

# SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES, SACRED HEART, WINGHAM

**DATE:** October 6, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Greg McLean, Kelly Anderson, Mary Adele Davies, Annette Jessen, Rina Jacobs, Lorraine McIlhargey, Sandra Skinn, Desiree Curtis Good, Kevin Schmidt, Mary McInnes, Mary Weiler, Mariah House, Margaret Schiestel, Sharyl Robertson, Special Guest: Dan Parr, Superintendent of Education.

**REGRETS:** Amy Cronin, Kathleen MacDonald, Bill Townsend, Tanya Slater, Angie Bross, Cindy van Nes, Anne Marie Fear, Barb Marklevitz, Melissa Heimpel, Denise Lockie, Francine Long, Mary Ellen Foran.

AGENDA ITEMS:	DISCUSSION/INFORMATION	DECISIONS/ACTIONS
1. Opening Prayer		
2. Review of last minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annette Jessen briefly reviewed the previous minutes from September 2009.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Desiree Good to approve previous minutes. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Adele Davies. All in favour.</li> <li>• September 2009 minutes approved.</li> </ul>
3. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Adele reported, as of September 30, 2009, a balance of \$14,988.89 (not including a \$1400 holdback from board for sun shelter).</li> <li>• Includes gross from Norcard, Green's Meat and Elmira Chicken fundraiser. Suppliers still need to be paid.</li> <li>• Reported that 2009 lasagne supper made a profit of \$2902.08, an increase of \$850.42 over 2008's supper.</li> <li>• Gift for Sally Campeau (departed Sept as community rep)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Mary McInnes to approve September 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Desiree. All in favour.</li> <li>• September 2009 Treasurer's Report approved.</li> <li>• Motion by Mary Adele to spend \$50 on gift. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Anderson. All in favour. Amount approved.</li> </ul>
4. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can LSAC help support increased student achievement?</li> </ul>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EQAO: discussed results charts – significant difference in results for boys versus girls and Primary versus Junior. Where does data tell us we need to go.</li> <li>2. Pathway: teachers focussing on specific student needs – November check in how certain strategies are working. “Smart” goals. (E.g. 2008/2009 success in inferencing; 2009/2010 non-fiction writing). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H1N1: see letter.</li> <li>• Kelly: Catholic community of caring.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1. Student Council: mandate to fulfill triad of home-school-community. Kerri introducing members of Community Living who will be involved in school activities (e.g. finger painting, Halloween baking). Building empathy, inclusiveness will make for better students.</li> <li>2. Forming new committees (TBA) (all students Gr. 4+).</li> </ol>	
5. Address by Dan Parr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Parr made observations that Sacred Heart is a strong Catholic school, which is expected and supported by parents.</li> <li>• Commented that only approximately 22% of graduating Sacred Heart students attend Catholic secondary schools.</li> <li>• Need to think about how we can increase retention rate in Catholic schools.</li> </ul>	
6. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent council name change</li> <li>• Volleyball court</li> <li>• Mary McInnes raised question of need for new parish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Schmidt moves to adopt name: Sacred Heart Parent Council. Mariah House 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favour.</li> <li>• Greg moves to table discuss at next meeting. We need to think about what we want. Kevin discussed whether or not we really need or want one. Other ideas may include upgrading other facilities (e.g. soccer nets). Suggestion that student council poll kids as to what they want.</li> <li>• Greg to email Fr. Keith regarding new parish rep.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rep.</li> <li>Dance: Patti Wegg available after Thanksgiving.</li> </ul>	
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visioning for the future</li> <li>Greg discussed dreaming “big” for Sacred Heart: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you describe an ideal Catholic school?</li> <li>How would you see role of council evolving in next 5 years?</li> <li>What, as a group, do we see us accomplishing in the future? What do we want for our education, for supporting student learning?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Budget</li> <li>PRO Grant – idea: “Roots of Empathy” (Christ-based) (e.g. parenting styles).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to set long &amp; short term goals</li> <li>Budget deferred to next meeting.</li> <li>Motivational/inspirational speakers</li> <li>Parent lending library</li> <li>Literacy night</li> </ul>
8. Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising Committee: Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Elmira/Green’s to be delivered; @ \$14,538 gross.</li> <li>Faith Committee: no report.</li> <li>Community/Parish: no report.</li> </ul>	
9. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During Open House, Nancy Ross expressed need to parents of Gr. 7/8 students for music stands (@ \$200: 3 x approx. \$60 each)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary moves to donate cost to instrumental music program (based on receipts). Annette 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favour.</li> </ul>

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:10 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

**PROPOSED DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

(2009) December 8<sup>th</sup>; (2010) January 19<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>.