Regular Minutes ~ PEC Meeting --- November 5th, 2007.

In attendance: Trevor Beauchamp, Trudy Desjardine, Sandra Parker, Tereen Nootebos, Walter Pereira, Monique Hardy, Tom Devlin. Joined by teacher representative Tom Sutton.

Meeting commenced at 7:15pm.

Review of September 11th, 2007 minutes:
Monique motioned to accept them, seconded by Tom. All in favour.

Review of October 9th, 2007 minutes:
Walter motioned to accept, seconded by Sandy. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: none. (Father Mark absent with leave, due to prior RCIA commitment.)

Treasurer's Report:
-Our auditor has read our minutes from 2006-2007 and noted a discussion that was recorded regarding saving money for a new school. CCS and its PEC clarify that it is **not saving money for a new school** or any other capital expense. The PEC observes CISVA policies 4.0 and 5.1 regarding fundraising and capital expenses as found in section D of the CISVA policy manual.
-Costs for repairs and maintenance to date are noted as $26,000, not including the tarmac expense being carried over from last year.

Principal's Report:
As part of Trudy's report, Tom Sutton presented more specific info on the
Mobile Computer Lab; with the addition of a few accessories (headphones, mice) the new *estimated* total cost is $27,549.52.
- To clarify, there will NOT be one large Gr. 7 classroom next year; a portable will be acquired for the second class.
- A **speed bump** will be installed by the parish centre exit. Tom will look into getting the rubber style that can be easily and quickly installed.
- A **full-time aide** (Cate Bailon) was hired for Grades K and 5.
- Two Gr. 5 International students will be leaving at the end of January, while two new Gr. 5 and one Gr. 7 International students will arrive at the beginning of January (there will be a one-month overlap in Gr. 5). This is not a problem for these classes.
-This school year's Catholic Educator's Conference (held in February) features guest speaker Matthew Kelly. The PEC will once again sponsor the teachers' dinner ($42 per person), which is covered in the budget.
-"The Golden Compass" is a controversial movie being released for the holiday season. Trudy warns of its author's anti-Christian message, and its ties to Scholastic books.
After contacting the publishing company, Trudy was dissatisfied with their response.
It was suggested that the school could possibly find an alternative book company to deal with…?

Unfinished business:
The RCMP liaison interviewed the student **hit and run** while riding his bike to school. It was discovered that the boy had made some errors in judgement, and has learned a valuable lesson. The culprit has still not surfaced.

Co-chairman's Report:
-Tom will call **gutter cleaners** to have them do the school's perimeter.
-He will also look into the **stump removal** and **sidewalk repair**.
-The storage bin, which has been placed and secured, was a better container than originally discussed; with taxes the total came to $4,068.
-**"Mosquito" Teen Detractor:** there is an ongoing problem of young people loitering on the property, causing damage, etc. This mosquito device emits an irritating sound that is only audible to youth between the ages of 12 and 25.
Trudy will purchase one or two units to test its effectiveness in deterring these unwanted trespassers.
-On a side note, Tom brought up his Gr. 4 daughter's extremely challenging math homework problem: he found it highly inappropriate for that age. ("Math Makes Sense" workbook, p.47, question #5.)

Chairman's Report:
-Given that there is no current, complete and accurate set of local policies recorded that would cover issues that the CISVA policy manual does not address, the **PEC rescinds all previous local PEC policies**. Any future local policies are to be approved by the PEC, and distributed to current PEC members and the principal and recorded by the PEC secretary in the school archive and official policy manual. Motion made by Monique; seconded by Sandy. All in favour.
-CISVA Annual General Meeting Nov. 7th: Tom cannot attend, but will get info and report on it at a later date.
-CISVA Forum Town Hall meeting, Wed. Nov. 21st, 7pm at IC Delta will discuss the Teachers' Compensation Package for 2008-2009 and beyond.
-Trevor presented the new CISVA policy pertaining to Teachers On Call (substitutes).

Ongoing committees:

Maintenance:
The staff and Gr.7 leadership students submitted their choices for a "Wish List" regarding possible additional components for the school playground:

1. Track ride ($4,723 installed)
2. "Rotator" ($2,113 each, installed)
3. Climbing wall ($19,000+, installed)

These are just ideas and are not being considered at this point in time; the bulk of monies raised thru PTA this year will be put towards the Computer Lab.

PTA:
Nothing to report; however, Gr. 2 and Gr. 6P each won for raising the most pledges for this year's Walkathon.

Family Service: Don absent; no report.

Meeting ended in prayer (Trevor) at 9:25pm.

Next meeting: <u>Tuesday, December 11th, 2007.</u>