

Minutes – Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting  
January 23, 2008

Attendees: Carol Bruineman, Sandra Dickie, Jennifer Wallin, Ariana McMonagle, Bev Crossman, Corinne Ferguson, Rob Saramaga, Alison Martel, Trudy Letto, Amy Hone, Sheryl Meyer, Laurie Walker, Leanne May, Wendy Kaplan, , Melany Philip, Nicole Cullen, Marcie Smigorowsky

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Acceptance of Minutes of November, 2007 meeting: Motion to accept made by Corinne Ferguson, seconded by Rob Saramaga. Carried.
3. Old Business:
  - According to regulations, a kindergarten parent is required to attend school council meetings. Leanne May and Wendy Kaplan were in attendance tonight.
  - Santa's Workshop raised a little over \$2500 for classroom resources for the school in Africa. One truck of leftover items went to Goodwill. The students loved the event. Rob Saramaga, Trudy Letto and the numerous other volunteers who helped were thanked. A thank you also went to the grade fours who helped set up and the grade sixes who did the take down.
  - The cheque for the donation to the Literacy and Learning Conference has been sent.
4. Correspondence to School Council:

There are several copies of the newspaper, The Learning Team, in the school office.
5. Treasurer's Report:

The balance is \$3988.71. (Report attached) There were two transactions, the December photo rebate and the contribution to the Literacy and Learning Conference.
6. Parents as Partners:

The next session, Unconditional Parenting: Beyond Bribes and Threats, will be held at Barnett House on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The speaker is author Alfie Kohn.
7. Spirit Wear:

Marcie Smigorowsky looked into a Storm Tech supplier she has dealt with from Calgary but on-line ordering was not available. Carol Bruineman talked to Glenora School about ordering on line but they have not been able to order on line either. It was decided to go with the Storm Tech product as it is good quality and then try to find a company that does ordering on-line. Wendy Kaplan mentioned that First Impressions does this and so Carol will look into it. It was felt that a good time to try on these products would be during student-leds.

8. Exam Resources:

Carol Bruineman discussed a website that she finds supportive for students who are studying at home. The address is [albertaexambank.com](http://albertaexambank.com). It follows the curriculum, is broken down by units, and is good for all grades K to 12. The minimum cost is \$12 and you are given a certain number of log-ins.

9. Ski Night: Report provided by Sandra Dickie for Tammy Morling

347 tickets have been sold and a few people are still calling for late tickets. We need to sell 350 tickets to break even. Tickets will come out Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Food bank boxes will be at the hill.

10. Principal's Report:

- Security- The doors continue to be locked. Security and the school board recommend doing this even though there have been no further sightings of homeless people.
- Spring clubs- This will be tabled until the February meeting when more clubs can be confirmed.
- Kindergarten Registration- This takes place on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael Kostek still has enrollment guidelines in place. Students in MAK's catchment area are taken first, then those with siblings already at the school, and the remainder will be put in a lottery. We are projecting 57 K students. Except for those living in our area, no other grade levels will be taken until the passports go out. MAK's cap is 460 students. We are presently at 461 with several new students starting in February.
- MAK will be holding the music zones in April.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday February 21, 2008.