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

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Monday, November 21st, 2016**

1) Call to Order at 6.32 pm

2) In Attendance: Kim Malchuk, Sandra Litwin, Jim Gibbs, Reneé Artimowich, Dianna Auer, Joe Auer, Karen Debraga, Bill Henderson, Brenda Henderson, Dave Huminski, Brent Johnson, Karen Smith, Kiersten Sydoruk.

3) Approval of the Agenda: Motion to accept made by Kim, seconded by Sandra.

4) Approval of October Minutes: Motion to accept made by Dianna, seconded by Dave.

5) Additions to the Agenda: None.

6) Old Business

* **Classroom Sporting Baskets Inventory**:

Replacement equipment was not bought as no dollar amount was agreed on at the last meeting. Dianna reviewed the bins and noted that some were short on Frisbees as well as the balls mentioned last time. Dianna would also like to get some tougher balls for the colder weather. It was mentioned that there were some balls and Frisbees on the roof; Mr. Gibbs will ask Robert about going on the roof to retrieve anything up there. Kim motioned to spend no more than $250.00 on replacement equipment Brenda seconded.

**Needs/Wants of School**:

A cheque for the Accelerated Reader and Math programs had not been issued but was given to Mr. Gibbs during the meeting.

**Funtastic Fridays:**

While going through the bills for the pizza lunches the dollar amount spent on ice cream was noted and considered expensive. It was decided that ice cream would no longer be part of the pizza hot lunches from a purely cost point of view.

* **Breakfast Donations Update:**

We have received donations from 6 more organisations during this past month totalling $1850.00. Have not heard from Sobeys or Noventis who have been significate donators in previous years, Kim will contact these two organisations to ask if they will be supporting our program again this year.

* **Canteen for Sporting Events:**

The volleyball tournament canteen was not a great fun raiser again. A vote was taken to decide if we would run these canteens in the future and it was agreed that we would not. Kim will send a faculty email explaining our decision.

7) New Business

* **DGJS PAC Membership**:

Bill and Brenda Henderson was added to our membership as was Karen Debraga. Membership is now closed.

* **Cell Phone Policy (Superintendent’s Letter):**

The question was asked if this policy had been explained to students, which it has. The purpose of the letter was about reaffirm the policy to students and parents.

A further question was asked if Subs know the policy, to which we were informed that Subs are informed of divisional policy when they are accepted on the Sub list.

* **Signing Authority:**

Sandra is in the process of getting this changed, just waiting on Noventis to get back to her.

* **New Executive Roles:**

New roles will take effect next month: Chair will change to Sandra and Treasurer will change to Kim.

8) Treasures Report. Attached.

* Dianne proposed that $579.90, the amount spent on the Breakfast program, in the previous school year, and taken from the General Fund, be moved back from the Breakfast fund to the General Fund. Also that $144.94, the amount spent in the canteen, in the previous school year, and taken from the General Fund be moved back from the Canteen fund to the General Fund.

A motion to accept the report and the amounts to be transferred back to the General Fund made by Karen S, seconded by Brenda.

9) Administration

* Mr. Gibbs started with a recap of recent presentations given to students such as ATV awareness, a Drug and Alcohol presentation and WE Day, which a group of all grade students attended in Winnipeg last week.
* He then went on to list the upcoming presentations for the 7/8 grades which address social issues that have come up within the school community.
* Mr. Gibbs gave a brief report on the recent school fund raiser and where some of the money has been spent.

10) Teachers Report.

* Kiersten took the opportunity to introduce herself as she is a new teacher to ESD and new resident in Gimli. She mentioned how happy she was in our school and her appreciation of the sporting baskets.

11) School Board Report.

* Brent spoke about the presentation recently given by Mr. Gibbs and Mrs. Croy to the School Board about the Career Development program that the school delivers. He commented on how much is done at DGJS in this subject and how essential exposure to this kind of information is to students of middle school age.

12) Next Meeting: Monday January 16th at 6.30pm.

13) Adjourned: 7.28 pm.

14) Craft Fair Planning took place after official meeting.