

Our Lady of Fatima Education Committee Meeting
Minutes for February 9, 2011

Present: Fernando Vicente, Dan Vasicek, Gordon Lemaire, Nicole Legal, Maria Katsionis, Father Tepoorten, Janet Tng, Dan Smith

Absent: Maria Anzulovich, Marisa Ruggier-Andrews

Recorder: Lisa Morandin

Meeting called to order at 6:50

1.0 Opening prayer by Father Tepoorten.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

- Motion to accept the agenda as amended – Gordon
- Motion seconded – Fernando
- Motion carried

3.0 Approval of January Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes as amended - Gordon
- Motion seconded – Fernando

Action:

- Lisa to have minutes amended and posted to website

4.0 Uniform Policy

A revision has been made to the uniform policy

- Motion for students to have one pair of dress shoes to be all black with non marking soles. These shoes are to remain at school. – Gordon
- Motion seconded – Dan S
- Motion carried

5.0 PPH Enforcement Policies

Some parents are not showing up for their playground supervision shifts. This is a concern as there is not enough play ground volunteers as it is. There are currently no consequences for any one who missed a schedule PPH shift. This will be tabled for further discussion.

6.0 Activity and Material Fees for Registration

The material fee charged with registration is intended to cover the costs of workbooks, agenda books and photocopying. The current annual fee of \$66 is not enough to cover the full cost of these expenses.

- Motion to increase the material fee for the upcoming registration to \$70 - Fernando
- Motion seconded – Dan V.

- Motion carried

Action: While the fee was increased slightly this year, it still falls short of the full cost of materials. Administration to do a detailed cost analysis for these materials to ensure that the materials fee sufficiently covers these costs for registrations in February 2012.

Administration will also do a cost analysis of field trips with the intent of charging a single field trip fee at registration. The results of these analyses will be brought to the PEC for ratification prior to 2012-2013 registration packages distribution.

7.0 Old Business

- **Gym Floor Refinishing**

Dan V. arranged for two painters to paint the lines on the gym floor. The floor refinishing is scheduled to be done the weekend of February 12th.

- Motion to approve an expenditure of \$4000 to paint lines and refinish the gym floor – Lisa
- Motion seconded – Fernando
- Motion carried

- **Computer Policy**

- Motion to accept computer use policy as amended – Gordon
- Motion seconded – Janet
- Motion carried

- **International Students**

No updates

- **Extended Absenteeism**

No Updates

Action: Maria K to supply sample letter at the next meeting

- **PEC Retreat**

Reminder that the PEC retreat will be held on Feb. 25 at 9:00 am.

8.0 Financial Report

- The school was notified that the government grant amount is increasing by \$45 per student for the 2010-2011 school year. As the budget has already been set for the school year, the additional funds will be deferred until the next budget. It is still unknown what effect the new teacher's compensation package will have on the school's budget for 2011-2012. The additional grant money will help in balancing the budget for the upcoming school year.

9.0 Maintenance Report

- Gym Kitchen and closet has been re-floored
- The kindergarten had a small flood on Jan 28th. The water was cleaned up and there was no damage. It was caused by a failure in the boiler pressure release valve. This was quickly repaired by Surrey Mechanical who happened to be at the school at the time working on the heat distribution system.

- 26 people attended last month's workbee and all regular cleaning and maintenance was completed

10.0 Parent Participation Report

- Any family who has less than 15 hours completed by the end of February will not have their registration accepted for next year unless accompanied with a cheque for \$250. This cheque will be held and cashed in June if 30 hours is not completed by June 1st. This is in accordance with current school policy.

11.0 Principal Report

- Catholic schools week was last week and started with Mass on Sunday with the teachers singing in the choir.
- The school had an open house on February 8th. It went very well with prospective parents visiting the school and having a look around.
- Madame Legal and Madame Venetsanos are making plans for a full day Mardi Gras celebration on March 8th at the school. The children will be feasting on a pancake lunch that day with a special guest showing them how to make real maple syrup.
- The grade 1E class will be learning about helping our community by making and selling cupcakes. All proceeds will benefit the Share Society

12.0 Vice Principal Report

- Last Tuesday all french classes grades 1-7 went to Fort Langley for Festival Du Bois. The children had a chance to learn about the Voyagers and 1st Nations as well as some of their traditions including weaving and French songs.

13.0 Pastor Report

- Congratulations to Grade 4 and 7 students on their FSA testing. According to the Fraser Institute we rated a very successful 9.0.
- Congratulations to Maria K on her second year anniversary of being hired.
- Denis Bruneau from the Parish Building Committee is working with City Hall on the portable project. The plans are slowly moving ahead.
- Some Parishes of the region have new guidelines for what is considered to be a subsidized Parish Family. Families are expected to contribute with envelopes 75% of the year to be considered a Parish Family. This will be discussed and voted on at a later date

Final Prayer

Meeting Adjourned – 10:22pm