

Faith Academy Parent Council

Dinner Meeting – Leila Avenue

6 p.m.

Monday, January 26, 2015

Present: Faith Academy Administration, C. Abreu L. Feakes, L. Ingels, A. Ruiter, G. Plante, V. VanEllenberg

Absent: B. Mensforth, V. Churchill, W. Olojan

Introduction and Prayer: (Ruiter) The meeting began with a challenge from Scripture and prayer.

Minutes – December 8, 2014 (Ingels) The minutes were read and accepted by consensus.

Members – Volunteer/Appointment/Resignation (Ingels) Two names were brought forward as suggestions for serving on the council. These individuals will be approached to see if they are interested in serving.

Fundraising – (VanEllenberg/Walde) Both members were unable to share info. regarding this item. Suggestions were given from the council to look into *Peak of the Market *Gift Cards *Dielmans Fundraising (several different campaigns throughout the year) Will be revisited next meeting.

Field Trip Policy - (from last meeting) (Warkentin) Incident report to add a few things in Regulations/Guidelines – Accident/Incident Reporting all felt that the wording was done well in what we wanted to get across – All policies will be changed to a new format in future.

Staffing - (Elementary Change) (Doroshuk/Warkentin) C. Beaulieu will be retiring the end of Feb. N. Jacobson will be returning after several years' absence and both will overlap their beginning/ending by five days. R. Fehr will be returning for the second semester to complete the D. Knapp mat. leave.

Board Report - (Cavey) A summary of the most recent meeting was handed out to all present – Transportation area has the most issues with large repair bills – Financially the overall picture of the school is good – Mr. Doornbos gave several recommendations to the board on how to proceed with the administration in the near future – Board will review these items – Hiring policy is being reviewed/the tone of the school depends on who is hired.

Jury Duty – (Cavey) A draft policy was written and reviewed by the PC.

School Safety – (Cavey) Two news articles were handed out. One from BBC News/one from CBC News (focusing on Winnipeg) Both raises concerns over safety of teachers and students within the school systems. The council was given the opportunity to share their thoughts on the matter as well as ideas on how “safe” they feel sending their child(ren) to school and what they feel would improve safety here.

Registration 2015-2016 - (Franczyk) 30 applications received – new/revised forms require birth certificate/parent info. separated/non-refundable appl. fee for HS – reg. fee remaining the same – slight increase in tuition fee

Bus Safety Plan – (Franczyk) Dept. of Transportation ... Motor Coach Div. conducted an audit on the bus fleet – all paper work was in order and the school will not be revisited for five years ... passed with satisfactory grade (either satisfactory or unsatisfactory)

Collections – (Franczyk) Board has agreed to go back two years (2012/2013 & 2013/2014) to begin procedures on collecting unpaid tuition.

Campus Reports – Information Only – (Franczyk/MS) Christmas program directed by W. Harnett went well – Basketball teams playing – Staff working on a profile for each student – House Chapel activities taking place – Outdoor activities planned in Feb./March instead of skating – Ski Trip to Holiday Mountain being planned – Feb. 11th/12th G7/G8 exams (Warkentin/HS) B Varsity Basketball Boys/Girls teams – G12 Prov. ELA/Ess. Math exams done in Jan. – M. Bailey will participate in Pre-Cal committee – M. Bailey will lead Math PD for K-G8 in Feb. – Exams began Jan 27th / New semester began Feb. 3rd – School Staff have broken up into committees Positive Mental Health Dignity/Diversity ... Writing. (Prit./Elem./Doroshuk) G. Plante spoke at Prit. Christmas Concert – K5/G1 students held Christmas Concert this year – J. Doornbos evaluating all Elem. teachers – I Love To Read Month Stop/Drop/Read – G1-G4 Field Trip to Festival du Voyageur – G2-G4 to have Easter Concert in March – (Prit./Plante) Many ups and downs at the campus with family issues – Prayer needed for many families

Missions Report – (Warkentin) Missions I heading to Fairford to run VBS program in March – Missions II heading to Panama in Feb. – Missions III Quebec trip cancelled ... team will still meet together and do more local work with the French community in our own city.

Building and Budget (2015/2016) – (Cavey) Council was asked to give suggestions on items that they would like to see in the school in the area of student related and building related – email suggestions to FAceo@faithacademy.ca

Missions Statement – (Cavey) Council was asked to review the school Missions Statement (found on the homepage in the school guide) for next meeting.

Adjournment – Meeting ended with prayer.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2014

Next Chairman – Wendell Olojan

Location – Middle School @ 6:30 pm