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**St. Patrick’s Parent Council Minutes**

September 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by LynnAnn Swerda at 8:34pm

**In Attendance**

Joe Kucy, LynnAnn Swerda, Kelly Frigon, Kari Fenrich, Deb Soch, Glenda Yaremko, Laura Lee Gillett, Pat Mah, Birgit Land and Melanie Marohn

**Opening Prayer**

Led by Joe Kucy

**Council Changes**

Kelly Frigon – outgoing president

LynnAnn Swerda – New president, nominated by Deb Soch, Glenda Yaremko seconded, no other nominees

Tara Semmens – Vice President

Secretary – Open

Treasurer – Glenda Yaremko

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Kari Fenrich

**Approval of minutes**

Deb Soch approved June’s minutes and was seconded by Laura Lee Gillett

**Additions to the Agenda**

Sunset Gourmet fundraising, we will put on the back burner for now. Council feels like there is enough fundraising with hot lunch, and other special events held throughout the year.

Edo Japan gift cards for the reading program, undecided what to do as we have not been able to get a hold of the manager from Edo to discuss what his actual ideas are. LynnAnn will check into it for the October meeting.

Birgit Land asked that we not sell candies at Lent for cash sales. She also would like to know if any parents would be willing to donate boxes of apples for the classrooms so the kids can have a healthy snack when needed, which also lead to a discussion about the breakfast program. St Pat’s does not have the facilities to have the breakfast program with food regulations and such.

**Treasurer’s Report**

$18,418.60 as of August 31, 2012

$7023.46 was profits made on hot lunch from September 2011 until June 2012

$1039.60 Cash sales that are held on Hot lunch days.

**Hot Lunch**

Hot lunch will have two new choices added to the menu this year. Extreme Pita and Edo Japan. Also Panago has offered a larger selection of pizza to choose from. Extreme Pita is offering every teacher who’s class orders from Extreme Pita a free pita for their lunch.

Cash sales will not take place for the month of September. Council has decided to try and come up with healthier choices for the children. We will try one year without candies at cash sales and see how it goes. Some ideas for healthier choices for cash sales were granola bars, pretzels, yogurt chips, raisins, and pudding cups. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will only be sold on opposite months, to make room on the menu for new items being ordered.

September sales for hot lunch are $1670.00 with a profit of $446.00

October sales for hot lunch are $1131.00 with a profit of $339.00 with 7 days left to order for October. Also $1510.54 was transferred from account to pay for the pay pal account. LynnAnn will also check with The Battle River School Division on their new food policies.

**OLMP Liaison**

Pat Mah and Melanie Marohn were present from OLMP Parent Council. Say the school is very full and they are awaiting new teachers to help make classroom sizes smaller.

**Year Book**

Tara Semmens will do the year book again this year.

**Kindergarten Rep**

Kindergarten will have their first meeting on Thursday September 20, 2012.

**School Spirit and Special Events**

Council has decided that School Events will not take place unless we can have more volunteers in place. We are very short on volunteers to make the special events happen for the school. So each grade will be assigned a special event and they will have to come up with volunteers to run that event or it will not happen. LynnAnn will come up with a schedule for the classrooms for the next meeting.

December- Gingerbread Activity

Planning, purchasing, separating and bagging of candies. Set up and clean up.

**Deb Soch, LynnAnn Swerda and Birgid Land** will sort items needed for that day.

December – Sock Tree

Set up Tree and collect sock, toque’s and mitts. Pick a charity and donate items just before Christmas

**LynnAnn Swerda**

December – Couch Fundraiser

Sell tickets for the best seats in the house at the Christmas concerts

**Laura Lee Gillett ECS and grades 1-3**

**Deb Soch ECS and grades 1-3**

**Kari Fenrich grades 1-3 and 4-6**

**Glenda Yaremko grades 1-3 and 4-6**

**LynnAnn Swerda grades 1-3**

January – Literacy Day

**Latisha Dingman**

February – Shrove Tuesday

Contact knights re: provision of pancakes and cost, (ie. What they will donate) purchasing and organizing volunteers

**Laura Lee Gillett**

March – Lent a Hand

Choose a charity, notice to parents/students, distribute pails, counting of funds, charting funds

**Glenda Yaremko**

May – Track Meet

Purchasing/securing donations, notice to parents/students, organizing volunteers

June- Grade six Farewell

Purchase and distribute special gifts for grade six students

Movie night/day- possibly February 7&8

**Laura Lee Gillett will check out movies and such, LynnAnn Swerda will help with printing of tickets and sales.**

Staff Appreciation

**LynnAnn Swerda**

**Principal’s Report**

* Casino was held this summer. August 16 &17, 2012. Actual funds raised is yet to be determined as the quarter will have to finish and dollars will have to be totaled by the Casino. We are on the list for a Casino in 2014.
* School Open House went great.
* AMA Patrols will back out at the crosswalks this year.
* All students took part in a bus evacuation drill on Monday September 17,2012.
* Terry Fox fun day will be Friday September 28,2012. Grades 1-3 in the afternoon and Grades 4-6 because of swimming for the grade sixes starting on Monday September 24, 2012.
* Picture Day will be October 4 & 5.
* October 9, 2012 is a PD Day
* Mrs. Gua has been hired on a part time basis to help with grade one LA
* Mrs. Mindy Wilcox has been hired to make a second ECS classroom

**Adjournment by LynnAnn at 10:07 pm**

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday October 18, 2012 at 8:00pm**