

Vital Grandin Catholic Elementary School Council
January 8, 2014 Meeting

Present:

Marina Lotoski
Donna Hansen
Kerstin Bruno
Rachel Demeter
Michelle Walsh
Lisa Murphy
Colin Loiselle
Serena Shaw

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Welcome/Prayer/Introductions

3. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Donna Hansen, seconded by Lisa Murphy

4. Adoption of Minutes – Moved by Rachel Demeter, seconded by Donna Hansen

5. Teacher Presentations

Michelle Walsh – Gr. 1 Guided Reading – Daily Five

- read with teacher
- read by self
- laptop
- listening (with headset)
- word work-different levels, different activities, various word puzzles
- Activities are differentiating and engaging

Colin Loiselle – Math Flex Groups- Division 1

- math game groups Mondays & Wednesdays
- grouped at various levels, groups are flexible
- place values – games
- addition & subtraction games
- engaging, not paper and pencil based
- intention is to develop number sense

6. Administration Report - see attached

Re: 2014-2015 School Year Calendar – Kerstin requested PD day Nov. 7 to be changed to Nov.10th; Rachel requested PD day Dec. 12 to be changed to Dec. 19th

7. Trustee Report – Serena Shaw

- National Education Support Fund from the U.S. to study school districts and GSACRD is one of the districts selected
- there is no increase in the Learning Resource Fee or the Transportation Fee
- the ATA signed a new agreement with the district
- Morinville Community Conversation to be held Jan. 16th

- SACHS will be going to New Orleans with Father Mike
- district planning scheduled in March
- Council of Council Meeting on Jan. 20th

8. Chairperson Report

- Excellence in Teaching Award – noted in the newsletter
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon - to be held May 16, 2014, arranged by Aileen Hartman, main course to be provided
- Second Evening of PTI Dinner for Staff – to be arranged by Heather Landels

9. Committee Reports

Friends – QSP - \$2300 raised; DFS - \$1400 raised; Galaxyland Tickets to be sold

Church Liaison – St. Albert Parish has a 6:30 Sunday evening mass, geared towards mission work

Richard S. Fowler – We Day Project - Fasting for Philippines, a fund raiser for the super-typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines raised \$3600, Government of Alberta to double it for a total of \$7200.

10. Good News – Mrs. Walsh's daughter is engaged.

11. New Business

School Council meeting to be held April 9th instead of April 2, due to Spring Break

12. Old Business

A letter was received by parents in November about mining companies as to how to care for others, homes and environment, more clarification required; was intended for students to know that “you have a voice and you can make a difference”, Marina followed-up if Gr. 4, 5 and 6 have written letters and no letters were written

Kerstin to find out contact person at City of St. Albert regarding sidewalk on north west of school field beside Sunset Blvd.

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting February 5, 2014

Adjournment – 7:50 pm

Follow- up Items

Item	Completed
Review Administrative Wish List in February	
Friends to complete Mandate for School Council review - will confirm if we can dissolve Spirit Committee	
12 months of minutes to be loaded to School Internet Site	Follow-up
Kerstin to follow-up about sidewalk	
Regular Updates from Staff	

