

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools Parent Association Minutes

January 23, 2012

In Attendance: Candace Lambert, Corinne Hordos Goyer, Laureen Getz, Penny Pahl, Gwen Young, Nancy Small, Leah Schafer, Shawna Wanner Crowley, Teresa Stark, Michelle Lutz, Barb Dolter, Michele Plante, Ray West, Andy Dooling, Lisa Zeidell, Jodi Churla, David Leahy

1. Tour of Monsignor McCoy : led by David Leahy 7:00-7:45
2. Opening Prayer: led by Mr. Leahy
3. Introductions
4. Additions and Approval of Agenda : Approved by Laureen Getz/seconded by Michelle Lutz
5. Reading and Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2011: Approved by Laureen Getz/seconded by Teresa Stark

6. Central Office Report: David Leahy

- Budget Assumptions. Approved at the January Board Meeting (available online at www.mhcbce.ab.ca under board documents) – will be a balanced budget with surplus covering this year's deficit. Being conservative with enrolment and using hard numbers only and anticipating 0% increase from government. Have met and beat class size from high school back to and including grade 4 – hope to meet for K - Gr. 3 but class size may increase. Salaries are in negotiation and at present there are no forecast raises for certified or non-certified/non-unionized staff. Unionized (custodians) will receive their Alberta index guided raise. Youth Ministry may cease to exist. New AP program being discussed – meeting upcoming.

Prepare for possibility of return of full day kindergarten. Government possibly in support of full day K programming – speech from Throne Feb 7 & Budget Feb 9. Will be hard on Division with regards to space and equipment/furnishings. Transportation costs will need to be factored and there may be a range applied to enrolment. Remember that an election may change entire funding picture again.

Information allocations need to be reassessed. Central Office needs to cut – technology and student services to be cut, AISI funds looked at for possible move to help student services, review of transportation – routes and cost

The money in current allocations can be shifted. For example McCoy would like to expand the Drama department and add Gross Fit training – no new money will be made available but can fund within the school budget if possible.

AP may see some staff allocation but no new staff hired. Ray West speaks to AP and how no other small division in Alberta has AP, Mr. Schlosser organizing AP effort.

Discussion of French Immersion, fine arts programming to motivate enrolment for FI, and requirements for FI diploma.

Jodi Churla makes statement pertinent to all groups presenting to Board and asks that we remember that if the Board asks questions, do not presume that they do not know the answer but that they may be seeking to share info with the gallery.

- St. Michael's Bow Island – meetings and presentations to come. After all info shared, must be grace period before a decision is made.

- Election Contributions and Finance Act Violation – Board in non-compliance since fall 2004 - \$3000 expended with \$1000 returned – elections AB asks that collection of funds stop until investigation is complete. Division approached Elections AB to rectify.
- Registration 2012-2013 2nd week of February – internal for 1 week and then new registrations 2nd week – all K 2nd week. St. Pat's must be resident student to register.

7. ATA Update: Ray West

Tripartite and salary negotiations are ongoing. Deadline was set and has been passed with no resolutions. Developments should be quick as current memorandum of Agreement expires at end of current school year.

8. Board Trustee Report: Jodi Churla.

French Immersion Delegation speeches and letters will become part of the January board Meeting Package. February 2nd is date for meeting in Bow Island. Centennial Book Launch at St. Mary's on Feb 15, 1:30 – 3:30 pm with cake cutting and program at 2:00 pm. Centennial celebrations upcoming include Bishop's Dinner, Social, Lunch, and Golf Tournament. You can access the new Centennial Website from www.mhcbe.ab.ca and please e-mail Stan if you wish to volunteer.

9. Committee Reports

- Chair Report: Candace Lambert

ASCA Conference in April – start thinking of attending April 20-22, 2012 and would like meeting of attendees and Board Trustee before trip. Thank you to Board as they provide our ASCA Membership which allows for decreased registration costs. We should review resolutions before AGM at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=AGM and awards are presented at that meeting also.

Conference Call with the Education Minister Feb. 8

- Secretary /Treasurer : Corinne Hordos Goyer

Account Balance: 1168.54

- Board Representative: Lauren Getz

December 13, 2011 – Ambassador Awards went to Adrianna Hansen who is off to Kenya on a mission, Meredith Von Rossel for raising \$1600 for cancer research, and the McCoy volleyball team. Mission Mexico group presented. Bow Island Review was presented. St. Thomas portables approved for demolition.

January 13, 2012 – Katie Vander Sloot and Rachel Brown presented their petition for banning triclosan; Catholic Division does not stock sanitizers with triclosan. Nick Gale presented Community Coming Together mental health project. French Immersion parents presented. Town Hall meeting is coming on Monday, April 16th.

10. School Reports

McCoy: Lauren Getz

APEGGA awards for outstanding math or science teachers – nominate yours today. AP meeting will be Feb 1st with a college rep to be present.

Interim Conversation: Discussion with Barb Dolter and Ray West on past AP (social) and possible details of upcoming AP program (exploring Math and literature).

McCoy looking to expand Fine Arts program with more modern Drama and increased credit allotment. Competitive Cross Training and Baseball being looked at. Value Audit coming so please speak up and email ideas. Winter Dance Feb 10.

Mother Teresa: Michelle Lutz

Cookbooks and DVDs for sale. Spirit Grant application has been submitted. Looking at pricing for Image Sign. Movie night held. Code of Ethics studied by council. Receiving wish lists from teachers. 3yr Education Plan will be presented at next meeting.

Notre Dame: Michele Plante

Nutrition Presentation held. EPIC presenting to Grades 6, 8, 9. Canadian Tire has hired kids to build bikes . CTS (Career Technology Studies) to increase greatly in next years.

St. Thomas: Shauna Wanner Crowley

Troupe from Africa coming in for 2 day workshop with music and drumming and a performance to tie in with Carnival. Preparing for hanging basket fundraiser. Promotional blitz for registration underway. Student to attend Regional Spelling Bee – Congratulations!!

St. Francis: Teresa Stark

Movie night held. Council meeting closed due to weather. Feb dance upcoming. Students received swimming as an award in December. Sending link for Jill Wilkinson and AISI through school. Purchased supplies for Rocks and Rings program – great winter program at approx. \$500 a set.

St. Louis: Andy Dooling

Welcome to Andy – delight to see St. Louis represented. No info as new.

St. Mary's: Laureen Getz

Christmas Concert was held t the Esplanade – fabulous show!! Christmas Dance saw 500 kids have a great time with no issues. Alice in Wonderland JR on April 24 & 25. January 16 was the Spelling Bee won by Willow HG – WOOHOO!! She is off to Regional's. Attendance Policy is being reviewed by Administration.

St. Michael's BI: Penny Pahl & Gwen Small

Delight to see St. Michael's BI represented. Held a Great Christmas concert in December. Auction on December 9th was both silent and live with about 140 items and \$21000 raised!!! Fashion show to be held Feb 3 will feature Grade 11 and will be a fundraiser. Parent group has been serving healthy hot lunches for three years with a once a month free lunch. Missoula Theatre Group which costs approx \$2500 will be at school for week – been doing for 10-20 years and all K-12 takes part as actors or other and there are workshops all week. Glee Club will be writing and performing the Beverley Hillbillies in June.

St. Michael's MH: Barb Dolter

Missed council meeting. Uniforms information went out to parents along with surveys – about half of school responded with about half of those positive for uniforms. An info night is planned for the spring. Christmas Concert was held at College theatre with donations covering the entire cost. Rotary Music Festival starts March 5 and runs 2 weeks with the choirs performing. Tannis Wickstrom is off to the Regional Bee – Yay!!

St. Patrick's: Lisa Zeidell

Six Christmas Concerts were performed with afternoon and evening shows and they were awesome. Fundraiser is flats of petunias.

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business: none

13. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 27TH @ ST. LOUIS SCHOOL @ 7:00 PM

Adjourn 10:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Hordos Goyer