

**Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept 24, 2012**

In Attendance: Candace Lambert, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laureen Getz, Penny Pahl, Celena Gerl, Nancy Small, Michele Plante, Barb Dolter, Teresa Stark, Peter Grad, Clyde Pudwell

1. Opening Prayer: led by Clyde Pudwell
2. Introductions
3. Additions and Approval of Agenda : Approved by Celena Gerl/ seconded by Laureen Getz
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes from AGM October 3, 2011: Approved by Laureen Getz/seconded by Celena Gerl
5. Election of Executive: Clyde Pudwell
  - Motion to dissolve current executive: Approved by Barb Dolter/seconded by Celena Gerl
  - Chair: Candace Lambert  
Vice Chair: Laureen Getz  
Secretary Treasurer: Corinne Hordos Goyer  
Board Meeting Reps: Laureen Getz & Corinne Hordos Goyer
  - Motion to accept new executive: Approved by Celena Gerl/ seconded by Michele Plante – one opposed.
6. Central Office Report: Clyde Pudwell
  - AP 140 – Technology - in draft form as needs amendment. One piece involves staff use of personal devices for work and how that contract will look. A BYOD (bring your own device) piece that involves teachers piloting the project throughout the division and what needs to be addressed such as appropriate usage of technology, classroom resources, equity, privacy, security, etc – will be approx. 3-7 pages. Digital Citizenship important piece. Barb asks if certain sites can be blocked and answer is yes.
  - AP 260 – Field Trips. Section 4.2 changing with Superintendent approving travel outside of Alberta with Board having right of refusal. Limit on age groups being removed as well as list of prohibited activities. If activity is medium to high risk, the superintendent must approve. Additions elsewhere including 28.8 with parent added. Celena inquires about emergent concerns so may add in point on emergent concerns/emergency procedures.
  - AP 112 – Nutrition. Change to 1: Procedures. \*Note: St. Michael’s BI to follow junior high guidelines.\*
  - Election needed as Jodi Churla has resigned. Nominations will be held during a 2 hour span on October 4<sup>th</sup> and By-election will be held November 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out questions on Gov’t website about potential extensions of political terms and moving election from October 2013 to spring 2014.
  - Petition for the St. Michael’s BI plebiscite has been accepted. By approximately March 2013, the Secretary Treasurer (Greg MacPherson) will develop the official question for the plebiscite. In September 2013, on the nomination day for the October election, names will be put forward for 3 to be elected as ward Representatives. Regular trustee election will take place, with Bow Island also having the three reps to be elected and the vote on the plebiscite question. If the majority vote for the question is “Yes”, the 3 elected reps would start negotiations with other districts. If “No”, the three reps are done. Once a new district has been found, the BI trustee would go to the new district and Medicine Hat would run with 4 trustees.

- BYOD – Looking for meeting attendance (2 BYOD meetings planned) to include 3 teachers (1E, 1JH, 1SH), the Superintendent, Rolf(tech guy), 2 students or 1 from each category, and parents of these students. One meeting will focus on user agreements, allowed devices, and policy input with the second looking to formalize the AP. Deadline January 2013 for device use contract.
- Bishop’s Dinner is open to parents – a table of 8 has been purchased and carpooling in rental van is option for October 18th. If more parents and staff wanting to go than seats - names will be drawn.
- Enrolment – 34 FTE short of projection on revenue so must relook at budget.

#### 7. Board Trustee Report: Peter Grad

Peter concerned about no theatre at McCoy. Corinne suggests checking whether government funded theatres at two other high schools before facility meeting. Discussion on why St. Mary’s students going to Hat High for Grade 10 – not because of theatre but some for belief that higher GPA and more options. Clyde comments that McCoy higher GPA last couple of years. Peter spoke of the Board Chair (himself) being a “marshmallow” during Jodi Churla’s board resignation, and bringing greetings from Jodi. Peter remarked on her farewell in March and was questioned by Celena as to why if farewell was in March, resignation was not announced until August. Peter clarified that a trustee may remain in their position legally as long as they are a resident of Medicine Hat. In Jodi’s case, she knew she would be leaving but did not terminate residency until August, at which time she resigned.

#### 8. ATA Update: Bernie Kinch absent

#### 9. Committee Reports

- Chair Report: Candace Lambert  
Bylaws and constitution – received kudos from ASCA  
New ASCA website – good info – Education sessions/workshops available to help understand principles, etc of COSC (Council of School Councils – that’s us)  
Accountability pillar results need to be explained – ASBA has consultant coming to discuss accountability pillars and how best to share that news.
- Secretary /Treasurer : Corinne Hordos Goyer  
Account Balance: 868.54 with 1.02 common share balance
- Board Representative: Laureen Getz  
Contracts extended for Clyde Pudwell to July 31, 2013, Wayne Schlosser/Hugh Lehr/Greg MacPherson to July 31, 2015. Enrolment of 2511 students in Division. Greg gave modular update. St. Thomas & music/one on one program discussed. Next meeting Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10. School Reports

McCoy: Laureen Getz

Elections, Red Day, and Dance have happened. Awards Day will be Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bosch presented accounts. AP Math & English programs have gone ahead – AP programs more about drive to succeed than grade average.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante

Elections were held and board remains the same. Blue/Gold day and shared dance (with St. Mary’s) were held. Must recapture data to hold awards night.

St. Thomas: Celena Gerl

AGM saw a fantastic turnout and all executive positions filled including new people. Discussion was held on 1/2/3/4 grading system (outcomes reporting). Clyde will take feedback to DLT.

St. Francis: Teresa Stark

AGM was held but Principal Robert away. Welcome back corn roast was held. Peter Grad spoke to 2012-2013 ASCA fees paid for MHCPA. Question about whether central office/board will cover and/or even need insurance for fundraising bodies in the amount of \$740 each.

St. Mary's: Laureen Getz

AGM was held. SUTP is fundraiser for fall. Blue Day and first dance were held. Meet the teacher Night linked with bottle drive fundraiser for school. Hot lunch program beginning. Open mass for school on Sept. 28. Terry Fox run on Sept. 27. Volleyball has 3 girl's teams and 1 boys. Spirit week was fab!!

St. Michael's BI: Penny Pahl

AGM was held but elections were tabled. Back to school BBQ held. 30 laptop computers were purchased for high school students with each student being able to keep their laptop as a gift once they graduate. Community Spirit grant being applied for. Online learning with academy from Okotoks in self-paced science going well – hope that this opens up more choices. Question was put forward seeking info on reversible basketball uniforms. Auction will be held on Dec 7. Volleyball has begun and the Nutrition AP has been embraced. Picture Day will be October 18<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising for the Europe trip is underway.

St. Michael's MH: Barb Dolter

Uniform discussions have become a \$12 school shirt on the school fees. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Scavenger Hunt was held in Kin Coulee on a Sunday at 2pm – 20 teams were formed from the 80 to 100 people attending the family event. Great idea! Question put forward about Home Logic and whether elementary students/parents have access.

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business: Celena Gerl motions to increase annual membership fees for each school due to MHCPA be increased to \$40 per school. Michele seconded the motion. All in favour except one abstained.

13. NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 29 @ ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL @ 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 26 @ TBA @ 7:00 PM – CHRISTMAS MEETING

JANUARY 28 @ TBA @ 7:00 PM

MARCH 25 @ TBA @ 7:00 PM

APRIL 29 @ TBA @ 7:00 PM

Candace shares Mission Statement.

Adjourn 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer