

**Carseland Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting**

Monday, November 17, 2008

Present: T. McKinnon, J Grimsdale, L. Lightfoot, B Lausen,
T. Page, Mrs. Gordon Y. Anderson, C Lausen, J Alce, H. Folvik, D. Knause,
S. Stewart, A. Stewart A. Page, D McPhearson, S. McPherson, C. Anderson

1. **Welcome** to all by Teri, and the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

2. **Reports:**

Secretary's Report – The minutes were taken by Bobbi Lausen as Rhonda was away.

Treasurers Report – Connie brought a copy of the financial statement. We have \$4238.66 as a current balance with a solid \$3200 in the bank.

Fundraising Report – Sherry reported that the Student Union coupon books are sold out for the first time! We made \$1000.

Fund raising ideas – Fund Script is interesting but not before Christmas. It was mentioned to look into selling Coco Brooks pizzas but you need 1 months advanced notice, so will look into it for early 2009 in conjunction with the Playschool's Mom's Pantry. 40% take on sales \$2500 to \$3000.

Christmas bags were made in May bought at 50% off, packed and ready to go. The cost was \$1.50 per bag, and she still needs to be reimbursed \$240. She will look into library bags. There are 70 Christmas ornaments left and they are all paid for now. They may be sold at Christmas craft fair in December.

There were not enough 'Parenting through the Years' books for Mrs. Gordon to hand out so we will need to order more. Jenn Cook said to tell Sherry great job done on auditing the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 books.

Heather suggested a cook book, family members could put in recipes and can be done online.

Students Report – We had our grade 6 elections in the beginning of October and the results came out to be, Claire and Sarah for Parent Council Rep. Katie McKinnon for Canteen Director, Grady Strath for Intramurals Coordinator and Trisha Ostapchuk for communications director.

The House League Points are, green Cheetahs in first place with 980, red panthers in second place with 820 and in third place are the blue jaguars with 810.

The soccer intramurals are getting into the finals and all the teams are doing well.

The grade 6 is going to be attending a volley ball tournament on December 4 at the Wheatland School. We are going to be having a few practices at lunch time and a couple after school.

Teachers Report – Mrs. Gordon reported that everyone is getting the report cards ready for this week. They are looking forward to the parent teacher interviews on the 26th and 27th.

Hot Lunch – Shannon Stewart will pick up milk for the hot lunch program starting in January. There was a request for pancakes and sausages for a hot lunch but we do not have the equipment or the volunteers to do this so it will NOT be done.

Community Representative –Mrs. Page reported that the next Ag meeting is Tuesday 25th at 7:30.

There will be a farmers market on Friday night December 5th and Saturday the 6th. Carseland news is up and away thank you to Karen Beard for taking that on. Please read and watch for up coming events.

They have a casino on Dec. 26 and 27th so they will be looking for volunteers. The money will go into the community.

The Lions club has their casino on Nov. 26 and 27th and all the positions have been filled. PB Club has their Chocolate Fantasy and Fashion Show on March 14 for ladies only. Tickets will be on sale in February.

Library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 4:30 and 7:00 to 9:00. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00.

This Friday the Jet Setters will have a speaker come to talk about wills and power of attorney and directives, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a flu clinic in the Jet Setters room from 10:00 to 12:30 on the 19th.

There is a Welcoming committee in Carseland so if there is any new people in Carseland please let Trudy or Jackie Ferraton know so they can give the welcoming basket of information, books, coupons and goodies.

A big thank you to Trudy for all her hard work and dedication to the community.

3. Trustee's Report – Mr. Hebbes has resigned due to medical reasons and Mr. Grimsdale has requested for someone from the board to attend our next meeting. Thank you very much to Mr. Hebbes for attending our meetings. This position will most likely not be filled until the next election.

4. Principal's Report

1. Class Sizes

- a. Kindergarten – 12
- b. Grade 1 – 15
- c. Grade 2 – 14
- d. Grade 3 – 16
- e. Grade 4 – 24
- f. Grade 5 – 15
- g. Grade 6 – 15
- h. Total – 111

2. School Vision

3. Character Education (Virtues Program)

- Our success on courtesy

4. Assessment

- Report Cards (interviews Nov. 26th & 27th from 4-7p.m.) Report cards are a little different, there will be no percentages.
- Provincial Achievement Test results

5. Technology
 - a. Active Board
 - b. Webpage

6. Other items
 - a. Unicef Cupcake sale raised \$156.00
 - b. Evergreen Theater "Go with the Flow"
 - c. Halloween activities
 - d. Fire Safety presentation Oct.07
 - e. Christmas Concert Dec. 10 - The Jet Setters would like an invitation to the dress rehearsal in the afternoon
 - f. Maintenance report – we will be getting all new white boards to put over top of chalk boards. As well there will be new carpeting most likely to be put in over the summer.
 - g. Carseland West Development (Dennis & Doug) School will be printing a pamphlet with Carseland West.

7. Extracurricular Events
 - Grade Six Volleyball Tournament at Wheatland School. December 4th some logistics still to be worked out, practices at lunch and maybe one on December 2nd.
 - Christmas performance by the high school drama club on Dec. 15. The grades 1-6 will be going. The Cost will be \$5 per student. The school is asking the school council to purchase the busing to Strathmore and back for the performance. The cost is approximately \$300.00.

8. Field Trips
 - The grade fours are going to the Tyrell museum on November 27th. Past support from School Council has included \$500 per grade to cover bussing costs as well as admission for this event. The grade fours are requesting for this funding again.

Motion – Dahrlyne motioned that we fund the grade 4 trip to Tyrell Museum.

2nd Motion – Jenn Cook

All in Favor

Passed

Motion –Jenn Cook motioned that we pay for the bussing for the whole school to go to the Drama presentation.

2nd Motion – Allison Page

All in Favor

Passed

5. Carseland Kids Wellness Coalition – The comedy night was a huge success with the goal to raise \$4000 to \$5000 and ended up making well over \$10,000. They received a lot of feed back and have booked the next one for November 14, 2009. There will be a Playground penny jar at the Christmas concert for donations. As well as a notice in the news letter. The main structure is \$65,000 and will break ground next summer. They will need volunteers for this.

6. Old Business:

Criminal / Child welfare checks –Must be done, please take the 15 minutes to do it.

Jelly Bean Dance – 56 kids attended the last one and they all seemed to enjoy it. It is not a money maker but the kids have fun. The next one will be on January 16th.

Halloween – There wasn't any damage done to the school.

Staff Appreciation Lunch – was Mexican theme.

7. New Business:

Bake raffle – We need 2 people from each grade to make 2 dozen treats. They would like smaller portions to break into 4 boxes. Please list the ingredients due to some allergies in the school.

Food Bank Drive – We will be collecting again.

Microwaves – Nancy requested since there is now grade 6 students in each class that the microwaves be brought back into the school. Mrs. Gordon said definitely not, it is just too much work.

Pictures – There was some discussion about the extra school pictures that were sold to a few and not offered to everyone.

Food idea pamphlets – Allison offered to bring pamphlets for healthier food choices or snacks to give parents ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Next Meeting – January 19, 2009 @ 7:00 PM.