

Minutes – Michael A. Kostek School Council Meeting
September 26, 2007

Attendees: Carol Bruineman, Sandra Dickie, Jennifer Wallin, Bev Crossman, Marion Ramsey, Corinne Clark, Corinne Ferguson, Rob Saramaga, Kathy Gore, Chris Kryslar, Lisa Davis, Betty O'Neill, Alison Palmer, Meagan Rempel, Darlene Radesh, Karin Hines, Rob Odegard

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Acceptance of Minutes of May 24, 2007 meeting: Motion to accept made by Lisa Davis, seconded by Rob Saramaga. Carried.

3. Old Business:

Hot Lunch – Healthy food choices will be emphasized in the hot lunch program. All hot lunches will be pizza and a 100% juice (no sugar beverages). Parents are to provide any extra food they may want their child to have.

Back to School Reception – There was a good turn out for this. Many thanks to Ariana McMonagle for organizing it.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The balance on July 31st, 2007 was \$2946.55. The balance as of Sept. 9th, 2007 is \$4244.95. The increase is from the deposit of the Write-on-Stationary money we received.

5. Correspondence to School Council:

Education Funding for Alberta School Jurisdictions

Three Year Education Plan-Edmonton Public Schools

Annual Report to Council (This will be posted with the school council minutes)

6. Parents as Partners:

Carol and Sandra attended Barbara Coloroso.

The first meeting this school year will be Sept. 26th. The dates of future meetings will be posted on the MAK website.

7. Room Reps:

One parent representative per room would act as a liaison between the school council and the parents in that classroom. If possible this parent would also come to council meetings. A discussion took place as to what the actual role of the room reps would be. Carol and Sandra will send out a letter to classrooms to see who would be interested in acting as a room rep.

8. Principal's Report:

The numbers are the same as last year but we are one class shorter due to budget. The extra portable will be used for DPA (daily physical activity). Michelle Berg, a personal trainer who also specializes in children's fitness, will be helping set it up. There will be circuit training as well as some videos (examples; energy boost, yoga).

There are four new teachers on staff as well as several assignment changes this year. The enrollment is 457 which is 3 below our cap. There are 3 classes of each grade.

An emphasis for the school this year will be DPA.

There will be a School-in-Africa celebration on October 2nd.

Bev said there has been a very positive start to the new school year.

9. New Character Education Program:

Alison Palmer, Meagan Rempel, Karin Hines, Betty O'Neill and Marion Ramsey gave a brief overview. The program focuses on resiliency and is based on the book *Raising Resilient Children* by Brooks and Goldstein. There is a new school motto. Monthly assemblies will be continued with each grade presenting an aspect of resiliency, messages will go home in newsletters, and the committee will give ideas to teachers to use in classrooms.

10. Elections took place. The new executive is as follows.

Co-chairs - Carol Bruineman and Sandra Dickie

Treasurer – Ariana McMonagle

Secretary – Jennifer Wallin

Directors at Large - Rob Saramaga, Lisa Davis, Chris Kryslar, Rob Odegard

11. Bev thanked the school council on behalf of all the staff for their ongoing support and said that great student achievement is the result of a strong partnership.

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 25th, 2007