

St. Albert the Great School Board
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006

In Attendance: Jeanne Flowers, Bernadette Cooper, Mary Ann Linz (Faculty Representative), Denise Chancellor, Dana Sawyer, Denise Wuetcher, Mark Young

Excused: Father Don Hill, Karen Thompson, Linda Lisanti, Dan Murphy, Dan Hartlage

Guests: Malcolm and Kate Hopkins

Approval of Minutes: Dana Sawyer motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting. Denise Wuetcher seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Governor's Cup Selection: Malcolm and Kate Hopkins spoke to their concerns about the sign-up and selection process for Governor's Cup. They also made recommendations for the School Board to consider for improving the process. After discussion, the School Board concluded that the process for selection of an academic team is not a school board issue. However, the Board will make recommendations that the following criteria be used in choosing the Governor's Cup team:

1. Terra Nova test results
2. Class grades
3. Academic testing specific to the subject area
4. Student willingness to participate
5. Teacher recommendation
6. Notification to students of sign-ups

The School Board will also recommend to the communications committee that Governor's Cup and other academic activities be included in The Great News to inform parents of these activities.

Committee Reports:

Planning: No Report.

Policy: No Report.

Communication: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

PTO: Melissa McClure will be the President and Carol Yates, Vice-President, for the 2006-2007 school year. The PTO will not be collecting Campbell's labels anymore. The PTO will host the Taste of St. Albert again next year. (See technology).

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: Mrs. Flowers announced that there will be a new Kindergarten teacher for next year, Martha Troncone. She comes to St. Albert with 19 years of experience teaching kindergarten and first grade.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Flowers reported the following total battery results (MNP) for the Terra Nova testing:

K- 88.4	4- 83.6
1- 83.2	5- 77.8
2- 77.6	6- 77.3
3- 78.0	7- 83.3

Technology: Mrs. Flowers reported that the PTO will purchase three new Smart Boards. Teachers will have e-mail through the web carrier and they will have their own websites. The subscription to United Streaming has been renewed. The PTO will purchase 15 new computers in the mini lab and Grade Quick update to Edline which will allow parents to access their children's grades online.

Eighth Grade Activities: Mrs. Flowers reported the following dates for eighth grade activities:

Chicago Trip – May 9th-11th

Special Programs – May 15th and 16th, “Sex has a Price Tag” video; Health Issues (Breast and Testicular Cancer – Self exams); “Romance without Regret”

Graduation Brunch – May 24th

Graduation – May 25th

School Year 06-07: Mrs. Flowers reported the following dates for the new school year:

Registration Packets available: July 15 -16 & 22-23

Open Classrooms: Wednesday, August 16th

First Day of School: August 17th

School Board Meeting Dates for 2006-2007:

September 5th

November 7th

January 16th

March 6th

May 1st

Dana Sawyer will be the School Board President for the new school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Nancy Perito