

Minutes – Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting
February 21, 2008

Attendees: Carol Bruineman, Sandra Dickie, Jennifer Wallin, Bev Crossman, Marion Ramsey, Murray Rust, Rob Saramaga, Trudy Letto, Wendy Kaplan, Jaclyn Short, Lisa Davis, Chris Kryslar

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Acceptance of Minutes of January 23, 2008 meeting: Motion to accept made by Rob Saramaga, seconded by Trudy Letto. Carried.
3. Old Business:
 - Literacy and Learning Conference – This will be held on April 19. The workshop list will be available March 1 and registration begins March 15. MAK should be getting the brochures soon.
 - Family Ski Night – Report provided by Sandra Dickie for Tammy Morling. 352 tickets were sold. Due to staff difficulties Sobey's was unable to provide the hot chocolate. As it was last minute, Carol and Sandra decided to buy one cup of hot chocolate per person. 151 people took advantage of this. A motion was made by Lisa Davis and seconded by Chris Kryslar to cover the \$148.54 cost of the hot chocolate. Carried. A motion was also made by Trudy Letto, seconded by Lisa Davis, to pay the \$600 deposit for next year's ski night. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Tabled to next meeting as Ariana McMonagle was unable to attend.
5. Parents as Partners: Alfie Kohn will be speaking at Barnett House on February 27th at 7:00. The session is entitled "Unconditional Parenting: Beyond Bribes and Threats".
6. Family Night: Rob Saramaga
 - Some things have already been semi-booked and Rob has talked to some mascots about coming out. A discussion took place on how to shorten/speed up the balloon man's line. Bev will talk to Dan (the balloon man) about this. The date for Family Night is Thursday, May 29th.
7. Updating the Website: Marion Ramsey
 - Edmonton Public is trying to have more standardized websites for their schools. Web Wizard will set up a template for MAK. The site will be very easy to use and add links to. There is a one time fee which includes staff training of between \$150 and \$300. There will also be a cost of \$80 per hour to rework the new logo to fit the new website. This should take 3 to 5 hours. The site should be up and running in a month. Other schools also use Web Wizard.

8. Spirit Wear:

Carol looked at First Impressions. She found that true on-line ordering does not exist. Items for viewing can be placed on the school website with access to an order form. Forms would then have to be faxed or sent in. It was decided about half a dozen clothing items would be chosen (possibly a t-shirt, hoody, track suit and ball cap) and then a price would be negotiated with a supplier. Marcie Smigorowsky and Trudy Letto will help with this. Hopefully a supplier can be found who offers best pricing (the price is the same regardless of the order size) and orders can be shipped to homes. It would be nice if samples were available at the student conferences in March. Marion will check if the logo artwork is ready as the clothing company will need this. Carol will check if the timeline will work so the orders are here before the end of June.

Other ideas – launch in May at Family Night and have orders arrive in the fall, School Council preorders t-shirts in different sizes and then sells them at Family Night

9. Principal's Report:

Bev handed out the new board priorities. Next year will be the beginning of a new 3 year plan 2008-2011. The plan and a questionnaire will go home and working with parents, students, and staff the school will develop their next 3 year plan. This does not mean forgetting the old plan but involves building on it. Bev hopes to receive more questionnaires than in the past but does think this indicates that people are happy with things.

Kindergarten registration – 48 students were registered from in boundary or were grandfathered in. 18 registered from out of the area and these will go into a draw on April 24. The maximum number of students for kindergarten is 66.

10. Hot Lunch: Lisa Davis

Lisa expressed some concerns. The number of orders is slowly decreasing since we went to just pizza. Many students order 2 pizzas (Is this healthy?) or bring in other fast food and most students don't seem to bring in the healthy extras. Also, are the students still seeing hot lunch days as a treat? Lisa has looked into some other healthy food places but they cannot accommodate our school in the 40 minutes we have. A discussion took place around these issues and it was felt that for the remainder of this year we would carry on with the pizza lunches. New healthy choices for hot lunches will be looked at for next year. The board does have an initiative to promote healthy eating. A reminder will be sent home to remind parents we are trying to advocate healthy choices.

Corinne Jacobsen and Lisa Davis are looking for people to take over the hot lunch program for next year. These people could shadow Corinne and Lisa for the remainder of this year and Corinne and Lisa would assist them with the first hot lunch next year.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday April 10th, 2008