

Minutes – Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting
November 22, 2007

Attendees: Carol Bruineman, Sandra Dickie, Jennifer Wallin, Ariana McMonagle, Bev Crossman, Corinne Ferguson, Rob Saramaga, Alison Martel, Sheri Cooney, Trudy Letto, Nancy Allen, Chris Kryslar, Nicole Cullen, Marcie Smigorowsky

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Additional Items: None

3. Acceptance of Minutes of October 25, 2007 meeting: Motion to accept made by Corinne Ferguson, seconded by Chris Kryslar. Carried.

4. Correspondence to School Council:

The coordinating group of Literacy and Learning Day (held at NAIT on April 19, 2008) asked how many brochures we want to distribute. Bev would like one for each family. The maximum we can get is 100 so these might be given to the div. 1 parents. The group also asked for a donation to help with costs. Bev felt the event really benefits inner city people and thinks it would be nice if the “have” schools could contribute. A motion was made by Corinne Ferguson to donate \$200 from the school council, seconded by Jennifer Wallin. Carried.

5. Update on School Council:

Sandra Dickie has asked the kindergarten teachers for a volunteer for school council as it is a regulation to have a kindergarten parent on the school council. Two people could even share the position.

6. Treasurer’s Report:

The balance is \$3496.59. (Report attached) The \$600 deposit to the ski hill has been paid.

7. Spirit Wear:

Student council wanted to come up with spirit wear (t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) They ran a logo contest which will be voted on. Bev indicated this was not a fundraiser.

Carol Bruineman said the process can be difficult and it would be worthwhile to look at options for simplifying the ordering process. She will check with Glenora school which does theirs on-line. Marcie Smigorowsky has worked with a team apparel supplier in Calgary and will get information from them. Nancy Allen indicated that Carol Anne Konkin also knows a supplier and will get information from them.

There was a question as to if the apparel would be available once or if sales of it would be ongoing. A comment was made that perhaps the wearables might be useful for student recognition.

8. School Security:

In the past the school doors have not been locked during the day as the school did not want a child to be locked out. Bev updated us on recent homeless people living in the forest and wandering on school grounds. Following discussions with school board security and the community police liaison, it was decided that access to the school be limited. This has been implemented.

9. Family Ski Night: Report provided by Sandra Dickie for Tammy Morling
This will be held on February 2nd, 2008 at Rabbit Hill. A \$600 deposit has been sent and received. Tammy has drawn up a letter and it will be sent home soon.

10. Santa's Workshop: Rob Saramaga
This will be held on Friday, December 21st. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help out on the day of the event and prior to for set up. Rob will rent tables and will bring in music for the 21st.

11. Principal's Report:
VISTA – (Volunteers Inspiring Students to Achieve) There are 15 volunteers working with 15 students. The program is going well.
New District Tagline – Bright futures begin here. This tagline applies to kindergarten students who are just starting out as well as students who are coming into the district at later grades. It also speaks to people who might be thinking of working with Edmonton Public. Like most areas now, Edmonton Public is experiencing a shortage of staff.
Student Council – This Christmas, student council would like to gather school supplies for needy schools in Edmonton. A collection box will be in each classroom and the supplies will be delivered to a class of the same grade at a needy school.
Christmas Concerts – The Div. 2 concert (Dickens of a Christmas) is on December 13th. There will be an afternoon and evening performance. The dress rehearsal will be on the 11th. It won't be as audience friendly but people are still welcome to watch.
The Div. 1 concert (The Littlest Christmas Tree) will have an afternoon and an evening performance on December 19th. Their dress rehearsal will be on the 17th.
Childcare will be available for school age children for the evening performances.

12. Parents as Partners:
The next meeting will be on November 28th. The topic is "The Ins and Outs of Fundraising". S. Bruce Smith is putting on a session entitled "Drug Awareness" on January 14th, 2008.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday January 23rd, 2008.

