



**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
HIGH PARK SCHOOL IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON 09 MARCH 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Irene Goebel
Richard Gilchrist
Dorcas Kilduff
Robert Gillard
Elsie Kinsey
Mary Lynne Campbell
Kelly Wilkins
Colleen Woloshyn
Janine McNerney
Treena Neumann
Tracy Atkinson
Bryn Spence
Janice Fordyce
Randa Edmond

ABSENT:

Kathleen Linder
Darcy Kolodnicki
Ben Beil
Tim Monds

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 8:50 am.

Trustee Goebel opened the meeting by welcoming participants and asking everyone to briefly introduce themselves. Mrs. Woloshyn welcomed guests to the school.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 OMA – Opening Minds Through the Arts

Janine McNerney gave an introduction to OMA. OMA began in Tucson, Arizona. It is a program that has a Math and Science curricular focus in Parkland School Division. The Grade two purpose of OMA is to connect the Arts (Dance) to curriculum in collaboration with teacher/artist/student. It is kinesthetic, activity based, providing a safe environment for students to take risks and make connections with the curriculum. There is so much research behind the program (brain-based). It is a fun and positive way to learn. The Program is offered once each week for 45 minutes all year long.

Janice Fordyce explained the role of teacher and dance teacher. The program connects learning for learners of all kinds. Students

are intrigued by the novel approach. The program assists students in so many ways beyond the curricular outcomes. For example: students begin to understand where they are in space, in classroom. Janice would like to see the program expanded. Students need to see, hear and move.

2.2 **OMA in Action – Grade 2 class**

Demo Lesson (see attached lesson plan)

Mr. Gillard left the meeting.

3 **Middle Years – Building and Mentoring Student Leadership**

Tracy Atkinson introduced the group involved with the Leadership Presentation. High Park School philosophy promotes leadership for all. Leadership is not a club. Their theme “connecting the dots” involves leadership at the school, local and global levels. Groups of students presented highlights of their leadership program. Students led Trustees in a game and then offered information and a slide show highlighting their many initiatives.

4 **Classroom Visits**

Trustees and guests were invited to visit classrooms at High Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Goebel thanked Mrs. Woloshyn for a very informative and enjoyable morning

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. followed by a lunch

Grade 3 – Music, Movement and Orff

Ms. Treena Neumann and the Grade 3 class showcased a musical/movement/instrumental number from their music program.