

IMMACULATA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2010

ATTENENDEES

VAL BOBYN, BONNY LALACH, KATE DUSIK, KIM MACAULAY, DAWNA DAY, LORRAINE MILLER, ROSEMARIE KING, LOIS EHMAN

1. OPENING PRAYER: 7:00 p.m.

Kate Dusik read an opening prayer.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2010 made by Val Bobyn; seconded by Dawna Day. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT - KATE DUSIK

Kate explained John Campbell was away at a school event in Vancouver (the grade 9 and 10 art and drama classes) and that Lois Ehman has graciously offered to step in to report on school news.

Kate attached copies of the PSG Constitution with the packages including the agenda, and the minutes of last month's meeting. Should anyone have any questions or concerns regarding the Constitution please let Kate know and she will add it to our next agenda. Lorraine expressed concern that according to the documentation the Executive are to stay in their positions for a maximum of two years; she voiced the concern that there is a steep learning curve to each position and a short term did not allow people to fully develop the skills on PSG.

Kate thanked everyone; staff, students and parents for their efforts for this fall's bottle drive which brought in \$1,955.42 in profit for our PSG. Thank you to all that attended and also to those who made the day more enjoyable by providing lunch to the workers – thank you to Val Bobyn and Elena Tostenson for their contribution towards lunch. Thank you to Mr. Chang who provided bottled water for the students. Thank you to Michelle Odermatt who has offered to take over the coordination of this fundraiser from Nat Mklotic next year. And a huge thank you to Nat for organizing the drive, there is a great deal of work that goes on before the Drive Day.

We have been blessed to have two anonymous families step forward to help pay for the outstanding amount owing for the school's new desks and chairs. The anonymous donors have donated \$3,000.00 in total to cover the majority of the cost of the new desks and chairs. The PSG will cover the remaining balance, just under \$1,000.00.

The Diocesan convention is coming up on October 21, 22 and 23, 2010. As our school is hosting this event, we are asking anyone wishing to come forward to help serve breakfast, coffee and lunch for a portion on any or all of the three days. This opportunity for service hours is open to parents and students. Please contact John Campbell, Kate or Paula at the school to sign up.

VICE PRESIDENT – KIM MACAULAY

Kim announced that Aberdeen Hall is hosting a workshop for parents of teenage girls on October 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The speaker is Trisha Miltimore. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door and only \$10.00 if purchased ahead. Kim suggested this event or one similar might be a fundraising opportunity for us to pursue at a later date. This would be a great way to advertise the school. Kim will investigate the cost of holding such an event for our school community.

TREASURER – ROSEMARIE KING

See attached Treasurer's Report. Rosemarie announced the PSG was awarded \$20.00 per student for Gaming money. There was a Motion put forward to pay Mr. Mainella's invoice for a "mixer board" that is crucial to his band room. The cost of this "mixer board" is \$580.00 plus taxes. Lorraine Miller motioned to pay Mr. Mainella's invoice in the amount of \$580.00 plus taxes. Kim Macaulay seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rosemarie reported that we are waiting to hear what the Entertainment Book fundraiser brought in for a profit this September.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – BONNY LALACH

There was no new correspondence for this month.

FUNDRAISING – LORRAINE MILLER

Lorraine reported the next fundraising event will be a coffee sale by GioBean Coffee held on October 25th, 2010 from 8 – 9 a.m. at Immaculata. The 1 kilo package of beans will be sold in the front parking lot for \$32.00 per package.

The Ladies Night Out fundraiser will take place on November 17, 2010 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. The cost of renting a table for vendors is \$25.00. Tickets to attend this event are \$15.00 each and each ticket includes a glass of wine and snacks. Tickets are available at the school office at IRHS and St. Joseph's.

Lorraine suggested a “wish list” be published on our school website indicating items that are needed within our schools so that parents could directly see the needs of the school in a “menu” format. This way, parents could put money towards items that they had a particular interest in because their children would directly benefit from or a portion of money could be allocated towards a bigger wish item. Lorraine has discussed this idea with the website creator and he had thought this idea could be easily added onto the website. Lorraine had previously approached Mr. Campbell and will now proceed to approach the School Council for approval to proceed.

Kim Macaulay suggested a graph which would show where the money goes towards at our schools (ie) salaries, equipment, supplies, field trips, etc.

COMMUNICATION CO-ORDINATOR – JENNIFER NEWMAN

Jennifer Newman was not present at the meeting, however sent a written report which included the following:

“Father Bart has moved and Father Francis de la Cruz is at St. Pius.

The budgets for the schools remain tight, but manageable.

Plans for Mexico Mission are behind schedule. Mr. Frisson had handled them in previous years. They are working on finalizing the price and to see if there will be enough interest.

There are openings on council and if people are interested they should contact their parish priest.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Newman”

HOSPITALITY

Val Bobyn did not have anything to report for Hospitality.

COBSS

Val reported that she would most likely step down after this year and if anyone is interested in this volunteer position, please see Val for more information.

VICE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – LOIS EHMANN

The Mexico Mission will NOT go ahead this school year. Originally there were 26 students interested. Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Campbell, Father Wayne and Mr. Marischuk

and Ms. Ehman were willing to chaperone. After the second meeting only five applications were handed in. At this point, the deadline cannot be backed up because of fundraising.

Mr. Campbell will be sending out a survey to the students asking why the interest dropped off.

The Halloween dance is going to take place October 29, 2010, a Friday night.

Monday, October 18, 2010 is picture re-take day.

The Terry Fox run was a success for the students and raised \$2,000.00.

The opening barbeque was a success and it was nice to see new parents to the school of the grade 8's and new families that had moved from other cities.

Sample uniform sweaters are going to be presented shortly. There will be a cardigan sweater, a vest and a long sleeved pull-over offered.

The girl's white shirts that were ordered are in as well as the school ties. The gym strips arrived yesterday.

The Grades 8 and 9 retreats were very successful and the weather was good. Reports from the younger students indicated they enjoyed having the grade 12's attend on those retreats.

Other retreats will take place in the spring and a grade 12 overnight retreat is being planned.

Two students will be away next week attending the Smart Risk program with Mr. Mainella.

MEETING DISMISSED AT 8:30 P.M.

Next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the library, all are welcome to attend.