

OLMP Parent Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m. with Kelly Frigon chairing the meeting.
2. Attendance: Kelly Frigon, Joe Kucy, Dan Wispinski, Debbie Soch, Melanie Marohn, Kevin Baska, Callista Baska, Lisa Menzel, Jocelyn Burns, Kari Fenrich, and Taralynn Semmens.
3. Opening prayer by Joe Kucy.
4. Approval of the May Minutes/September Agenda: a motion was made by Dan to approve the Minutes and Melanie seconded the motion. A motion was made by Deb to approve the September agenda and it was seconded by Tara. The motion was carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Erin was absent but Kelly advised that the bank balance as of August 1 was \$7,690.07.
6. Correspondence – there was no correspondence.
7. Agenda Items:
 - 7.1 Hot Lunch: The first order on the hot lunch program for this school year has closed and it was for October and November. The hot lunch committee decided that for various reasons, they probably won't do a two month order again. They will also offer parents the opportunity to place the NOVEMBER order again as they fear some people didn't have an opportunity to sign up for hot lunch and place their order before the deadline and therefore, their kids would miss two months of hot lunch. McDonalds has been added as a restaurant. Irene is unable to assist with selling the leftover hot lunch items at the office so it was discussed that the parent volunteers assisting with hot lunch will be asked to stay an extra 15 minutes or so to handle that this year. The first hot dog/hamburger day will be October 5 and the food will be prepared and served by the Enviroventure group (with Mr. Wispinski's guidance). In exchange for the assistance of Enviroventure, they will receive 50% of the profits from that day. Tasty Treat day will be done on early dismissal days, the first one being October 6. Joe and Bob may be able to assist with distributing the food on Tasty Treat days. There was further discussion about purchasing a freezer for storing the hot dogs/hamburgers and Tasty Treat items. Dan will look into that.
 - 7.2 Parent Donation Letter: Kelly and Melanie will draft a letter and forward it to Joe who will distribute it via email, rather than mailing it out, which is a substantial cost.
 - 7.3 Teacher Wish Lists: Dan said he hasn't discussed anything with the teachers yet and we will wait until further into the school year to see what the teachers want/need and what funds are available.

- 7.4 Shrove Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday will be February 28, 2017. Taralynn has contacted the Knights of Columbus and they have agreed to prepare the pancakes for us. Taralynn will organize this with Pat Mah. They will look after getting volunteers as well.
8. New Business:
 - 8.1 Is wi-fi up to speed? Joe indicated that the wi-fi was upgraded in June and seems to be working well.
 - 8.2 Driver Training: The school is offering Driver Training as a new option this year. The cost is around \$800.00 and it is the same course that AMA offers. Bob Charchun is the instructor, however, the course is done mostly online and there isn't a lot of actual instruction. The question was raised that perhaps it should be a more interactive course with the instructor and the students. Joe said this is the first time they have offered it and he appreciates the input.
 - 8.3 Secretary position: Jocelyn Burns volunteered to be secretary. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Callista.
9. Teacher's report: Dan reported that all the clubs/teams are off to a good start but there isn't much to report yet.
10. Principal's report: Joe reported that drama and volleyball are underway. There have already been some volleyball tournaments. The High School golf club won gold at Zones and will be going to Medicine Hat for Provincials. OLMP Football has started. They have 18 players for their 6-man football team and Joe is coaching. School Mass is Thursday, September 22 at 9:45 a.m. School Pictures are October 12. The first early dismissal will be October 6 at 2:50 p.m. Orange shirt day is October 4 and is to raise awareness regarding the experiences of children in the Indian Residential Schools. Joe is going to look into merging the calendar with the app so that all of the information is available.

There was discussion about the delay in getting the students' schedules completed on the first couple of days of school and Joe explained that the "career cruising" had been completed in April, however, when the district upgraded PowerSchool in late August, there was a problem and any schedules that had been completed were lost. They had to start over and do some of it manually.

There was a discussion about what eCampus is. It is essentially a cyberschool where students do their courses online, at their own pace, and there is a teacher present to answer any questions. It is a good option for self-motivated learners and good opportunity for students to be able to get ahead in their courses. Students can take core courses through eCampus but need to write diploma exams at the specified date and time.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.
12. Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.