

Our Lady of Fatima education committee meeting
Approved Minutes for December 12, 2007

Present: Tim Provenzano, Linda Masi, Patrick Nam, Dave Henry, Karen Aimar, Maria Anzulovich, Rob Wood, Nicole Legal, Fr. Tepoorten, Kevin Park, Gordon Lemaire.

Absent: Viola Punchak.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

1.0 Opening prayer led by Fr Tepoorten.

2.0 Approval of agendas:

- Motioned by Tim Provenzano and seconded by Patrick Nam.
- All in favour, motion carried.

3.0 Approval of the minutes from September 19, 2007 meeting:

- Motioned by Fr. Tepoorten and seconded by Tim Provenzano.
- All in favour, motion carried.

4.0 Business arising from minutes:

- KF have now moved back into their classroom

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Principal (Rob Wood)

- Attended a conference at Harrison Springs where Archbishop Miller was the speaker. His presentation was based on the 13 questions, copies of which will be presented to the members at the next meeting.
- Christmas concerts: Dec. 18th 7pm (primary) and Dec. 19th 7pm (intermediate)

5.2 Vice-principal (Maria Anzulovich)

- Brief report on the town hall meetings regarding proposed teachers' compensation package which were held at St. Helen's and Immaculate Conception (Delta). Many concerns were raised by the attendees. Teachers have yet to vote on the package but they have raised concerns regarding pension benefits.
- The ordered track suits finally came in. The kids and parents have been informed that these are not to be worn as part of uniforms. However, they may be worn as an ensemble during extra curricular activities.
- There are some issues with lunch time supervisors. Some are bringing toddlers to their supervision duties despite that it is against regulation. Also, some of the volunteers are refusing to accommodate teachers' requests.
- To commemorate Rosalie's 23 years of service to OLF, we will plan a tentative farewell tea party on January 15th (Thursday) at 3:30pm in the church hall. Maria will check on the availability of the church hall for the occasion.

5.3 Maintenance (Patrick Nam)

- All the carpets in the classrooms have been cleaned. The plan is to do it once a month.
- Personally want to thank Dino for helping to fix the KF classroom.
- Would like to thank Gordon for helping out with the last work bee.
- Areas of the school grounds dug up to fix the leaks have been covered with black top.

5.4 Parent participation (Linda Masi)

- Parent participation forms are still needed from teachers.
- Parent volunteer drivers for sporting events feel that they should get hours for the duration of their participation (being at the event as well as driving). Would like to limit that to 30 minutes maximum per event.
- Consistent uniform code is needed. Would like to update the parent handbook to explicitly state that plain navy blue or white socks, hair bands and stockings meet the uniform code.
- OLF parent handbook will be modified and updated to limit parent participation hours to 5 hours for events.
- For those families that have not met 15 hours by February 28th will be required to include \$250 check when re-registering. These checks will be cashed and will be refunded when the 30 hours are met.
- Majority of the families are in-line with their participation hours to date. Will be phoning new families and families with zero participation hours.

5.5 Financial (Dave Henry)

- Finances are in-line
- PSG has applied for a grant to match the playground improvement fund.

5.6 Pastor (Fr. Tepoorten)

- OLF confessions will be this Friday (Dec. 14th).
- In light of the compensation package for the teachers, support staff salaries need to be addressed as well. Principals will receive request from superintendent to provide salaries given to their support staff to get a sense of what each school is paying their support staff. The issue at hand is social justice. As was raised by a priest, it is a huge concern if we give 5% salary increase to the teachers while not addressing the pay rate of the support staff. Regarding sustainability, in case of Vancouver Island schools, poor schools have access to a pool of funds to match up the salary. Subcommittee has met several times and hopes to get some good feedback from surveys. The survey is designed to get a feel for the job descriptions and their respective pays on a yearly and hourly rate.
- An example of such a feasibility study was done for Carney. Fine arts center was planned to address the space issue. Money was raised but due to budget increase, the plan was halted. A feasibility study was done to assess how to move forward and for future planning. Critique of the study states that there is no culture of generosity. Therefore to meet the development needs, is it possible

to have a development fund? Perhaps there is a need for a development officer to implement such a plan. STM has done this to meet their needs. Endowment fund on the other hand will go to the archdiocese if the project fails. Therefore, the people are reluctant to give knowing that the money will go elsewhere if the project fails.

6.0 New business

- No new business

7.0 Closing prayer by Fr. Tepoorten.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

(Tentative) Next meeting: January 9th, 2008 at 7pm in the staff lounge.