

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes
November 26, 2012

In Attendance: Candace Lambert, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laureen Getz, Michele Plante, Teresa Stark, Andy Dooling, Penny Pahl, Carolann Janzer, Barb Dolter, Celena Gerl, Laurie Pearse, Peter Grad, Clyde Pudwell

1. Tour of Notre Dame: led by Mr. Grisonich – very nice! very modern!
2. Opening Prayer: led by Mr. Pudwell at 7:40
3. Introductions
4. Additions and Approval of Agenda: Approved by Celena Gerl/seconded by Laureen Getz
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2012: minutes not present but read prior:
Approved by Barb Dolter/seconded by Celena Gerl
6. Central Office Report: Clyde Pudwell
 - See attached memos x 2
 - AP 151: Parent & Public Inquiries – change to #1 – looking for stakeholder feedback
 - AP 160 : Safe & Caring Schools – new draft - CAS(Catholic Association of Superintendants, along with Bishop Henry, brainstormed a template for safe & caring learning environments that addresses bullying with Catholic values & morals
 - New AP: Ambassador for Catholic Education – group was formed to create new criteria for new categories.
 - Update Religious Education Community Meeting: approx. 25 people met, including stakeholders, clergy, parish boards, trustees, central office staff, and net team, to discuss what is good/what needs to be better, and to request financial support. Religious education budget \$225 000.
 - BYOD: Digital citizenship policy meeting with stakeholders set for Dec. 5.
 - Sub for a Day: – schools are awarded for showing initiative by choosing a Central Office staff member to work as an aide for the day in their school - St. Michael's Bow Island won this award for their 1-1 laptop program and had Mr. Hugh Lehr at their bidding for a day.
 - Three Year Education Plan & AERR – see attached – begin in May to shape for next term.
 - 2012-13 Budget: see attached – Clyde went through highlights – we have a “Cadillac” model for Special Ed so that will be examined for possible cuts.
 - 2013-14 Calendar: Yay!! School starts after Labor Day!! Yay! Yay! Yay!- 196 rather than 198 days with potential savings of \$40 000.
 - Website Sponsorship: Brad Leech (website coordinator from Dreamstock) looking to add sponsorship piece to division websites.
 - Board Meeting: new time 1p.m. “in-camera”, 3p.m. regular, public meeting on second Tuesday of each month.
 - 9:13 Clyde finishes report – for more information on any of the Superintendent's report, please contact clyde.pudwell@mhcbce.ab.ca .
7. ATA Update: Bernie Kinch Absent.
8. Board Trustee Report: Peter Grad: Peter replaces the absent Stan Aberle. Thank you Peter. The partnership between Notre Dame and the College has been fabulous, Mr. Grisonich instrumental. Not a lot of feedback to trustees on HPV issue, however Celena Gerl mentions

it should have gone to Council Meetings as Stan suggested. Meeting with Education Minister has been requested as Division is below 5 day minimum reserves. Kids are leaving the Division – any feedback on why can be directed to peter.grad@mhcbe.ab.ca

Thank you to Lauren Getz for taking over the duties of secretary at this time. ☺ Just for this meeting due to meeting length and Corinne having to go home to her children.

9. Committee Reports

A. Chair Report: Candace Lambert- The ASCA website is available to all of us to enjoy. It is a good resource for parent council information. There is a link to the conference call with Ed. Minister Jeff Johnson. You can also find links to previous conference calls with the Minister. They are very interesting to listen to if you have the time. This years ASCA conference in Edmonton is set for April 26 – 28, check with your councils to see if anyone is interested in going. Well worth it to attend. Also on the ASCA website Candace found 4 videos on Parents in Education, a Student Assessment in Alberta discussion and a anti- Bullying webcast(www.bullyfreealberta.ca) 2hrs but very interesting, questions from all over Alberta.

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B. Secretary/Treasurer: Lauren Getz for Corinne Hordos Goyer

- \$1068.54 in bank account. \$80.00 collected for membership fees from Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Mon. McCoy and St. Thomas, thank you. \$1.02 in Common Shares.

C. Board Representative: Lauren Getz

November 13, 2012. Presentation from Learning Coaches on Differentiated Instruction and role of Learning Coaches in the division. HPV discussion with trustees voting to leave the policy as it is. Committee Appointments were announced. Board would like to meet with the MLA's. Bishop's dinner was well attended and enjoyed by trustees. Discussed how to handle stake holder complaints and issues. Board meetings changed to afternoons. Public portion to begin at 3:00 pm, presentations at 5:00.

- November 26, 2012. Special Board meeting. Ambassador for Catholic Education awarded to Ms Gloria Greenwald for 46 years working in the division. Approved Audited financial Statements. Tight budget again.

10. School Reports

McCoy: Michele Plante – Accountability report discussed, Bubble campaign fundraiser ongoing, Movember fundraiser funding prostate cancer research. Advent mass on Dec. 5, Christmas band concert with wine and cheese fundraiser. Mr. Barth discussed Diff. Instruction and we listened to the Conference call with Jeff Johnson on the phone.

Mother Teresa: No report or rep present.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante – Council meeting next week. Report cards sent home, P/T interviews this week. Book Fair on, DI, Acct. Pillar discussed, winter carnival, deciding if they will do SUTP books again, sending out orders or actual books.

St. Thomas: Celena Gerl – Acct. Pillar discussed, Mass Dec. 13, Net Team doing a tour with kids, turkey lunch at 11:30 at Holy Family. Carnival Celebration in Feb with French Entertainer coming in. Movember fundraiser raised \$200.00.

St. Francis Xavier: Teresa Stark – Acct. Pillar discussed, Mass Dec 13 at St. Pat's plus supper. Shopping cart challenge for Brooks Food Bank, sent them 680 lbs of food. Advent Assemblies.

St. Louis: Andy Dooling – New council with 4 parents. Acc. Pillar discussed. Trying to find new ways to get parents involved, population is down, want to draw more families.

St. Mary's: Laureen Getz – Book Fair on, basketball teams started, Annie musical auditions. Show in April. Budget, 3 yr Ed Plan and Acct Pillar discussed. Christmas concert Dec 4 at the College. Fine Arts selling basket raffle tickets. Also selling frozen yogurt, Shopfunds gift card Fundraiser, wine and cheese Art Auction, April 18 at the Legion, staff performing. CCT Collecting food for food hampers to be distributed in the community. Girls group at lunch.

St. Michael's BI: Penny Pahl – cancelled Nov. meeting. Dec. 7, silent auction and supper, Dec. 19, Christmas concert. Kindergarten student collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Home and Gift Fundraiser for Europe trip. Online classes going good. Gr. 9 going to hospital for PARTY program. Book orders sent home instead of Book Fair. After school exercise program going well.

St. Michael's MH: Barb Dolter – Participated in weekend intro to volleyball day at Crescent Heights HS, no scores, fun day, need to see more Catholic Schools involved in these events. Thurs. Nov 29, 2:00, assembly to celebrate Gloria Greenwald's service to the school, 3:30 to 5:30 for staff and friends. Held a scavenger hunt in Kin Coulee and bingo night for families to attend. Discussed Differentiated Instruction. Christmas concert Dec. 20 at the college. Concern with all the staff changes for grade 6, would like to see stability in staff as changes affect the student learning. To host Parent Association meeting on March 25.

St. Patrick's: No Report or rep present.

11. Old Business: No Report.

12. New Business: Candace had a phone conversation with an ASCA rep and was given guidance on the best way Parent Association can use its resources. An example was pick an item from the division 3 yr plan and work on promoting it to other parents. Candace is also checking into a food safe course to be offered division wide to hot lunch committees.

13. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday January 29, 2013. At St. Mary's School, 7:00 pm.

Adjourn : 10:25 pm. Merry Christmas to all!!

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer & Laureen Getz