

MINUTES

St. Patrick's School Parent Council Tuesday January 8, 2013

Present:

Lisa Sinclair	Terri Ball	Sandra Richard	Diana Myers
Melissa Dorton	Sharilee Smith	Kelly Wilkinson	Meagan Turnbull

- 1.0 Call to Order 7:02PM**
- 2.0 Opening Prayer (Mr. Wilkinson)**
- 3.0 Approval of previous meeting minutes (Council)**

1st: Sandra Richard

2nd: Sharilee Smith

- 4.0 Open Issues (Council)**

a) Babysitter for Parent Council Meetings

Is there any candidates?

Sharilee Smith has volunteered to be the sitter for the meetings.

b) Read-a-thon

- 1) May
- 2) Parent Council needs to meet with Kelly to co-ordinate and finalize details
 - Set class goals
 - Set class rewards (pizza party)
 - Set school goal
 - Prizes and rewards

c) Alternative photo company for school photos

- 1) Sandra asked staff for feedback and received mixed comments
 - Ordering issues
 - Class pictures arriving 2 weeks before individual pictures

- Mrs. Hammel liked the cards and being able to use all the info to benefit the students
 - Tech personnel like that the files from Lifetouch added to our system seamlessly.
 - Parents gave mixed feelings
 - Lifetouch telling parents we chose the photo packages when we were never giving an option.
- 2) Ideas to make it better:
- Spread over 2 days
 - Send out anonymous survey to parents to get concrete feedback
 - Meet with Lifetouch and give them our concerns to see if they can resolve issues to continue using them.

5.0 New Business

(Council)

a) Principal's Report

- 1) Safe & Caring Policy – Addressing Bullying (Admin Policy 160)
 - Each school is now required to have a policy in place
- 2) Town Hall Meeting - St. Louis School – Jan 21st
 - Attendance Boundary Changes
 - HPV feedback from parents
- 3) Bring Your Own Device Program
 - Students bringing their own devices to use in class for research
 - Device must reach certain requirements to use at school
 - Mother Teresa Gr 6's, some Jr High and Highschools are running a pilot program.
- 4) Imitation Food Products – Nut Sensitive options
 - Make parents aware of products available like No Nuts or Soy Butter
- 5) School Budget
- 6) Kids in the Know Program
 - Deals with Sexual Exploitation and Personal Safety of the students
 - Purchased program costs \$350
 - Program is age/grade based
 - Parent Council agreed to pay for the purchase of program
- 7) Calendar Draft A & B
 - Students will now be starting after the September long weekend
- 8) Student Advisory Board
- 9) Advent Mass & Family Fun Night
 - Feedback that parent council and administration had heard was it was fun
 - Split up the days – have the family fun night at the beginning of Dec rather than back to back.
 - Questioned the possibility of a Christmas Concert – School size and cost. Staff mentioned that if it is held at the school over many nights then the gym is unavailable for the classes to use for phys ed for 1-2 weeks. Parent Council could consider helping with funding for a

venues to hold it in one evening. Or have a Spring Showcase with an Christmas concert and the grade alternate yr to yr K-2 Spring Showcase and 3-5 Christmas Concert.

- b) **Parent Association Rep Needed** – Robin Wong was our past rep and is unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Any parent able to attend the last few meetings?
- c) **Why are we required to have a Teacher rep at the meetings**
 - The teacher rep is there to communicate between the Parent Council and the teachers on anything that is needed. (e.g. supplies or funds for classes)
- d) **Teacher Request**
 - Level Literacy Intervention Program
 - Would like to add the Gr. 3 level
 - Program works on literacy skills at school and at home
 - Parent Council paying \$1500 towards the \$3500 program.

6.0 Next Meeting

February 12, 2013, 7pm - Music Room

7.0 Adjournment

8:22p.m.