**Dr George Johnson Middle School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Monday, October 19, 2015**

1) Call to Order at 7.03 pm

2) In Attendance: Nancy Johnson, Jim Gibbs, Dianna Auer, Joe Auer, Brenda Henderson,

 Bill Henderson, Cheryl Campbell, Kim Malchuk, Brent Johnson, Laureen Grimolfson,

 Karen Smith.

3) Approval of the Agenda: Joe, seconded by Bill.

4) Approval of June Minutes, tabled from Sept meeting: Bill, seconded by Joe.

 Approval of September Minutes: Joe, seconded by Bill.

5) Additions to the Agenda: None.

6) Old Business

* **Breakfast Program**:

Have received donations from; Camp Morton Ladies Aid, Rotary Club of Gimli, Giesbrechts, Sobeys and Minerva Ladies Aid.

Fruit is available from the office now.

The question of toast was raised however new regulations on the type of bread that we can serve have changed. Jim is to look into this and report back.

We will use the Sobey’s account first and then the other donations.

* **Funtastic Friday**:

Lois will continue with Pizza Day.

Looking for volunteers to help run other hot lunch days.

* **Operation Red Nose:**

We are booked in for this Dec. 5, now need to actively find volunteers to help on this night, please ask family and friends if they can help.

* **Fundraising**:

Mom’s Pantry: Order forms sent home, due Tuesday, Nov 18, Nancy will pick up orders Thursday Nov 20 to allow for any late orders.

Bake Sale at Holiday Concert: It was decided not to pursue this idea.

Chicken Chef Coupons: It was asked if the date on these could be extended, Dianna to find out.

* **Craft Fair:**
* At this time 9 tables have been registered which is on par with the same time last year.
* Decided on two Gift card trees – Dianna to purchase two 3’ trees.
* A “To do” list was distributed based on last year’s craft fair. A smaller group will meet after the meeting to go over more details.
* Jim to ask the Builders Club if they could run the canteen or Linda Stevens.
* Money to come out of general finds for advertising. Joe proposed, Kim seconded.
* Heather to be asked about providing some “upbeat” music.
* Volunteers are need to help set up the fair, Friday 27th from 7-9 pm. Helgi will need to know in advance the number of tables and chairs needed.
* A schedule will be passed around at the next meeting for volunteers to sign up for jobs on the day.
* **Needs and Wants:**

One suggestion is for 4 or 5 outside tables. Dianna to get info. about who could supply these and price. The High School Shop (Tony Michaluk) is another possible source for this.

Another suggestion is some shelter from the wind; possibly in the form of a Loafing Barn or an outside classroom. EICD may be able to donate towards this project. Dianne will ask.

7) New Business

* None.

8) Treasures Report. Attached. Joe motioned that the report be accepted seconded by Kim.

9) Administration

* Mr. Gibbs asked if the PAC would be willing to run a canteen for volleyball tournaments on 7th and 14th November.
* A focus for the school this year is Empowerment. During the week of Nov 30th there will be a school folkarama during which several artists will perform and share their positivity messages.
* Facility update: The tender for the clean-up and restoration of the 3 classrooms currently out of commission has gone back to tender. We wait hopefully.
* The schools goal in math is to increase from 70% to 75% reaching grade level. Mrs. Grimolfson was able to give us some more insight into this topic.
* A general discussion was held on the topic of student awards – and whether this is a positive or negative strategy.

10) Teachers Report.

* Archery workshops that were held and well received by the students and the school will purchase their own equipment.

11) School Board Report.

* The Board is planning a “Board Planning Session” which will replace the Divisional Planning Day. The Planning Session will be held on Nov 30 from 7- 9 pm at the Tec Center. Invitations have been sent out and need to be RSVP, to Velma, by 21st Nov. The focus will be the New Educational Plan for next year. The idea of having it in the evening is to give more people the opportunity to attend, the evening will be more focused with less presentation.

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

13) Adjourned: 8.32 pm.