

CATHOLIC EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (CEPAC)

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 08, 2015 at 7:00pm

Central Learning Services

160 Festival Way, Sherwood Park

ATTENDEES: 22

1. **Greetings and Opening Prayer** – Michael Hauptman – Superintendent

2. **Presentations**

2(a) **Alberta School Council Association** by Jacquie Hansen - is a non-profit group established in 1929 and is member driven. Currently there are 10 full time members working for the Elk Island Catholic School region with representation at provincial level who represent 1400 school councils.

They offer workshops / webinars free of charge to all educators and those interested with all material uploaded to their website for further review; webinar Wednesdays topics can be found on their website.

Membership is \$50 per year

They will come to speak to Parent Advisory Councils upon request

April 22 -24th there is an AGM and conference held to elect the new representatives for the coming term.

2(b) **REAL Foundation** by Jim Retallack – REAL (Religious Education Activities for Life) Foundation was founded in 2001. The Foundation's mission is to keep the Catholic faith alive and growing in our community by working with Elk Island Catholic Schools (16 schools in our four communities) to provide financial assistance to fund special presentations and guest speakers – to the schools and at the parish level; provide bursaries for youth to attend conferences on student leadership and faith formation, religious retreats; and provide scholarships to Grade 12 and university students annually. There are 5 x \$500 scholarships given to a Grade 12 student for Christian Leadership in the community.

REAL also provided start-up funds for the Alpha programs in the schools

Most of their funds are raised via the yearly Golf Tournament. The tournament is free to participants but they do ask for donations. Prizes are minimal but it has always been an enjoyable event with friendships / contacts forged on the greens.

There is always someone from the Board of Directors in each of the districts who is part of REAL except for Camrose. Currently they are looking for representation from that area.

3. **Trustee's Report** by Justine who is the Boardchair

School fees are the biggest issue as there is no clear direction yet on what will happen if the fees will/can be reduced.

Currently regarding all International field trips no decision has been made yet. There is an issue with the school's insurance companies.

Principals are to make a final decision by Wednesday regarding the upcoming trips.

Currently the USA is not considered an international destination for Canada.

4. **Professional Development** – Social Media / Social Etiquette by Susan Johnson

An example of this can be found on www.digitalcitizenship.net for the EICS social media policy on raising our children in the digital world

(Susan mentioned that an example of the Media and Social Etiquette is on the St. Theresa's website but I have looked and don't find anything. Please advise what she meant by this)

5. **Roundtable / Sharing**

There were no questions in connection to the information given the evening. But should anyone have they could contact the CEPAC directly

Minutes approved by Maryanne and the motion carried

6. Next Meeting will take place in February and mid-April

7. Meeting adjourned at 9pm