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

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Monday, September 19th, 2016**

1) Call to Order at 6.30 pm.

2) In Attendance: Kim Malchuk, Jim Gibbs, Maureen Fergus, Reneé Artimowich, Dianna Auer, Joe Auer, Amber Chernrak, Sherry Crave, Bill Henderson, Brenda Henderson, Dave Huminski, Sandra Letwin, , Candce Markusson, Karen Smith,.

3) Approval of the Agenda: Motioned to accept by Karen, seconded by Joe.

4) Approval of May 2016 Minutes: Motion to accept by Joe, seconded by Bill.

5) Old Business

* **Award Ceremony & Hot Diggity Dog Day**:

Both went well. It was noted that not all those invited to the award ceremony where present but all were recognised for their donations to PAC and certificates were mailed out after.

* **Funtastic Friday**:

Lois Karish is willing to continue to organise Pizza Day.

Anyone else available to run a hot lunch let Kim know.

* **Sporting Baskets:**

These are still being used. Teacher are asked to do an inventory for anything that may need replacing.

6) New Business

* **Status of DGJMS PACs:**

There were several parents in attendance who had not been to our PAC meetings before and it was stressed that to continue we do need new members. The AGM is next month and we need to vote in the executive.

* **Breakfast Donations:**

10 organisations donated last year. Letters have been sent out to these organisations again this year along with 12 other organisations.

* **Calendar of Events:**

Tabled until after next month`s AGM.

* **Parent Info Collection:**

Always helpful.

* **Fund Railsing Option:**

Tabled until after next month`s AGM.

* **Needs andWants of the school⁄Staff⁄PAC:**

Mr. Gibbs to ask staff for any ideas. Initial ideas given were for support of the Accelerated Reading, Accelerated Math and Raspberry Pi programs.

If the list is small this year we may not need to do much fund raising this year as it was reported that our PAC is in healthy state.

* **Contacting of other PAC Presidents:**

Tabled until after next month`s AGM.

* **Craft Fair:**

Registration forms have already been sent out to past participants (37) and 8 have already confirmed. Kim will pass out details and registration to vendors at the Gimli Craft Show on Sept 24th.

Provisional date November 26th.

Discussion of Silent Auction tabled until after next months AGM.

* **AGM:**

This meeting will be held next month before the regular meeting starting at6.30 pm. Need at least 7 members to included 5 parents with 4 executive positions.

7) Treasurer`s Report.

 May 2016 Treasurer`s report presented, Bill moved to accept, Joe seconded.

 June 2016 Treasurer`s report presented, Bill moved to accept, Joe seconded.

 July 2016 Treasurer`s report presented, Bill moved to accept, Joe seconded.

8) Administration.

* Mr. Gibbs shared a calendar of up and coming events highlighting an Internet Safety Presentation on Sep 28th by Val Caldwell in DGJS gym at 6.30. All parents⁄caregivers welcome.
* Enrolment is 202, up from the expected number.
* School focus this year will continue to be Reading and Math with the addition of Writing.
* There have been a lot of changes in school this year including the introduction of combined classes. There are now 4 grade 5⁄6 classes and 4 grade 7⁄8 classes, there has been no compromise for math or band however, both of these classes continue to be taught in single grade classes.
* The school fundraiser this year will be the Farm to Home program by Peak of the Market. This is planned to take place over Thanksgiving.
* Open House is planned for 28th Sept.
* School Supplies. There has been positive feedback from parents on the move to school bought supplies. It would appear however that the amount asked for this year is not enough to cover all that it is expected to cover in the middle school and the school may have to ask for more money from the division. This issue will need further review by the school and division.
* Bus Ridership Policy from ESD Transport Dept. is that there is to be no eating on the buses.
* Nutrition Policy was briefly looked at.

9) Teachers Report.

Maureen Fergus spoke more about the changes in school this year including the combined classes, staff changes and the shift from a 6 to a 5 day week. She reported that the staff are enthusiastic about the changes and embracing them in a professional manner.

First observations of the combined classes are interesting from the social⁄emotional point of view and from student leadership within the classes.

10) School Board Rep.

Brent Johnson will be our school board rep again this year however Dianne will step in if Brent is unable to make it. There was nothing to report at this time.

11) Next Meeting: Monday October 17th, at 6.30pm starting with the AGM followed by our regular meeting.

13) Adjourned: 7.58 pm.