

Monsignor McCoy School Council Meeting
Nov. 17, 2010
School Library

- 1. Opening Prayer** - Led by Mr. Pudwell.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda/Additions** - Glen Barth approved the agenda and Carol Drew seconded.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September** – Mr. Pudwell approved and Glen Barth seconded.
- 4. Administration Report** - There will be some staffing changes for Semester II. A half time drama teacher is required. The English and Social 30-2 classes are full and anticipating there to possibly be a split for these classes which would require the hiring of additional teachers for these subjects.

There are two school trips planned for the 2010-11 school year. April 22-30 are the dates for two student trips. Over 80 students to travel to either England, Ireland and Wales **OR** Costa Rica.

The band students and chaperones will be heading to Anaheim, California from April 8-12.

Home Logic was discussed and reviewed and it seems that it is going well so far and is a help to parents. Please allow 3 weeks to update the website with the current marks, due to the fact that the teachers wait to post the marks right away, just in case there is a change due to rewrites, etc. Also, in certain subjects it takes longer to correct papers than in others. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

The 3 year high school student timetable was discussed. Mr. Pudwell was looking for some input on an improved system for determining whether students should enter dash 1 or dash 2 classes so they can achieve success and gain confidence. Mr. Pudwell will present this to the new Gr. 10 students when they have their tour of the school at the end of the year. As well, the parents will get to hear about it at the parent information night.

Upcoming events for the school year are as follows:

- Nov 18-Dec 15 - Bubbles Campaign (for the women's shelter)
- Nov 19 - Spirit Day - Harry Potter
- Nov 26 - Chow Time
- Nov 29 - Advent Celebration
- Dec 3 - PD Day - Half day classes pending approval from Central Office
- Dec 9 - Mr. McCoy competition - fundraiser for Chalice Child
- Dec 21 - Spirit Day - Red & Green Day (hot chocolate & cookies) Last day of classes before
Christmas break
- Jan 5 - First day of classes after Christmas break
- Jan 12 - English 30 Part A Diploma
- Jan 13 - Social Studies Part A Diploma
- Jan 18 - Last day of classes before final exams
- Jan 19 - Final exams begin

Jan 31 - Semester Change - PD Day

Feb 1 - Start of next semester

5. Student Rep Report - The student rep was not in attendance; Mr. Pudwell included her items in the admin report. This year, several members of Student Council intend to take turns giving a student report at the meetings.

6. Teacher Rep Report - The teachers expressed their many thanks for the coffee and muffins that school council provided for them on World Teachers Day. Everything seems to be going very well and everyone seems to be busy and into the groove of things.

7. Parent Association Rep Report –

Some of the highlights at the Sept Parent Assoc. meeting:

- Centennial Celebration (100 years) is being planned for 2011. Contact Mr. Leahy if you have ideas or wish to be involved in event planning.
- Inspiring Action – Parents are encouraged to look at this item on the division web or go to <http://engage.education.alberta.ca>
- Tripartite negotiations between Alberta Education, Alberta School Boards Association and ATA.
- Review of existing school boundaries to be discussed at next town hall meeting on Nov. 29.
- Town Hall meeting on Nov 29 @ 7:00p.m. in the basement of St. Patrick's church.
- Obtaining registered charity status for entire District is expected to take about two years.
- Bussing issues should be directed to Totem first.

Highlights from the Nov. 1 Parent Assoc. meeting:

- Wi Fi discussion - A concerned parent gave a presentation on possible health hazards of the radiation levels in our schools. The levels were measured in our schools and were found to be well below the Health Canada Guidelines.
- Religious retreat - Arranged by Amanda Crowley (Religious Ed Coordinator).
- New Board Chair is Peter Grad; Vice-Chair is Jodi Churla.
- Accountability pillar results were shared.
- Social networking workshop was attended - Staff need to be extremely careful of what they post.
- New legislation on bullying can allow for school suspension for students even if the bullying occurs at their home.
- As a result of a question that was asked at the recent election candidates forum, there may be some speculation about whether the District will try to lobby the Bishop to change his decision to disallow fundraising from gambling. If any parents are interested, they may decide to themselves take this forward, but the Board of Trustees will not be involved.

8. Treasurer's Report - Current bank balance is \$1380.37.

Student fees collected \$550.00

Cheque written to Janice Eckert in the amount of \$122.26 to reimburse for coffee & muffins for the teachers on World Teachers' Day.

It is requested that one more person be added on to the account to have signing authority. Danita Marshall accepted the request and will make an appointment to get her name added.

9. Chair's Report – Nothing to report this meeting

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business - None

12. Next Meeting - January 12, 2011 @ 7:00p.m. in the school library

13. Adjournment - Helen Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m. and Geff Wilson seconded.

