

## Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2019

Attendance: Michelle Garnier McLean, Kim Metro, Lorna Zebedee, Jodi Ostrosky, Bernadine MacDonald, Becky Gumpinger, Rhonda Borowski, Jason Duniec, Kim Pennock

1. Call Meeting to Order and Opening Prayer:
  - a. Jodi Called the meeting to order at 6:32pm, Prayer led by Becky
2. Approval:
  - a. Lorna made a motion to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes, Jodi seconded, carried.
  - b. Bern made a motion to approve today's agenda, Becky seconded, carried.
3. Teacher Presentation: Grade 4 Teachers
  - a. Presented by Rhonda Borowski
  - b. The Grade 4s had one field trip to the Bennet Centre cancelled due to weather. Classes are still going to Capital Care frequently. The impact for the kids visiting the residents of Capital Care is vital.
  - c. The School District has purchased an Indigenous map, and the Gr 4s were the first ones to use it in all the district. The map takes up half of gym. Our school only has it for 2 weeks. \$6500 – comes with ready made lesson plans. Limited to be only used in the gym due to the size. Can be used by all teachers – not just Social Studies. Activities for K-12. It is a National Geographic Indigenous Map. Interactive App available. Possible something parent council could fundraise for the school.
  - d. The teachers in Grade 4 have been fielding concerns for next year's transition. The students are very worried. Yesterday's presentation of Sport for Life, and the Fine Arts Program (the students don't have to pick one of them there are other options), was very good to alleviate some anxieties. The teachers are doing what they can to support the students.
4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting:
  - a. n/a

5. Administration Report:

- a. Surveys have been sent out to parents/guardians throughout the District, 2 for families with students in Grades 4,7, and 10.
- b. Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten – when we said no last year, it has impacted us. Inquiries are way down. Mostly Pre-K.
- c. PD Day on Grief loss and healing – everyone deals differently.
- d. Ed Kucy wanted to follow up from last meeting: Alberta Education is allowing us to retain a portable for afterschool care.
- e. The Sport for Life and Fine Arts programs will be available for students going into Grades 5-8 at both middle schools. The focus is not like the focus of Vimy Ridge Academy or other schools dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, rather it is stressed that not everyone will be a professional. Very important for parents to go to information nights for the new schools.
- f. If you did not get a letter stating that your child is going to St Ts, their boundaries are closed. OLPH boundaries are not closed. Looking at having a date for the students to visit new school.
- g. Teachers now know where they will be teaching next year.

6. Alberta School Councils AGM:

- a. Per Becky's email outlining the conference. Bernadine recommended the council send at least one representative to the conference. The email was forwarded to the Holy Spirit Parent Council Executives.

7. End of Year Farewell:

- a. Need a committee to organize
- b. June 14 – OLPH Church booked for yearend mass in the morning, then booked the churchyard for the day.
- c. Will still have a separate farewell for Gr 8s.

8. Adjournment at 7:38pm.