

IMMACULATA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

October 22, 2009

ATTENDEES

JOHN CAMPBELL, KATE DUSIK, KIM MACAULAY, VAL BOBYN, TINA SHALANSKY, BRANDON SHALANSKY, JENNIFER NEWMAN, KRYSZYNA WERBOWY, ROSEMARIE KING, DAWNA DAY, ELENA TOSTENSON, , CORRENE MARTIN, LORRAINE MILLER, BONNY LALACH. SHERRY DIBAH

1. OPENING PRAYER: 7:01 p.m.

John Campbell read a prayer written by a former student in his religion class from Philippians.

2. GUEST SPEAKER – BRANDON SHALANSKY

Brandon reported the success of the Terry Fox Run and reported that over \$2,000.00 was raised. Brandon also reported that the dance is going ahead next week and council has already sold over 150 tickets at \$7.00 per ticket. Mr. Marischuk has handed out chaperone forms. Students can participate for a \$20.00 pledge and the money will go to St. Vincent de Paul. There will be baked goods and drinks provided for the students. The date of the fast has been set for November 20th. Some activities planned are Air Band, a games room, movies, video games, a cake walk.

The next activity will be a “formal” Valentine’s Day dance. There will be spirit days throughout the year.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009 made by Kim Macaulay, seconded by Jennifer Newman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) PRESIDENT - KATE DUSIK

Kate thanked Nat Mliklotic for heading up the successful bottle drive held recently.

b) VICE PRESIDENT – KIM MACAULAY

Kim wants to start a muffin day, on a monthly basis for the teachers and sent around a sign-up sheet.

c) TREASURER – ROSEMARIE KING

Rosemarie reviewed the attached Treasurer's Report. Paul Freire has left Rosemarie a message that the Knights of Columbus from St. Teresa's parish are giving a financial award towards the Mexico Mission trip.

It was agreed to add an extra \$100.00 to the 09-10 budget for Teacher Appreciation costs. It was agreed to add \$50.00 on to the 09-10 budget for PSG gifts and \$50.00 to "Year End Meetings".

\$2,446.00 was made from the recent bottle drive.

An expense of \$78.00 was spent recently by Kim Macaulay for the teachers for World Teacher's Day. Bernard Callebaut chocolate was purchased.

There was some discussion as to the amount that had to be approved by the PSG before a purchase was made on their behalf. It was discussed that anything under \$100.00 usually did not have to be approved.

Motion to approve payment of the expense of \$78.00 for Bernard Callebaut chocolates for the teachers for World Teacher Day made by Correne Martin. Seconded by Elena Tostenson. Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read from "REO Rafting Resort" regarding an "after grad retreat". John Campbell will pass this information on to Mr. Freire to have a look at.

d) ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – CORRENE MARTIN

Correne Martin reported that both St. Joseph's and Immaculata sold less books than previous years, but she was still pleased to report at next meeting. Correne suggested we purchase 20 extra books next year with the intention of making more money.

e). FUNDRAISING – LORRAINE MILLER

Lorraine Miller reported that a few parents served coffee at drop off one morning to encourage the Blenz Coffee fundraiser. Lorraine has already received \$400.00 worth of orders and the fundraiser deadline will be extended to next Wednesday. This is an ongoing fundraiser, so coffee can be purchased throughout the year and delivered to your door. Lorraine reported that November's fundraiser will be magazine subscriptions. The Purdy's order goes out next week.

Lorraine brought forward an idea for Immaculata to consider for ongoing revenue. Lorraine suggested the school purchase equipment that parents could lease (for example, a projector). There was some discussion in this regard and it was suggested that perhaps this would require too much time and effort to control the rental of equipment and the concern about equipment being damaged while it was leased out.

f) SOCIAL COMMITTEE – VAL BOBYN & ELENA TOSTENSON

No report at this time.

g) COMMUNICATION CO-ORDINATOR – JENNIFER NEWMAN

Jennifer reported that she attended the Council Meeting for October. The meeting included reporting on the Mexico Mission trip. The students will miss three days of school next year for the Mission. There will be a February 12, 2010 wine and cheese for fundraising purposes. The apple pie fundraiser is in full swing. Council is looking for an individual to come forward and run the big fundraiser in the spring. As of today, no one has stepped forward. The band tour to Calgary was approved and will include 61 students and parents.

h) COBSS – REPORT BY VAL BOBYN

Val reported that \$375,000.00 was given by COBSS. \$150,000.00 of this amount was for scholarships and bursaries for UBCO and an amount just under this went to Okanagan College.

i) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – JOHN CAMPBELL

John said it was much appreciated to the PSG for funds raised. The B.C. School Sports received a Government cut.

John reported on the Professional Day tomorrow (October 23, 2009). John said for the most part the teachers were staying locally to participate in workshops. Blaine Melnyk is travelling to Vancouver and Bob Mack will be speaking at a Math Workshop out of town. Mr. Campbell reported that mid-terms for the senior students were coming up on the 9, 10 & 12th of November. Grad pictures would proceed on the 6th and 7th of November. There is a MADD presentation on November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. There will be parent/teacher interviews on November 26th and 27th. John encouraged parents to attend, even if your child is doing well. He stressed the importance of bringing your child to the interviews. John asked for feedback on the interim reports. It was agreed they were very much appreciated by the parents.

Kate Dusik requested John ask the teachers to provide the PSG with their funding requests as soon as possible.

John reported there were boxes of school supplies (gym strips, calculators) that had arrived that day and they would be distributed to the children that purchased them.

MEETING DISMISSED: 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

