

# IMMACULATA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

## ATTENDEES:

JOHN CAMPBELL, KATE DUSIK, KIM MACAULAY, JENNIFER NEWMAN, BONNY LALACH, MARCELLE HOILAND, VAL BOBYN, NAT MKLOTIC, DAWNA DAY, ELENA TOSTENSON, RHONDA SALI, LORRAINE MILLER, MICHELLE ODERMATT, SANDRA MERLO, AUREA BUYANI

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

John Campbell read our opening prayer.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD JUNE 17, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2010 made by Val Bobyn, seconded by Nat Mklotic. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PRESIDENT - KATE DUSIK

Kate welcomed everyone to a new school year. Kim Macaulay has graciously agreed to stay on as Vice President for this school year. If anyone knows a candidate to take on this position next year, please advise Kate or Kim.

The executive roles are filled in May for the next school year and are based on a one year term. Where no one steps forward for the following year, the position holder has, in the past, stayed on in his/her role. The mandate of the PSG is to fundraise monies and to disperse these funds, where most needed, within the school for the students.

Kate Dusik explained that this year the PSG gave out three bursaries as there were three recipients that were worthy of our bursary and it was voted that we increase the amount to include three recipients for this instance only, rather than the standard two given out each year.

In future years, it is important to establish some guidelines to this bursary including eligibility and a committee that oversees the candidates and their applications. Kate asked for interested parents to form a committee to look at defining the parameters and guidelines of the PSG Bursary more closely with Mr. Campbell. Thank you to the parents who stepped forward to offer their assistance; you will be contacted very soon.

#### TREASURER – ROSEMARIE KING

See attached Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve our Hospitality Budget for the 2010 – 2011 school year in the amount of \$3,000.00 made by Marcelle Hoiland, seconded by Jennifer Newman. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **VICE PRESIDENT – KIM MACAULAY**

Kim had no report at this time.

#### **SECRETARY’S REPORT – BONNY LALACH**

Bonny read thank you notes from Grad 2010 PSG Bursary recipients Georgia Macaulay, Elisa Tostenson and Felicia Herron.

#### **PURDY’S FUNDRAISER – MARCELLE HOILAND**

Marcelle posed the question regarding the upcoming Purdy’s Fundraiser whether the majority thought it would be easier to order with an order form and envelope or on-line. There was some discussion and the majority preferred sending home the paper order forms with the understanding that people can return the order form to the school or utilize on-line ordering, should they prefer. Thanks to Marcelle for undertaking this worthwhile fundraiser once again.

#### **FUNDRAISING – LORRAINE MILLER**

Lorraine gave the following schedule as a guideline as what we can expect for fundraising projects this school year:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Entertainment Books
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Blenz Coffee
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Magazine orders and subscription renewals
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Purdy’s
<b>JANUARY</b>	NO FUNDRAISER
<b>FEBRUARY/MARCH</b>	Hanging Baskets
<b>APRIL</b>	Bottle Drive
<b>MAY</b>	Sysco Meats
<b>JUNE</b>	NO FUNDRAISER

There was discussion regarding other fundraising ideas worth considering. On October 14, 2010 (**date changed to November 17<sup>th</sup>**), there is a co-operative (both St. Joseph’s and Immaculata) *Business Ladies Social* to be held in the St. Joseph’s School gymnasium. This event is open to any ladies who would like to showcase their business by renting a table for a flat rate and giving a percentage of sales back to the school. It was suggested that if this event required a bigger venue, perhaps the Immaculata Hall would be available.

## **COMMUNICATION CO-ORDINATOR – JENNIFER NEWMAN**

Jennifer did not attend September's council meeting, but did report they have their meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Val Bobyn and Elena Tostenson reported they will continue with hospitality this school year with a "self-serve" format before the meeting began. They reported they will be at the bottle drive on September 25, 2010 and will be serving hot dogs, water bottles and apples.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – JOHN CAMPBELL**

John reported that the beginning of this school year has been "the best in years". He appreciated the maturity the Grade 12's showed in welcoming the new grade 8's to the school and that it was a "prank free" event.

*School photos* will take place on Monday, September 21, 2010.

*Ed Frison* has relocated to Whitehorse, Yukon. Ms. Lois Ehman has replaced Mr. Frison as Vice Principal. Mr. Tim Nelson replaces the classes that Mr. Frison and Ms. Ehman were teaching.

There was a recent Grade 12 meeting where an *overnight retreat* was proposed. This spirituality, team-building retreat is tentatively proposed for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The *Family Barbeque* is set to take place on September 24, 2010 (later moved to September 28, 2010). Mr. Mainella will have his band meeting at 7:00 that evening for all involved.

John mentioned that Mrs. Gallagher was working with the students to plan some very important *school retreats* as mentioned above for the grade 12's, but also for the grade 8's. The Grade 8's are to hold their retreat at Knox Mountain Park for a full day on September 28, 2010.

John reported on the *Diocese Convention* scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> through 22, 2010. Immaculata and St. Joseph's are the hosts of this year's convention. John approached the PSG and asked whether we could come up with enough people to prepare a continental breakfast, coffee break and lunch for the three days. John suggested Nona of Nona's Kitchen could work along side of us and help us oversee the project. If students are willing to be involved, they would receive "service hours":

Kate Dusik replied that she would canvass the PSG and all parents to see if they could arrange this task, however reported that as this was three days off for the students as well,

it would be difficult having parents come out for these many days. Kate asked for volunteers at the meeting even if it was only on a day-to-day basis and then told John she would get back to him after she sent out an e-mail asking for volunteers.

The *Dress Code* was a success at the opening mass of the school year. The ties weren't in at that time, but the students did a nice job of dressing according to the school rules.

A school sweater was suggested as a replacement to the "hoodie" this year. John is looking at a crested sweater with the school logo on it and has discussed with the students what they would prefer. John also has a uniform company looking for a girls' *white blouse* that would be suitable for the students.

### *Mexico Mission*

There was a meeting held recently regarding *Mexico Mission*. Without Ed Frison, there are some positions that need to be filled. John will meet with the students on Tuesday and get an idea of how many are interested. The Mission will tentatively go ahead the first week of spring break. Safety is paramount to this mission and the school is in contact with families from Mexico and also Mexican families living here in Kelowna regarding safety. The school is also involved with families from Mexico who are involved in the construction industry who can secure good prices for supplies.

### **BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE**

Nat Mklotic reported on the upcoming bottle drive to be held September 25, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The drive will begin by sending out students in vehicles to collect bottles in neighborhoods. It was suggested the students wear some clothing that is representative of Immaculata (a gym shirt). Service hours are available to parents and students participating in this event. The hospitality committee is offering hotdogs, drinks and possible apples as a lunch.

There are more service hours available for students with St. Pius and ICC Parish Church Bazaars coming up.

Michelle Odermatt is taking Nat Mklotic's volunteer position as bottle drive co-coordinator for the next school year. Thank you very much to Michelle!

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

1. Marcelle Hoiland questioned why the "S-tour" Group Business is allowed to present travel tours to our Senior Students. She indicated that they pursued her son and subsequently, herself, rather aggressively regarding a summer 2011 student trip to Mexico. John informed the group that a student alumna was an employee of this company. Kate suggested that Marcelle make an appointment to take this issue up with John Campbell, as this was a school policy issue.

MEETING DISMISSED AT 9:00 P.M. Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2010.