

## Faith Academy Parent Council

High School - 6:30 pm

Monday, May 11, 2015

**Present:** Administration, V. Churchill, V. Van Ellenberg, C. Abreu, W. Olojan, T. Walde, L. Ingels, L. Feakes, G. Plante, A. Ruiter

**Introduction and Prayer Time** - (Doroshuk) The meeting began with Scripture and Prayer.

**Minutes** - March 9, 2015 - (Ingels) Minutes were read and accepted by consensus.

**PC Members** - Volunteer/Appointment - (Ingels) Four council members have terms expiring the end June 2015. All four have agreed to serve again and require a vote at the June Concert Night/Application Form handed in. (W. Olojan, L. Ingels, L. Feakes, A. Ruiter)

**Bullying Response** - (Cavey/Admin.) An article from the Winnipeg Sun was distributed to each one present. A discussion followed as to the feelings of what was stated in the article. Each Admin. spoke as to how bullying is dealt with in their area of responsibility.

**Stolen Lunch Money - could it happen here?** (Cavey) An article from the Free Press was distributed. A discussion followed. All agreed that the school cannot replace "stolen/lost" money. The importance of security/watchfulness etc. was brought up. Middle School students are encouraged to have locks (and use them) on their locker.

**Public School Religion** - (Cavey) A CTV news article was discussed concerning religious groups within the public school and the items that must be covered in order to have a "club" within the school. Parents of children in the public school system are divided over having religion in the school. The council was encouraged to never take for granted what we have here at Faith Academy ... our religious freedom.

**On-Line School Records** - (Warkentin) CBC article was distributed to each one with info. concerning software that is available (and being used in MB schools) where parents can log on with a code and have access to their child's progress/homework/attendance/grades etc. A discussion followed where the council had an overall positive response to this technology becoming available.

**Fundraising** - (Van Ellenberg/Walde) Danny Whole Hog fundraiser was held (mostly focused on MS families) and over \$900. in profit was made. Three large IPADS were purchased for resource use.

**Board Report** - (Cavey) No income adjustments made - Prov. funding levels increased - Bus issues discussed - C. Doroshuk last day Aug. 16th/L. Dyck accepted the position as Elem. V.P. - MS office and all Elem. positions filled - Registration numbers - Fire Drill/Lock Down "count" - Bullying policy - School calendar dates - J. Dornboss report on Admin.

**Hiring (dismissal) policy** - (Cavey) The Grounds for Dismissal policy was distributed - this policy is included as part of the overall school staffing policy.

**Pritchard - Nursery** - (Plante/Cavey) UGM has made it known in various forms of communication that they are looking for a volunteer to work in the Nursery/K5 program at Prit. as an EA. FA will continue on with the nursery program for the upcoming year.

**Registration 2015/2016** - (Franczyk) An up to date enrolment report was distributed. As of tonight's meeting, FA is over the number of students that had been budgeted for. Thankful for God's provision.

**Bus issues** - (Franczyk) 388 students are requesting bussing - 8 busses are running with 1 spare bus - decision from MPI concerning bus accident earlier in the year was appealed - money received from MPI was put towards the purchase of a new bus

**Campus Reports** - Each Admin. was asked to share one area that needs changing within their division that could use parental input.

*Middle School - G7/G8* - "What to do with students during breaks." Recess is not being utilized properly for this age group but breaks are still needed.

*High School* - Homework issues - "Making the students responsible." **Homework** (Mandatory)  
**Club** - Issue with students who are behind and no resource help -

*Elementary School* - "How to get the teachers a full lunch break" AND "Where to hold K5 Grad/Concert nights" with large student numbers meaning a larger auditorium is needed OR limit guests per student.

Next Meeting - T.B.A.