



School Community Council  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday January 17, 6:30 p.m., 2022

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Shari Chelack

1. **Roll Call / Absent:** Rachelle Regier, Jamie Wright, Colleen Sheppard, Deane Martin Gray, Grace Wudrick, Carla Beaulac, Shari Chelack. Absent: Chelsea Baron, Ayanna Kinar and Devyn Tomolak
2. **Review Agenda:** Agenda emailed out at the start of the meeting by Deane Martin Gray.
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4. **Review last meetings minutes:** Reviewed individually
5. **Committee Reports**

*School Report:* Colleen Sheppard discussed intensive reading program from grades 1-3. Positive feedback on groups seeing improvement.

-Will continue to the end of the school year and may go into next school year including grade 4.

-Every 4 weeks they are getting retested and regrouped based on their levels.

-Goal for literacy and numeracy are not only lacking at ACS but provincially. Most schools are putting a hold on that and focusing on mental health. ACS continues with the literacy part.

-Sending out feedback report for block classes. Finding it difficult for longer blocks of class (hard to focus). Will send out to gr.9 and over and see if people want it to continue for not.

-Amy Orth returning as principal February 1, 2022 from maternity leave.

*Financial Report:* \$2825.00

-good part of money can go to One Book one School (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory most expensive at \$10.99)

-will also use some money for teacher appreciation week

*Division Trustee Report:*

-French immersion to include K-5

-Student transport 5900 students throughout division. Driver recruitment lower (all routes have a driver but no spares).

-over 315 cases of Covid to Dec and 300 from Jan 4 to present.

- Warman and Martensville surveyed as a growing communities (board strategic plan)
- Revising strategic plan
- Facility upgrades (government funding) Clavet, Hague, Delisle, Hepburn, Allen, Landgam--various repairs. New school for Blaine Lake.

*SLT Report:*

- Many themes for Christmas spirit week.
- SLT handed out cookies to grades with Santa
- gr. 9-12 had formal day and turkey supper
- Ayanna ran "meet the SLT" on social media

**6. Old SCC Business:** Discussing extracurriculars –Deane talked with Regan Crocker.

- Winter Carnival SLT to discuss (no one present today)
- Welcome Baskets: Jenny was to update absent today.

**7. New SCC Business:**

- **SCC Billboard** – now on hold
- ✓ We are send pictures to Shari for billboard and everyone agrees to have pictures on the billboard.

- **SCC Mission Statement**

"As school leaders, we have the responsibility to shake out the notion of what traditional parent engagement looks like.

Our mission is to create synergies between home, school, and our community by offering events & opportunities to collaborate and grow together."

- **Stay Safe / Stay at Home Alone Course**
- ✓ Regan Crocker
- ✓ \$30/participant
- ✓ 6 hours total
- ✓ 1 Sunday or 2 Monday after school/evenings (4-6 minimum to sign up)
- ✓ Regan would need about a month's heads up to order workbooks. She is thinking after February break or March/early April. Deane could do the signup sheet at school and we could advertise in the school newsletter and Shari could advertise on our SCC social media platforms.
- ✓ Asked to get sent home with kids so parents do not miss it.
- **Babysitting Course:**
- ✓ Regan Crocker
- ✓ \$60/participant
- ✓ Same timeline as above

- **First Aid Course** – discussed not necessary to contact Tina Stalker will just contact Regan Crocker to do both CPR and first aid course (offer both first timers and recertification). Regan to come up with date and we will post/do sign up.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (February 14-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022)**

- ✓ Decorate Staff Room with fresh flowers from Costco
- ✓ Food for lunch–Shari to contact Bonnie Doige about soup and homemade bun -do midweek the 16th.
- ✓ Deane to get students to write notes to their teachers, make cards can use bristol board and get creative

- **Literacy Week (May 2-6th, 2022)**

- ✓ School Scholastic Book Fair
  - Online Version can only be done–unsure of the success of an online version.
  - Could just send book order home at beginning of the week.
- ✓ Week Reading Log
  - Anyone who logs minutes can enter draw for 2 Indigo \$25 cards
- ✓ Book Swap Day
- ✓ Posting on social media have “Mrs. Martins Pick” and in the school. Colleen had good ideas and is willing to help out. Do a “book of the day”, have special guests in to read their fav books.
- ✓ Make a caterpillar and have kids write down their book and who they read with.
- ✓ One Book One School (Books for Engagement) Initiative
  - 96 books to order (Grade 1-7)
- Indigo Online [Indigo Classic Books](#)

I called my contact at Indigo to see if we could receive a discount on bulk orders. The only option is to have a corporate account and we would receive 20% in return. There are strict application rules, so I’m not sure we’d even receive an account. The other option is to use their reward system (Plum Points) and receive 10% in return.

Most books I checked were quite a bit more expensive then available on Scholastic, just an fyi.

- [Scholastic](#) (Mrs. Macleod Scholastic Code RC185182) -will go with Scholastic and the book “My Fathers Dragon”

[Discover Books for Under \\$10](#) – here are a few good options. The SCC ordered *Humphry* and *Charlotte's Web* in the past, both reasonably priced on this section. The other chapter book options go up to about \$7/book (*The Bad Guys*, *Dragon Masters*, etc). *Pig the Pug* is a great option for littles, *The Dot* is amazing, too.

We receive points for the school if we order through here – added bonus!

- ✓ Parent Book Club
- Dede Koscielski (Aberdeen School Counselor): Zoom Conference Book Club
- Dede is willing to lead. Agreed she would be a good candidate.
  
- Parent/Guardian Engagement Book Options
  
- *Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers* Paperback – Aug. 13 2013 by [MD Gordon Neufeld and Gabor Mate](#) (Author)
- *The Explosive Child* (Revised and Updated) by [Greene, Ross W.](#)
- *Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead* Paperback – April 4 2017 by [Brené Brown](#) (Author) (Library has 27 provincial copies)
- *Scattered Minds: The Origins and Healing of Attention Deficit Disorder* Paperback – May 30 2000 by [Gabor Maté MD](#) (Author)
- *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma* Paperback – Sept. 8 2015 by [Bessel van der Kolk M.D.](#) (Author)
- Email from Aberdeen Wheatland Library:

Hi,

We can't guarantee to have 10 copies in May, but could try to bring in the books a couple different ways.

1. The Aberdeen library could choose to bring in a few copies to have on hand for that week
2. Community members can get library cards and request the book for the book club in advance
3. One of the organizers can give their library card number and have the 10 books placed on hold through that card. If they choose this option, then the organizer would be responsible for picking the books up and responsible to ensure the books are returned and not damaged.

We can't guarantee the arrival just in case the books are checked out/damaged/lost then they may not come, and because of transit times between agencies and other factors.

For book choices, Brené Brown's Rising Strong has 27 copies in the province so you may be able to bring in a few of those if that title works.

Let me know,

Deneane

- **Welcome Baskets** – Update from Jenny Guest \*was absent today will wait for an update. Was willing to get mugs etc printed. 10 baskets at \$20.

- **Aberdeen Family Billboard** – Crysta sent a reminder home for new family photos via PowerSchool email at the beginning of January, 2022

- **Earth Day – Roots and Shoots** – Jane Goodall for Earth Day use outdoor classroom. Email Mrs. Macleod, Gwen and possibly Jill Walter.

- Marine biologist guest with Zoom

- Send home seeds to plant and grow then send pictures for social media.

- Environmental class plants trees around the community with high school.

- **End of year**—outdoor theater, popcorn. Contact community member for pricing—Shari to do.

8. **Next meeting:** March 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

9. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:47pm by Shari Chelack