

Regular Minutes ~ CCS - PEC Meeting --- April 21st, 2009

In attendance: Fr. Mark Bautista, James Borkowski, Trudy Desjardine, Brian Foster, Sandy Parker, Tereen Nootebos. Teacher Rep. Jeanne Tyrrell.

Meeting opened in prayer (Jeanne) at 7:10pm.

Review of March10/09 PEC minutes: James motioned to approve, seconded by Sandy. All in favour.

Chairperson's report: discussion on upcoming elections later in the meeting.

Pastor's Report:

-Fr. Mark attended the National Catholic Convention in California; very informative. This year, 8 principals, 1 pastor (himself) attended, but NO teachers attended. He proposes to send one teacher next year (staff will take turns each year). The next L.A. Congress, which is liturgy-focused, will be held March 17-21, 2010. Hotel, registration, airfare = approx. \$1500. The convention/workshop budget should be increased to accommodate this worthwhile expense; can be considered part of Pro-D.

-a pressure washer is needed for the parish/school; split the \$1500 cost of a model with a bypass feature. It can be stored in the parish garage. James motioned that the PEC support half of the pressure washer expense; seconded by Brian.

-At the convention, Fr. looked at an indoor/outdoor portable PA system, by Shure. It has diverse usage (plays mp3s, CDs; wireless mic, etc.), and an 8hr. rechargeable battery. Available in the US, costs \$2600. Perhaps it could be put on the PAG or PSG budgets?

-Faith Development Day Sept. 3rd, 2009 with Archbishop Miller.

Treasurer's Report:

Feb. report discussed; March finalized by next week.

Sandy brought a potential surplus to our attention; PEC will decide what further measures to take. Possibly apply it to future parish subsidy.

Sandy will soon start work on the preliminary budget for the 09/10 school year.

Principal's Report:

At the request of the Knights of Columbus, CCS will discontinue the Campbell Soup Label fundraising. It has been brought to the council's attention, that the Campbell's company supports the homosexual agenda.

-FISA- hope the upcoming provincial elections and parties involved continue to show support (and funding) for independent schools.

-due to lack of effective website use, hard copies of the CCS newsletter will once again be distributed to families weekly.

-Imagination Station/Writers' Club will end the school year with the publishing of their work, and an authors' Book Signing Event. The school will cover the cost of the first book for each club member.

-a special thank you to Brian for his maintenance work so far.

-Computer Lab: kudos to Tom Sutton and Dave Buck on their hard work with the lab; a Field Trip has been planned for 10-12 CISVA Principals to visit our lab and see what the school has provided for our students.

-Mandatory Parents' Meeting Thursday, 7pm in the church. Babysitting provided in the Kindergarten room. Family Service, PAG, PSG will be speaking along with Trudy, Fr. Mark, and Jason Borkowski.

Standing Committees:

Maintenance:

-Heaters for Pre-K prove to be too expensive (\$3500-4500 to install); portable heaters are not recommended. Brian spoke to teachers, and basically the heat just needs to stay on overnight in order to provide enough warmth to the Pre-K room during the day.

-speed bump reinstalled; needs some minor touch-up painting.

-mosquito teen repellent needs hard-wired installation.

-Electrical panels are disorganized; Heat and Infrared scan suggested. Electrician needed to label everything; possibly done for under \$2,000.

Arts Electric? Lightspan? James will contact Brian Vulcano for a quote.

-many thanks to Rob Feldhaus for the generous amount of work he has put into the school/parish property. He has also offered to install a double gate, facing 59th ave, for easy access for work vehicles. The valves for the sprinkler system are ready to go; Brian will contact Mr. Benko or Zayshley for the next step.

-neighbours complained of squatters occupying the empty lot between the playground and the daycare. Fr. and Brian will scrutinize the area and look at possible solutions to this ongoing problem.

-metal container: there are new problems due to the strong (toxic?) fumes emanating from the riding lawnmower, and the possible contamination of the earthquake kits/food. An additional 20-ft.container could be used exclusively for the kits; waiting on a quote from Tom Devlin.

-Brian still collecting names/possible members for a maintenance committee.

-School building -- painting quotes:

“Exceptional Painters” (CCS parent, Dave Cusson) :

- 5-7yr. paint quality: \$25,211+ gst;

- 15-18yr. quality: \$39,321 + gst.

“Inter-City Painters”: \$26,780 + gst (1-yr. warrantee)

One more quote from “Pro Painters”; final quotes at next meeting.

New Business:

PEC Elections---

Mid-April, the PEC appoints a nominating committee. A returning officer and 2 scrutineers are also required. See if Mike Garisto is willing to reprise his returning officer role; James and Brian will be the nominating committee, if allowable.

Syd Poelstra may replace James for 1 yr., if allowable.

Sandy and Tereen are up for re-election; more eligible candidates needed.

Parish will post list of candidates; elections are the weekend of May 30th/31st.

-Jeanne put forward the idea of a graduated scale of thanks/recognition to departing staff members for their years of service. A token of appreciation, such as a trinket box with a plaque that reads, "Many thanks, God bless, (year)" could be presented. Sandy suggests that this be a PAG-funded idea, worked into its annual budget.

-Will the new fixtures/lighting in the library be included in the Hydro upgrade? More on this next meeting.

PAG: none (Linda absent).

Family Service: none (Monique absent).

End of regular meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 7pm.

Meeting ended in prayer (Fr. Mark) at 9:10pm following the *In Camera* session.