- Book fair had good success and earned 105 new books for library
- New breakfast program- Low Cost Break
- Fitness room almost completed
- Dance Feb 13
- EPIC program Fri with grade 8
- Baby Grand piano for sale

St. Thomas- Stephanie Richards

- Christmas concert- raised enough to cover rental for dream centre
- Carnivale- Feb 13 & 14
- Valentines Day carnations- \$2- extra money goes to Heart and Stroke
- Big changes in preschool- new teachers
- Bullying presentation- DARE TO CARE worth every penny- \$1400 included parent night and kid presentation
- Trip of the month fundraiser

St. Francis- Teresa Stark

- Christmas concert was a success
- Movie night- great turn out
- Christmas lunch at St. Pat's was again a huge success
- Valentines Dance in planning

St. Louis- No parent to report

St. Mary's- Laureen Getz

- 5 basketball teams
- Dec 18- advent mass
- Salad bar run by HIT team was a huge success
- Collected over 3000 items for CCCT (food)
- Fine arts doing wine and art gala
- Band going to rotary music festival

- May 21-25- choral group going to Vancouver
- Grade 9 tour of McCoy
- Grade 9 PARTY program at hospital
- Ski trip last Thurs
- CCT Jeans for Teens
- New fitness room

St. Michael's BI- E-mail from Penny

- Basketball is in full swing
- Joined with Cherry Coulee Christian Academy
- Have a Junior Boys team based out of St. Michael's and Junior Girls based out of Cherry Coulee
- Ordered new school jackets, pants and sweatshirts
- In the process of making a cookbook which will get published and sell as a fundraiser (doing more as a keepsake item)
- Missoula Children's Theatre coming in April- Performance will be April 4 at 7pm
- Ward Withdrawal Committee has until April to complete new contract with new Board
- Ladybug Foundation Fundraiser on Jan 31. Kids are to wear red. Charity to raise money for homeless
- Ski trip- Feb 14

St. Michael's MH- Lana Johnson

- Christmas concert at College
- Hot lunch- Mexican theme
- Dance- really well received
- Movie night- Jan 17- sold pizza
- Dress like a teacher
- Little Caesar pizza kits fundraiser
- Drive a ford- Dance will be same day to promote
- Skating tomorrow
- Vacation Bible Camp- July 7-11 (Grades 9-12) @ Holy Family Parish

St. Patrick's- No parent attended

10. Old Business

- Nothing to report

11. New Business

a) 3 year plan workshop- highjack March 31 to have workshop

b) ASCA Conference in Edmonton- April 25-27

A few changes to how it is run- Easter Break

If interested info is on ASCA website

March 28 deadline

12. Next Meeting Date- March 31, 2014 (3 Year Plan Workshop).

- School Reps can send Kate their school reports

13. Adjournment @ 9:08pm