

St Stephens Parent Council @ 7pm

09/18/2017

1. Opening Prayer
2. In Attendance:
Fay Calliau, Christine Ikonikov, Bev Laughlin, Sandy Campbell, Jodie Chisholm, Bev Dietzen, Kristen Paquette, Trina Parker-Carroll, Janet Hackett, Christalee Brotnov and Christin Trofimenkoff.
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Adoptions of Minutes from Previous Meeting
5. Parent Council Position Elections:
Chair: Christin Trofimenkoff
Vice-Chair: Janet Hackett
Treasurer: Christalee Brotnov
Secretary: Bev Laughlin
6. Information Sharing:
 - a. Religion [Sandy Batherson]
 - August 25th was the divisional Recommissioning Mass in Peace River. 1st Commission & Reconciliation.
 - Oct 8th at St Rita's Hall Grand Opening celebration 3pm and dinner
 - JM Pozniak, Trustee Acclamation
 - b. School report [Bev Dietzen]
 - We had a teacher transfer from St. Andrew's in High Prairie for our grade 6 position: Emily Reynolds. Carolyn Horwood (last year's grade 6 teacher) has moved down to one of the grade 3 classes. We split our kindergarten and hired Alana Hicks who is teaching a small group of 12 out of the music room. We also hired Jennifer Bourlon as an educational assistant and Lyndon McKay as an aide to Jeannette in the kitchen from 10:30-1:30 daily.
 - We currently have 278 students enrolled in our school.
 - Mary Lawson took school pictures on Thursday, Sept 14th for the preschool - grade 5 students and Friday, Sept 15th for the grade 6-9s. Only available online
 - Meet the Teacher night is this Wednesday, Sept 20th
 - We are hosting our Junior High sleepover on Friday, Sept 22nd
 - Kathryn Gauthier will be coaching the junior girls vball team; no word for the boys.
 - c. Information [Jodie Chisholm]
 - New Staff: *Emily Reynolds*, whom transferred from High Prairie and is now our grade 6 teacher; *Alana Hicks*, who is our 2nd ECS teacher; *Jennifer Bourlon* as an EA; and *Jeannette* has been hired to be full time kitchen, while *Lyndon McKay* hired to help her, as well as *Janice* whom volunteers occasionally. *Barb Hatch* is our newly hired music instructor - she is now certified to teach a formal music curriculum. Charlene Noskiye is our Cree instructor who teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - Another new items within our school are as follows:
 - Andre's new shop

- Commercial cooler for Jeannette
- New garbage bins
- Proposed new electronic sign coming on the 28th
- Soccer nets and Vball nets
- Enrollment is at 278 [were running out of space but we are making due]... it continues to increase every year! Yay!
- Review St Stephen's Parent Council By-Laws pls.

7. DELIBERATED ITEMS

- Water Bottle stations [Christin] - not yet ordered, but school maintenance crew are looking into it and hope to be installed before the first parent/teacher interviews??
- Buddy Benches [Christin] - it was suggested that perhaps Janet's husband and Christin's husband will have them installed??
- School Supplies [Christin] - Christin suggested maybe we could all look into having the teachers to purchase all their students school supplies and parents give a certain amount to the teacher? But was negated by the fact that Gov't has instituted the "no school fee" policy and so in order to not have any sorts of discrepancies, its best to leave as is.
- Outdoor Classroom [Christin] - seeing how successful the OAP school has with it maybe for our next major fundraiser idea, it could be towards getting one built. It's been proposed by Christin to write a survey letter to the teachers of St Stephen's to see what their thoughts might be??
- GP Workshop [Faye Calliou] - AB school association meeting School council mentors/role being held Sept 27-29th?
- Christian Leadership [Sandy] - in conversation with Kathryn Gauthier, the group's leader, requested for funds from Parent Council - trip to the "WE Day" conference in Calgary November 1st! Discussed what the group could be challenged with to earn \$\$ from us. Suggestions were if they could raise what they could and the P/C would meet it, or they clean the front area of Food Bank (Sheila Coogan). Pending til further information is brought to solidify.
 - Janet motioned to assist the Christian Leadership group: Christalee 2nd it.
- Other Fundraiser discussions involved: a) buying another bus for the current bus entails 3 loads before/after school for the in town students. Currently not enough funds available but are looking. b) Proposed Micro societal program: [Greenhouse] a real life skills program that entails where the students would have live garden and smaller livestock within the school and would be marked grades accordingly as well as have the outside community buy from them and funds raised would then go back into the life skills program.
- Parent's Math Night [Sandy Campbell] - October 27th, 2017 @6pm. Parent Council had purchased math kits/sequenced boards sitting in FOIP room... Trina suggested that the Christian Leadership group could be "hired" to finish off the required amount of kits to make parent math night successful. Sandy will email Kathryn to see if they would.

- [Christalee] During summer, Yvonne done our annual raffles follow up forms: the Christmas one and Grade 4. Questions about gaming/Casino - what to do and financial reports required.
 - Kristin Paquette voiced concerns about bathroom privacy and sanitary conditions. Sandy and Jodie both assured it's been dealt with as best as it could be.
 - Time of next meeting scheduled to be October 2, 2017 at 4:30pm
8. Treasurer's Report:
P/C budget is currently at: \$31,657.01
9. Adjournment: 8:50pm