## St. Patricks Parent Council Minutes

September 28, 2010
The meeting was called to order by Joe Kucy at 7:03 p.m.

## In attendance

Lisa Rohr, Joe Kucy, Shelley Moch, Kelly Frigon, Bonnie Tanton, Pat Mah, Melanie Marohn, Laura-Lee Gillett, Laurie Kushnerick, Ainsley Severson, Maria Tothe, Glenda Yaremko, Lynnann Swerda

## Opening Prayer

Led by Joe Kucy

## Approval of Minutes

Kelly Frigon moved to accept the Agenda and $2^{\text {nd }}$ by Melanie Marohn

## Correspondence

None

## Treasurer's Report

General account Balance is $\$ 35254.91$. Treasurers Report approved by Melanie Marohn, seconded by Pat Mah, all were in favor. End of Fiscal year was August $31^{\text {st }}$. Joe Kucy noted that the sign bill and the picnic tables and playground purchases totaling approximately $\$ 25,000$ will be transferred out to cover these expenses as motioned last year.

## Council Positions

President position is vacant. Vice President position is currently filled by Tara Semmens, Treasurer position is vacant and secretary position is filled however the current secretary Lisa Rohr would step down if another individual wanted to step up.

Joe gave a brief description of the vacant positions. Each attendee then introduced themselves and their current involvement with council.

## Fundraising

Laura-Lee spoke of a new fundraising opportunity selling apples. The boxes would be 20lbs and sell for $\$ 20$ each with a $\$ 6$ profit per box to council. Laura-Lee has the contact information and is willing to co-ordinate the fundraiser. It was discussed that this would be a great option for the spring as we could offer other fruits as well. Laura-Lee will look into details.

## Hot Lunch

The new online hot lunch is going well but sales are slightly down. Bonnie is looking for support from the teachers; asking that they remind the students and have them write a note in the student's agendas as a parent reminder. It was confirmed that parents can still request paper forms and pay by cheque if they prefer to not pay via PayPal. Currently the funds from PayPal are deposited to the school account and will be transferred to the parent council account. For the future, the funds can be deposited directly to the parent council account.

The new multi-grain thin crust requirement with Panago was brought up. It was confirmed that due to Battle Rivers School Divisions new healthy lunch's requirements this is the only option that Panago is currently offering. It is a change and may take some adjustment but it was discussed that overall it is a positive change.

Bonnie also discussed that some recycling efforts should be made for hot lunch days as the cardboard is currently not being recycled.
Tasty Treat day will also be allocating funds to special groups. It was noted that ECS ran a surplus last year so Lisa Rohr motioned to have the tasty treat day funds allocated solely to Grade 6 ranch camp for this current year. Motion was $2^{\text {nd }}$ by Bonnie Tanton, all were in favor.

## School Spirit/Special Events

Kelly handed out a list of all the special events for this year based on what events have been done in the past. It was suggested that the special events be split to separate committees for each event or that each event be designated to a grade.

The following individuals volunteered to help coordinate these events:
Gingerbread activity - Kelly Frigon, Melanie Marohn, Laura-Lee Gillett, Glenda Yaremko, and Lynnann Swerda
Couch Fundraiser - Glenda Yaremko and Lynnann Swerda
Literacy Day - Helen Rodin
Shrove Tuesday - Ainsley Severson and Maria Tothe
Lent a Hand - Laurie Kushnerick and Shelley Charchun
Track Meet Concession - Glenda Yaremko, Lynnann Swerda and Laura-Lee Gillett

## Yearbook

No report. Tara Semmens will be continuing to organize this. Yearbooks will be ready for the end of June starting this year.

## ECS Representative

No report.

## New Business

Ainsley Severson was nominated for the treasurer position by Laura-Lee Gillett, seconded by Kelly Frigon, all were in favor. Kelly Frigon was nominated for the president position by Joe Kucy, seconded by Lisa Rohr, all were in favor. Vice President position will be filled by Tara Semmens unless she is unwilling to continue.
Secretary position will continue to be filled by Lisa Rohr with Glenda Yaremko offering to assist when Lisa is not present at meetings.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Vice President has been created and Shelley Moch nominated Laurie Kushnerick, seconded by Lisa Rohr, all were in favor.
Minutes: Will be posted on the school website.

## Principal's Report

- Meeting dates were discussed. It was decided that the meetings would be held the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Thursday of each month at 8:00PM.
- 314 students currently registered and 58 junior entry students. Sept. 30 is the funding cut-off day.
- Grade 6 swimming went very well and Grade 5's are currently swimming. Grade 4's are swimming next week. Each grade will be swimming for 1 week this year. Swimming is offered so that all students gain the life skill for swimming. Fees for swimming are included in school fees.
- First fire drill was completed and there will be future drills in the near future.
- Terry Fox Rodeo is Thursday, Sept. $30^{\text {th }}$ - weather depending
- School pictures are Oct. $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$.

Glenda and Lynnann volunteered to help out on picture day, along with Tara Semmens who has helped in the past.

- HepB vaccination on Oct. $7^{\text {th }}$ for grade 5 classes.
- PD Day is Oct. $25^{\text {th }}$
- Halloween parade will be Friday, Oct. $29^{\text {th }}$. Students will be allowed to change during lunch recess.
- Joe mentioned that on the school website are learning games that students and parents are encouraged to access.


## Next Meeting Date: Thursday October 21st @ 8:00 PM <br> Adjournment: 8:35 PM by Joe Kucy

