

**Faith Academy Parent Council**

**Matheson Elementary Library**

**6:30 pm – October 20, 2014**

**Present:** Administration, C. Abreu, V. Churchill, L. Ingels, W. Olojan, G. Plante, A. Ruiter, V. VanEllenberg, T. Walde

**Absent:** K. Swithenbank

Items of Discussion:

**Introduction/Prayer Time** (*Cavey*) Psalm 139 was read in whole by all present. The meeting opened with prayer.

**Minutes – May 12, 2014** (*Ingels*) The minutes were read and accepted by consensus.

**Election of Secretary** (*Cavey*) L. Ingels was elected secretary for the 2014/2015 school term.

**Election of PC representative for FA Members** (*Franczyk*) A brief explanation of what the FA Members Board does and how it functions was given. T. Walde was nominated as the PC rep. for this school year and it was carried by L. Ingels. T. Walde will attend the upcoming meeting.

**Members – terms and nominations** (*Ingels*) Two requests have been received and will be followed up from parents wishing to serve on the PC council. A vote was taken in June 2014 and the following individuals began a two year term (ending June 2016) Churchill/VanEllenberg/Abreu/Walde/Plante. Olojan/Ingels/Swithenbank/Ruiter have terms ending June 2015.

**Campus Reports – Information only** (*MS/Mensforth*) Positive beginning to Sept. – minimum amount of detentions being held – Oct. G8 retreat “The Best” – 4 Staff attended WoF conf. – Boys V-Ball tourn. came in 2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Koop teaching and holding drama/study hall/games ... W. Hogeveen holding Bible Studies ..... T. Joseph leading worship times during breaks (*HS/Warkentin*) Driver’s Ed. has begun – Sr, Girls V-Ball team – Jr. Girls V-Ball no team but practicing – G10 held day retreat – G12 held two day retreat – G12 leading noon Bible Studies – Spiritual Emphasis week, end of Oct. ... theme “Week of Thrones” – All school in-service held in Oct. with “in house” staff (*Elem/Prit/Doroshuk*) G. Plante mentioned meeting new students and parents enrolled for this year – With the +30 students in this year’s enrollment changes needed to be made on the playground for supervision – K5’s very busy classrooms – French being taught in G1-G4 this year and Prit G1-G3 – G4 HepB needles done – Picture Day completed

**Registration and Bus Report** (*Franczyk*) This school year is record enrollment – a few spots still available but on the whole, each academic area is full – full of challenges as to where to go from here - Buses operating within fleet guidelines though not funded by the Dept. – all drivers are fully qualified and

attended a full day in-service on safety/guidelines – Fall bus evacuations have been finished – 7 buses used on a daily basis

**Board Report** (*Cavey*) A summary of the school board meeting was handed out to each one in attendance. B. Cavey highlighted a few of the items.

**Concerts** (*Doroshuk*) With the growing enrollment time for discussion was held on how to handle concert nights ..... Suggestions – held over two nights/afternoon and evening/limited tickets

**Diversity Policy** (*Warkentin*) Each one present received a copy of “Faith Academy Respect for Human Dignity and Diversity Policy”. This policy is the work of several different individuals from other “likeminded” independent schools. The policy has been submitted to the Dept. of Ed. as requested. All teaching staff will attend a seminar on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> on Bullying.

**Collections Agency Policy** (*Franczyk*) Previous notes were reviewed on suggestions for handling overdue accounts – With the option of MC and Visa accounts should be brought up to date in many situations – Suggestions to give 6 months grace before taking action, phone call, registered letter

**Nit Picking** (*Cavey/Doroshuk*) A copy of “No Nits” article was given to each one present – How FA deals with Lice was discussed – good suggestions in the article but not always possible within the school system

**Frame Report** (*Cavey*) A copy was given to each one present – briefly discussed – for information purposes only – the Frame Report contains statistical information on other independent schools

**Audit** (*Cavey*) Copies of parts of the audit report were handed out to all present for information purposes only.

**By-Law Review** (*Cavey*) Under the heading of “Election of Parent Council Members” ..... new wording was added concerning Parent representatives “ from every area of the school replacing “ .....one from every area of the school”.

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting – Monday, Dec. 8th 2014**

**Next Chairman – Carlos Abreu**

**Location – High School Staff Room**