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| Meeting | St. Andrew's School Council Meeting |
| Recorder | Lisa Crawford |
| Date: | May 14, 2014 |
| Time: | 6:30 – 9:00 |
| Location: | Library |
| Attendees: | Judith Armstrong, Lisa Crawford, Cindy Foss-Silveira, Sharon Maillet, Hayley Orman, Michelle Schmid, Karen Tomlin, |
| Regrets: | Lynn Robb, Roy Roethel, Doug McIntosh, Angela Mota, Sandy Kimpel |

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| Welcome and Introductions | Chair Sharon welcomed those in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:35. |
| Approval of minutes from previous meeting | Feb 2014 Minutes - outstanding. |
| Budget Update | Year-end balance \$5511.39 |
| Principal's Report Karen Tomlin | <p>100th Anniversary celebration was an incredible success. 1000+ people went the school. Different classrooms had been decorated and had memorabilia for each decade.</p> <p>There were guest speakers present and included: WRDSB Director – John Bryant Chair of the Board for WRDSB – Ted Martin Mayor – Doug Craig WRDSB Superintendent – Lila Read Provincial Representative – Rob Leone Member of Parliament – Gary Goodyear</p> <p>There were also some student performers including John Andrew Oss who played the bagpipes. Ben Welch, Rosalyn Urquhart, Claire Thiessen. There was also a dedication of the commemorative garden which was sponsored by School Council, Students and Staff of St. Andrews.</p> <p>The evening event was well attended as well, and great fun was had by all.</p> |

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| | <p>Staffing changes</p> <p>The expected number of students for the 2014/2015 year is very close to the number of students for the 2013/2014 year. There were 400 students this year with the expectation of 390 students in the fall.</p> <p>Ms. Hope is transferring to a new school and Ms. Martin has been hired to replace her Mr. Isaac is retiring Mrs. Petty the librarian is retiring</p> <p>Staff taking attendance</p> <p>Staff are going to web based attendance – an on-line process which can immediately get uploaded and the office will have the information right away</p> <p>Year End Activities</p> <p>Grade 6 & 7 – similar to last year – Bingemans off-site and on-site Leadership events/Olympics Day/Bowling/Swimming</p> <p>Grade 8s are going on the overnight Toronto trip – 130 students have handed in their deposit. There will be a parent information night on Monday May 26th at 6:30 p.m. hosted by the tour provider – EduTravel.</p> |
| <p>Vice Principal's Report Michelle Schmid</p> | <p>St. Andrews School was a district support school this year and there were visits in the spring and fall. Personnel from the Board visited St. Andrews where things being done there to observe and discuss the school improvement plan and ongoing professional learning opportunities engaged in by staff. The Board personnel met with the teachers who were part of the School Improvement Planning Team, visited classrooms and talked with students and staff about the learning going on at the school. St. Andrews received some incredible feedback and the Board personnel commented, “whatever is being done with respect to learning here needs to be bottled up and sent out”.</p> <p>Safe Welcome – started on May 5th for a few elementary schools in the area. This means the school doors are locked during school hours. Students in portables have key cards to access the school during the day. So far there have been no issues reported with this new process. All visitors must buzz at the front door and be admitted in.</p> <p>Safe Caring Inclusive School Survey – this survey has been done for the last few years. It is open for all staff and parents until May 31st. The link is on the school’s website. All parents are encouraged to go in and complete. It is mandatory for specific grades to complete it. There will be class time provided to the grade 7 classes to complete it. There is a designated group within each school who will go in and review the results and will compare and contrast St. Andrew’s to itself through the years as well as to other schools.</p> <p>The Grad Committee is reviewing the current awards presented during the graduation ceremony. There will be no change for the ceremony occurring in June 2014. A number of schools have moved to condense the awards given out at graduation for philosophical reasons. The committee at St. Andrews has just started to discuss the</p> |

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| Teacher Representative Report Cindy Foss-Silveira | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance-a-thon held two weeks ago – there were some prizes and some games. The kids had fun and raised \$1500 that will go toward Nutrition for Learning, Year End trip/activities and to the SCC (formerly known as WE Day Group) who are building a well. • The Spartan Showcase went really well. A big thanks to Tracy and to Cindy. • Some of the performers have had/will have additional performances after their talent was revealed at the Showcase. Ben Welch, Claire Thiessen and Rosalyn Urquhart performed at the 100th Anniversary celebration and the choir has been asked to perform at the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts. • The band is going to Wonderland to perform and while there will partake in other activities at the park. • The wrestling teams did really well. They were awarded some Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. They had 3 or 4 meets and a couple of jamborees. • The Athletic Teachers Team has been getting the kids ready for track and field. It will take place at Southwood on Friday May 16th. Friday June 5th is the area competition for Grade 7 and 8 and the date has to be confirmed for Grade 6 |
| Proposed Meeting Dates and Agenda Items | <p>This was the last meeting for the 2013/2014 school year. The next parent council meeting will be held Wednesday Sept 17, 2014 at 6:30. The remainder of the dates will be confirmed at that meeting.</p> |
| Updates & Discussion Communications by Sharon Maillet | <p>The first School Council meeting for the 2014/2015 school year will be on Wednesday September 17 2014. There will be information available about School Council at the meet the teacher night held on Wednesday September 10, 2014.</p> <p>Grad tasks – Sharon will email out the list of all the jobs where help is required and people can sign up for jobs they want to/are able to help out with. Graduation will take place on Wednesday June 26th.</p> <p>Cindy will submit with application for the Pro Grant. She is looking into the possibility of Royan Lee being the guest speaker. The topic would be creating digital learning portfolios, creating a positive digital footprint and general on-line safety. More information about the speaker can be found at https://twitter.com/royanlee and he has a ‘spicy learning blog’</p> <p>Royan Lee is a teacher leader in the York Region District School Board, Ontario, Canada. Currently an intermediate literacy teacher in Richmond Hill, he has experience teaching all elementary grades. Royan’s current professional preoccupations include contemporary literacy and assessment practice, social media in the classroom, and passion based learning. When he isn’t blogging, reading colleagues’ blogs, or tweeting about learning, you can find Royan doing wonderfully mundane things with his three children and beloved wife Janet. He is overly obsessed with food, and is pleased when his Macbook, iPad, iPhone are in sync.</p> |

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| | <p>School council approved the spending of \$5000 of the current \$5511.39 in the following way:</p> <p>\$1000 - DPA and outside equipment for each classroom \$1000 Anniversary t-shirts that were given to each student \$3000 End of the year school trips - to be divided among the Grade 8 Toronto trip and the trips to Bingemans' for the Grade 6 and 7s.</p> <p>This will leave a balance of \$511.39 for the start of the 2014/2015 school year.</p> |
| Fundraising for 2014/2015 school year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haley is investigating the possibility of holding a bbq on the night of Meet the Teacher to raise some money for council • 2nd Annual Craft and Vendor Sale to be discussed at the September meeting • QSP Magazine – the QSP rep would like to book a date to come to the school to do her presentation. It will tentatively be booked for September 25th. She has also suggested other options instead of or in addition to magazine subscriptions such as scrapbooking materials and food items. Judith will forward additional information to the current council to review the options. If going ahead with any of the above the campaign would run over the Thanksgiving holiday. • Discussed the possibility of a tulip fundraiser as well. |
| Other/Questions/Comments | |
| Adjournment | Meeting was adjourned by Sharon and at 9:00 p.m. |