

Minutes – Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting
October 25th, 2007

Attendees: Carol Bruineman, Sandra Dickie, Jennifer Wallin, Bev Crossman, Marion Ramsey, Corinne Clark, Rob Saramaga, Ariana McMonagle, Penny MacInnis, Dilys Millican, Linda Kach, Constable Jennifer Drinnan

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Acceptance of Minutes of September 26, 2007 meeting: Motion to accept made by Corinne Clark, seconded by Ariana McMonagle. Carried.
3. Guest: Constable Jennifer Drinnan
Constable Drinnan gave a PowerPoint presentation on vandalism and Halloween safety. She said it should be reported if people or cars are seen around the school at odd times. The police complaint line is 423-4567. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on the school website.
4. Principal's Report:
Bev went over the provincial results. MAK was above the provincial average in almost all areas. One teacher at each grade level met and went through the results analyzing each area of the grade 3 and 6 tests for strengths and weaknesses. They found that making inferences, synthesizing, and evaluation were areas that needed further practice. With the help of a book entitled How to Have Intelligent and Creative Conversation with your Kids by Janet Healy, Ph.D., Bev has been challenging the students to a daily thought provoking question as one strategy of improving these areas.
5. Old Business:
Sixty five responses were received from the parents giving the school council permission to use their email for school council correspondence. Only four volunteers were received for room reps. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report:
Sandra Dickie and Ariana McMonagle have signing authority at the T.D. bank. The previous people have been removed.
7. Correspondence to School Council:
Information about a call for nominations for outstanding principals and teachers was received. Nominations have to go through Bev Crossman and be accepted by the teacher. Posters will be put up.
8. Parents as Partners:
Sandra Dickie attended two sessions, Creating Dynamic School Councils and Recruiting and Retaining School Council Members. Sandra got many good ideas from these sessions. The bottom line was to find out why people did or did not attend their school council meetings and then try to fit the school council to the needs of the community. She did get a copy of the handouts from the seven sessions offered. See Sandra if you are interested in seeing them. Next parents as Partners meeting is November 28th, 2007 and the topic is fundraising.

9. School Council Regulations:

There are some new regulations. The first meeting of the year must be within 20 school days of starting up. Seven years of minutes must be archived. There is supposed to be a kindergarten parent on school council. The Alberta Learning website has all the regulations posted.

10. Family Ski Night:

This will be held on February 2nd, 2008 at Rabbit Hill. A motion was made by Corinne Clark to pay a \$600 nonrefundable deposit to the hill. Seconded by Rob Saramaga. Carried. A motion was also made by Jennifer Wallin to use this deposit to subsidize the ticket price. Seconded by Corinne Clark. Carried. Therefore the ticket price will be \$14 per person which includes a 1 hour lesson, a lift ticket and equipment rentals. Helmets are an extra \$5. The regular price for this would be \$54 per child and \$61 per adult.

11. Santa's Workshop: Rob Saramaga

This will be held on Friday, December 21st. Please start collecting items you may wish to donate to the sale.

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 22nd, 2007.