

# MINUTES

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## St. Patrick's School Parent Council Tuesday May 14, 2013

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Attendees: Lisa Sinclair, Lisa Zeidell, Peggy Johnston, Robin Wong, Melissa Dorton, Sandra Richard, Kelly Wilkinson, Dwayne Unreiner, Neil Siedlicki, Robin Seitz, Diana Myers.

**1.0 Call to Order 8:02pm**

**2.0 Opening Prayer (Mr. Wilkinson)**

**3.0 Approval of previous meeting minutes (Council)**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Robin Seitz**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robin Wong**

**4.0 Open Issues (Council)**

**a) Home Alone Program-Can we get it? If not is there a contact?**

Lisa gave some contacts; Shelly Longmore 403-526-3048, Connections 403-528-3779. St. Pat's School will be looking into doing both a Home Alone course (grades 3 and 4) and also a Babysitting course ( 11 years and older).

**b) Any plans for the reflection garden? (Robin/Mr. Wilkinson)**

Robin announced that they have been meeting and have a rough plan for the garden. At this point they are in the last detail decision stages such as: type of gazebo, brick or concrete.

**c) Lovable labels, school start supplies update**

Lovable Label's can be ordered online. They have not set a cut off date for orders, which means you can order over the summer. As of today they have \$300 in sales, St. Pat's will get 20% of all of orders. Parent Council will receive a cheque after the summer when all of the orders have been placed.

School Start-Lists are going home May 15/13. Cut off will be June 20 to order your supplies, Aug 20 will be the delivery date for the supplies. All the schools in Medicine Hat are doing the orders and have had good success with it and St. Pat's hopes to have the same result.

**d) New Executives Needed (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)**

Parent Council will be addressing this issue in the newsletter coming out. Discussions to have more parental involvement for the executive positions and volunteers bounced through out the meeting. A suggestion for Parent Reps that attend

each meeting to represent the needs of the class, seemed to be one that everyone at the meeting agreed to.

## **5.0 New Business**

**(Council)**

### **a) Principal's Report**

- 1. New Preschool Facilitator** – Mrs. Leanne Johnson for the second program. In process of getting supplies ready, how is it going to be done- right now it maybe mixed and depending on what the parent needs (afternoon or morning) is how it will be run.
- 2. School fun day**, Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>-bounce obstacle course may be brought in. Robin Wong will be providing half of the water and Parent Council will provide the other half.
- 3. Next Year** – in the process of staffing in the division overall. Possibly going with 3 grad 2 classes instead of having 4 (having 4 grade 1's right now). Right now looking at 3 classes all the way up. No classroom requests except for education reasons.
- 4. Concert** – Christmas concert will be K-2, Spring concert 3-5
- 5. Development of a Music Program**-Something that will be different form the usual....Grade 5 possibly having a guitar lessons. Robin Seitz is going to look into getting some sponsor monies to help head up this opportunity.

### **b) Grade 5 Farewell**

Parent Council will sponsor keepsake gifts for the Grade 5's who will be moving on from St. Pat's. On June 24 the school will have a Mass and present the grade 5's with the gift that is blessed by the father. After the mass a send off at the school will be done for the students with memories from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

### **c) Retirement Gifts**

Everyone at the meeting was in agreement to purchase retirement gifts for the school retirees.

### **d) Parent Association Meeting update**

Was held at St. Pat's on April 29, some topics discussed were:

- Central office is looking at having registration and school fee payments done online. Hopes of having this set up by Jan 2014.
- 2 main things on their list 1. Modernization of McCoy, 2. All new elementary school in sector 5 (southridge)
- Other school reports:

Everyone having the same issues with Parent Council.

Almost every school is doing School Start and is very successful.

Schools are cooking their hot lunch's themselves - they have also been taking a food safe course to be able to set this up.

Movie night – some of the schools have been having a movie night once a month. This is something we can look into for the New Year.

- Terracycle – they recycle odd and strange things such as tossamo cups, your collect for one month and then you get money for it. You can check out their website for more information.

Starting meeting for Parent Association September 30 at the Central Office

**e) Swimming Lessons**

Robin Seitz wanted to readdress the swimming lessons program through the school. It was brought up into Parent Council two years ago and at that time it was turned down.

Sandra Richard gave thanks to Parent Council for staff lunch that was given by Parent Council.

Parent Council also gave thanks to the volunteer lunch that was given by the St. Pat's staff.

**6.0 Next Meeting**

**June 11, 2013, 8pm - Music Room**

**7.0 Adjournment**

9:39pm