**Draft Minutes of Dr. George Johnson Middle School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Monday, May 16th, 2016**

1) Call to Order at 6.40 pm.

2) In Attendance: Kim Malchuk, Jim Gibbs, Dianna Auer, Brent Johnson, Betty-Jo Lake, Karen Smith.

3) Approval of the Agenda: Motioned to accept by Betty-Jo, seconded by Karen.

4) Approval of April 18th, 2016 Minutes: Motion to accept by Betty-Jo, seconded by Dianna.

5) Old Business

* **Breakfast Program**:

The Sobeys account is running low. It was decided not to transfer any money into this account but to purchase as before.

* **Funtastic Friday**:

Kim to talk to Debbie about doing another Fantastic Friday, or not.

* **Winnipeg Old Country:**

This is not going to happen. Unfortunately no price list was available at the time we were hoping to launch this fund raiser.

* **Sporting Baskets:**

These have been very well received.

* **BIP Playground Phases:**

During the discussion of outdoor equipment the subject of the previous playground project was raised and if there was anything left outstanding. This huge project was completed, however due to problems with BIP customer service it was generally agreed that a different source be found for future outdoor equipment purchases.

* **Annual AGM Conference:**

Betty-Jo attended as our representative and reported back to the group that the conference was informative and worth going to. Although there was little time to talk to venders she was able to pick up catalogues.

Betty-Jo to repay $24.01 from the cash paid out for accommodation and travel expenses.

6) New Business

* **PAC Sponsored Awards:**

The award ceremony will take place on 30th June. Grade 8 Farewell is on 27th June.

Medallions have already been ordered.

There are 3 members of staff leaving the school; Helgi on 10th June after 27 years of service, Elaine and Cherie are both moving on to positions within the school division. It was decided that PAC would give gift certificates of $50.00 to Helgi and $20.00 to Elaine and Cherie. It was also agreed to give Debbie a $20.00 gift certificate for all the work that she does for us.

Motion to spend no more than $400.00 on awards and gifts combined made by Kim and seconded by Dianna.

Invitations to attend the award ceremony will be sent to the breakfast donors.

* **Hot Lunch for summer send off:**

PAC will do a Hot Dog lunch on 24th June, to include juice and a cookie for $1.00, as a summer farewell.

* **Purchasing Power:**

An invitation to other PAC presidents will be sent out in the fall suggesting that they meet in October and possibly again in February. These meetings will be primarily to discuss PAC funded projects and to see if any combined purchases can be made.

7) Treasurer’s Report.

Treasurer’s report was tabled.

8) Administration.

Mr. Gibbs focused on the school board’s decision to have schools buy/supply the bulk of school supplies for all students. There is a three tiered approach – 1) Schools will buy items that are reusable such as scissors and rulers. 2) Parents will be asked to supplies personal items such as backpacks and gym clothes. 3) Parents will also be asked for approx. $40.00 at the start of the school year for each student. This will cover consumables such as paper and pencils (bought by the school) and also field trips. It is hoped that this will stop the need for the school to ask for money from parents during the year although PAC will still hold fund raisers and hot lunches.

9) Teachers Report.

There was no teacher present.

10) School Board Rep.

Mr. Johnson shared a presentation given to the school board from Community Futures, Riverton. Their focus is on setting up small businesses and it was felt that this kind of presentation would be of interest to students in school and fits in with the school’s career curriculum.

11) Next Meeting: Monday Sept 19th, at 6.30pm.

13) Adjourned: 8.00 pm.