

**École Sister O'Brien School**  
**Catholic School Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2009**

**Attendance**

Pat Richter	Marc Colleaux	Heather Rhodes
Korryn Diehl	Kim Gage	Cindy Piche
Michele Bossaer	Stephanie Heagy	Anita Kanak
Terri Fradette	John Scrivens	Brenda Gerein
Andrew Koehn	Keith Briant	Twila Joyes
Sherri Sanche		

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Pat Richter.

**Opening Prayer** – Marc Colleaux

**Minutes from June 8, 2009 Meeting** - ***Motion*** by Stephanie Heagy to accept the minutes of June 8, 2009. ***Seconded*** by Cindy Piche. ***Carried***.

**Membership of Council**

- To be determined after the AGM

**Administration Report** – Marc Colleaux

- Enrollment: 276 (99 English, 177 Fr. Immersion) (6 English Kindergarten, 23 Fr Immersion Kindergarten)
  - Marc commented that considering our numbers in the English Stream are quite low (25 students in total from K-2) that this may catch the attention of the board. No need to panic yet but just an observation at this point.
- Core French is being implemented for the first time at Sister O'Brien. Mme Fortier is teaching the program to K-2 students in the English Stream
- Provincial Budget: Our school division has had to make cuts in order to have a balanced budget for this school year. Facilities, technology, and coordinator budgets have been scaled back.
- 8 of our Grade 8 students will be attending the annual Student Leadership Conference on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph's High School. The registration fee of \$17/student for a total of \$136 will be paid from the School Wins Twice Fund.
- Surveillance cameras: No news from the Board Office regarding the installation of cameras at the 4 previously identified schools. The decrease in technology budgets may have an impact on their ability to pursue this project.
- Schools Win Twice Raffle: Heather Rhodes has again agreed to organize the sale and collection of raffle tickets for this year's campaign. Tickets can be expected this week and families will have until October to sell tickets. The school earns 50% of all our sales and we can apply for a Grant of up to \$1000 for special projects.
- Mission Statement: The School Division's 17 year old mission statement has been reviewed and updated. The new Mission Statement reads:

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:  
a welcoming community where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, making the world a better place.

We love because He loved us first. 1 John 4:19

- Anti-Bullying Policy Review – please review and email suggestions, criticisms, etc. by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Parish Liaison Report – Stephanie Heagy

- Father Les is still away ill and Darrell Millette from Holy Family is St. Ann's interim priest. Please keep Father Les in your prayers. **ACTION ITEM: Cindy Piche to send Father Les a card on behalf of CSCC.**

### Treasurer's Report – Korryn Diehl

- There wasn't a new Treasurer's Report to be presented as there was no activity in the account during the summer months.
- Korryn presented the proposed 2009-2010 Budget. After a discussion and review of the budget the council agreed to add in \$800 to go towards the technology fund.
- **Motion** by Keith Briant to accept the Proposed Budget of 2009-2010 with the amendment as discussed. **Seconded** by Cindy Piched. **Carried.**

### SHCA Report – Andrew Koehn

- Street Dance on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 4:30-10:00 PM. A portion of Silverwood Road will be closed. Volunteers are still needed
- Park Upgrade has been postponed to next year and will now be implemented in one phase vs two phases as originally scheduled
- Twinning of Wanuskewin Road and sound barrier is continuing
- Need a Sister O'Brien Rep at the SHCA meetings
  - Heather Rhodes agreed to take on this role
- \$500 grant from SHCA to Sister O'Brien has been coordinated between Andrew and Marc

### Home Room – Parent Report – Sherri Sanche

- Phone Tree is starting up again. Kristie Glover is coordinating the English Stream and Sherri Sanche is coordinating the French Immersion Stream. Sherri discussed the parameters of how the phone tree will work this year and would like to use it to have the parents more involved. She will be recruiting volunteers at the AGM.

### Outstanding Business

- Web page update status – Michelle Bossaer will check with Marc regarding software. **ACTION ITEM: Michelle to look into webpage software.**
- School Marketing
  - Status of information packages that were scheduled to go out – Sherri Sanche – Sherri mentioned that John Scrivens, Heather Rhodes and herself along with their families prepared 47 packages that were delivered by them and other CSCC volunteers to the neighbourhood.
  - Status of ad for SHCA newsletter – Kim, Isabelle and Sherri – no ad was created as there is no SHCA newsletter due to no editor. **ACTION ITEM: Sherri, Kim and Terri will prepare an ad to use when the newsletter is up and running again.**
- Status of nominations for CSCC – any nominations
  - Kim Gage and Keith Briant have submitted their nomination forms.
- Smart board update from Marc – two purchased?
  - Marc confirmed that two Smart Boards have been ordered

### New Business

- Planning of AGM – **ACTION ITEM: Pat Richter will coordinate and speak at AGM**

- School wish list plus money per classroom – Marc said this has not yet been discussed.
- Fundraising/community building chair and planning for future
  - Amounts and types of fundraising and community building
    - Keith Briant mentioned there is a Garage Sale planned for Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in the school newsletter. Other events will be decided at a later date once all council members have been determined. QSP magazine sale will be handled through the fundraising committee of the CSCC.
    - Campbell's Labels are still ongoing and a blurb will be placed in the newsletter. **ACTION ITEM: Korryn to email Sylvia with the info for the newsletter.**
- Learning improvements – what is planned?
  - The Common Dismal Day in September is the day the Learning Improvements Plan will be discussed.
- Setting dates of meetings
  - Our next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. A rotation of meeting dates will be determined then as we will have our new parent council members present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next meeting: **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**