

ST GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010
615PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Erin Walker – Principal
- Deborah Maycock – Chair
- Colleen Gignac – Secretary
- Pam Boone – Treasurer
- Terra Korchuk
- Jennifer Ronan
- Kim Naylor
- Yvonne Gervais
- Dianne Nocack
- Beth Graham
- Cara McEachern
- Leslie Smail-Persaud
- Sara Bronson

MEMBERS WITH REGRETS:

- Kathy Terpstra
- Gillian Taylor
- Susan Giroux

OPENING PRAYER:

- Opening prayer by Principal Erin Walker

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Round table introductions – nice to see some new faces!!

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- The agenda was approved without change by Pam Boone and Colleen Gignac

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 2010:

- The minutes were approved with corrections to the spelling of "McEachern" by Terra Korchuk and Pam Boone

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Presently we have \$4003.85 in the account. Recent transactions were a cheque to Susan Giroux for \$86.70 for Thanksgiving dinner costs. We do have a motion approved from June for the purchase of a Smart Board, with funds not to exceed \$2500. We are waiting for the receipt for this as the boards have just been delivered this week. We will be left with \$1503.83 once the Smart Board \$ comes out.

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- we have an all time record of students at St Greg's this year – 240!
- Erin is pleased to welcome Stephanie Byrne and Kim Naylor in this year as new teachers.
- Jocelyn Cormier is off ill right now, and we are wishing her well in her cancer treatments.
- We have also a PT custodian to help John this year, since we have an addition of a portable – Mr Gilchrist.
- Gail McDougall is also back, easing her way back to a full recovery, so we are glad to see her at the school again.
- Report cards will follow a new process this year, a province wide change – 2 reports vs 3 for the year. A progress report will go home in November, with report cards going home in February and June.
- The whole school this year will be focusing on problem solving over all areas of life – school wide learning and thinking, and the children will get timely feedback from the teachers on all their assignments and tasks.

TEACHER REPORT (Yvonne Gervais):

- The school has purchased the Neilson Literacy Program and it will be implemented this year. It allows for integration of all courses to blend everything together.
- The program gives overheads, ideas to help with visual effects and lots of info.
- It also has a section of independent kits for independent group studies and a word study kit. Yvonne is using it in her class and loves it!

THANKSGIVING DINNER REPORT:

- Susan has worked very hard in getting set for the dinner on October 7th. The parish has given us \$400 to cover the costs of the turkeys, Sobey's has donated 12 dozen buns and 2 large blocks of cheese, Giant Tiger donated \$50 in gift cards, Metro donated \$25 in gift cards and No Frills also donated \$25 in gift cards. Stedmans also donated 2 rolls of the table coverings that we use.
- Sign ups for corn, potatoes, people to cook turkeys, pies, cupcakes, stuffing, veggie trays, fruit trays, cheese, helpers etc.. will be at the Welcome Back BBQ. A memo also went home at the start of the week asking for the above as well.
- A motion was approved by Leslie Smail-Persaud and Cara McEachern for a cheque to be written for the Elks Lodge for the amount of \$212.00. This amount will be reimbursed back to the school

by the Elks later on in the year.

QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER:

- Leslie is once again running this wonderful fundraiser. Typically the school makes between \$2000-2500 from this fundraiser. Just a reminder that orders are due the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Also, orders can be placed through the whole year online and the school will also make fund-raising \$ through online sales throughout the year as well.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH UPDATE:

- Deborah still waiting to hear the costs on the purchase of a wreath to lay at the memorial for Remembrance Day.
- Deborah also picked up at Canada Day, a box of Canada Day little flag pins to hold put in the middle of our poppies to secure them to our clothes so we won't have so many of them fall off!! Thanks for that great idea Deborah!

ELECTIONS:

The follow is a list of positions for Council for the 2010-2011 school year:

Co-Chair: **Deborah Maycock** (approved by Leslie Smail-Persaud and Colleen Gignac)

Colleen Gignac (approved by Terra Korchuk and Pam Boone)

Secretary: **Terra Korchuk** (approved by Colleen Gignac and Leslie Smail-Persaud)

Treasurer: **Pam Boone** (approved by Colleen Gignac and Leslie Smail-Persaud)

Media Rep: **Kim Naylor** (approved by Colleen Gignac and Pam Boone)

CONCLUSION AND SETTING OF NEXT MEETING:

- **Please bring ideas for fund-raising – both what fund-raising programs you would like to run, as well as what you would like to fund-raise for, to the next meeting.**
- Feel free to bring a snack to share for the next meeting since we meet over the dinner hour.
- **The next meeting will be Tuesday October 19th, at 615pm in Mrs Ackerman's classroom**