

Minutes - Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2010

Attendees: Sandra Dickie, Corinne Ferguson, Jennifer Wallin, Nancy Iriye, Bill Wright, Melaney Philip, Len Thornton, Ariana McMonagle, Karen Munro, Shannon Harwood, Viyan Janela, Leanne May

1. Acceptance of minutes of November 19, 2009 meeting: Motion to accept made by Sandra Dickie, seconded by Corrine Ferguson. Carried.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Santa's Workshop - Once again this was a successful event. Approximately \$1800 was raised for the school in Africa. Two suggestions were made to alleviate the shortage of Dad gifts for the div. 2 students. One was to canvas businesses for Dad things and the other was to use some of the money to buy a few things, for example Tim Horton's gift cards.
  - b. Ski Night - 306 tickets were sold for a total of \$4896. The actual charge was \$5058.90 which left a shortage of approximately \$163. This will be covered by the School Council from the \$600 which had been set aside. In the future the fundraising society may look at running this event as a fundraiser and open up ticket sales to friends and others.
3. New Business:
  - a. Olympic Medals - Kendra Garvey organized the making of Olympic medals for the Michael Kostek Olympics. A motion was made by Corrine to reimburse Kendra for the expenses she incurred which amounted to \$37.99. Seconded by Shannon. Carried. There will also be participation ribbons and stickers for the students.
  - b. Mr. Shulko requested \$550 from the school council to purchase items for the grade 6 DARE graduation ceremony. Last year the council donated \$500 for t-shirts, prizes, and certificates. Shannon made a motion to fund the DARE grad ceremony for \$550. Seconded by Ariana. Carried.
  - c. A request was received for donations for the Literacy and Learning Day Society which will hold their event on April 17, 2010 at NAIT. This is a free event and the donations go towards paying presenters, food, etc. Last year \$500 was contributed by the fundraising society on our behalf. Leanne motioned that the school council donate \$500 to the Literacy and Learning Day Society. Seconded by Corinne. Carried.
4. Correspondence: APEGGA is asking for nominations for outstanding math and science teachers. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2010. For more information go to their website.  
<http://www.apegga.org/members/Awards/taward.html>  
Nominations can also be mailed or faxed. 2010 APEGGA Teacher Awards  
1500 Scotia One, 10060 Jasper Avenue NW  
Edmonton AB T5J 4A2  
Fax: (780) 425-1722
5. Treasurer's Report: The balance in the account is \$4727.20 This includes the deposit of \$755.91 from ABC Studios. There will be money coming in and out for \$163 (adjusted from the \$600) for the Family Ski Night as well as the above two requests.
6. Parents as Partners: Upcoming Topics
  - a. On February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. there is a choice of two presentations at the Mayfield Inn. The

first is **1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12 Years of Age** with Dr. Phelan (Visit [www.parentmagic.ca](http://www.parentmagic.ca) for more information). The other presentation at the same time is **Time-In: Parenting with Insight and Love** with Dr. Gabor Mate ([www.drgabormate.com](http://www.drgabormate.com)). If you have any questions call Kim McEwan At 780-429-8040. You must register to attend.

8. Principal's Report: Please see attached.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Principal's Report**

### Instructional Focus

“To promote student engagement through the integration of technology, assessment for learning strategies and inquiry based learning.” The staff is being regularly in serviced on the effective use of their SMARTBoards use and use does seem to be up. As a staff, we are regularly sharing best practices and ideas for utilizing the SMARTBoards in the classroom. Assessment for learning strategies are alive in every classroom every day. At our upcoming PD Day on Feb 5 we will be working in grade level groupings with our trio school partners looking at inquiry based learning and designing some lessons and activities for students,

### Registration Process

It seems hard to believe, but we are beginning the registration process for next year.

We will be accepting kindergarten registrations for next year beginning on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Report Cards

Report cards will be issued on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> followed by student led conferences the following week. Most teachers plan to hold their conferences on Monday, Feb 22 and Tuesday, Feb 23. At the conferences we will be referring back to the goals set in November and referring to how students are progressing with them. We look forward to meeting with students and their families at this time. The Book Fair will from February 22 – 24.

### Service Projects

MAK came through one more time for those in need! Our Leaders of Tomorrow students under the leadership of Mrs. Paul and Ms. Meyer organized a spare change for Haitian relief here at the school. We are pleased to report this event garnered slightly over \$1000.00 which will be donated to UNICEF. The Canadian government will then supply matching dollars for the relief efforts.

### Olympics

We had huge excitement in the school a few weeks ago when parent Shelley Brennan who was a torch bearer brought the Olympic torch to school. She kindly went class to class (it took a whole day) and allowed children to ask questions in addition to touching and holding the torch. The media came that day and we had a short spot on CTV news that evening. In preparation for our very own MAK Winter Olympics on February 24<sup>th</sup>, Learning Studio B is being converted into Olympic Headquarters with students posting their inquiry questions on bulletin boards.