

## Parent Council Meeting

September 28, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Present: Cindy, Ashlee, Helene, Jason, Jamie, Cheryl, Toni, Chris, Laurie, Monica, Allen (principal), and Rhonda (vice-principal)

### 1. Call meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introductions

### 2. Financial Report

- \$230.15 balance

### 3. Executive

- Roles of executive
- Responsibilities of parent council as a whole (Scoop-a-lot and teacher appreciation week)
- Elections
  - President - Cheryl Beaumont
  - Vice-President - Jamie Ellis
  - Secretary - vacant
  - Treasurer - Monica Poettker
  - Fundraising (a.k.a. Scoop-a-lot) - Toni Kuharski, Laurie Wahoski, Chris Pederson
- Hiring the baby-sitter - Allen will call
- Thank-you to last year's executive (Jason Epp, Cheryl Beaumont, Shannon Jardine, and Pat Paramor)

### 4. Fundraiser

- Scoop-a-lot was approved as this year's fundraiser ~ usually make \$3000+
- Information is needed before Thanksgiving
- Cheryl will phone Scoop-a-lot, Gardewine for freezer truck, Pat Ernest for money counting/order volunteers
- Toni will organize people for deliveries (Tuesday, November 24), be the contact person for parent council

### 5. Principal's Report

- School-wide fundraiser ~ discount cards ~ \$20 per family will be required to meet this year's goal ~ money for field trips and other activities in the classrooms
- Enrollment of 359 students (372 last year)
- New staff members - Rhonda Dickenson (vice-principal and guidance counsellor), Sue Farquer (grade 4), Linda Thompson (educational assistant)
- School Planning
  - EAL (continuation of programs to support new families)
  - Consistency as a school regarding reading/writing levels ~ used as a tracking process; therefore common language is needed between teachers and between different grades ~ used to track growth in individuals to meet their individual needs
  - Constantly looking at how can the staff improve H.M.K. ~ looking for ideas to support our kids, our families, and our community
  - Keyboarding skills ~ interested in a continuum for all students at school
  - Assessment ~ provincial report cards for 2012-2013 school year ~ piloting new report cards next year
    - Open discussion about provincial vs. school level assessments, Why assess? What are the results used for?
  - Bullying ~ TELL SCHOOL for early intervention ~ parents can call the teacher or the office ~ teachers encourage students to use their words when confronted by a bully and then to get an adult to help ~ school-wide common language is taught to students by teachers as well as at the first assembly of the year ~ remember adults at the school care; however, they do not see everything that is happening
    - Open discussion - various programs for bullying that would work in our community
  - Important dates ~ school pictures, FCC food drive

#### 6. Open forum

- Discussion about adults on recess duty wearing a orange vest (or something else that is easily seen) ~ students can identify the adult on duty quickly in case of emergency (teachers currently carry radios for communication between staff and office as well as epi-pens)

- Discussion about presentations for the remaining meetings (brown bag lunch ideas, children's fitness, technology, cultural diversity, pharmacist, bullying, ACC presentation, French for life)
  - Cheryl will book the next presenter
- Discussion about offering school clothing with H.M.K. logo

7. Next meeting: November 16, 2010 7 pm in the staff room

Free baby-sitting and coffee offered

Presentation: Myths about Children's Medication

From a local pharmacist

Next meeting remember to talk about:

- government grant
- Scoop-a-lot fundraiser (deliveries coming on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Next month's presentation
- Teacher appreciation week (theme, committee, activities, date ~usually the week after Louis Riel Day)
- Baby-sitter statistics (how many children are coming with parents, pay)