

School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
School Staff Room

Members present: Skye Lennox, Amy Orth, Jamie Wright, Rachelle Regier, Grace Wudrick, Crystal Bideux, Lindsay Sutherland, Kristin Walter, Trish Menke

Community members present: Randal Doige, Regan Crocker

Members absent: Meaghan Mazzeri

1. Welcome—chaired by Skye, meeting called to order 6:04pm. Agenda, and school report circulated by Amy Orth.
2. Motion to approve SCC meeting (September 16, 2024) minutes—Change to statement of classes being offered: “All *core* classes being offered in person”. Jamie motioned to approve, Kristin seconded. All in favour.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. School report
 - i. Hope Low has been hired into .5EA position. Caretaker interviews this Wednesday.
 - ii. Upcoming events include, Fire safety presentation, no school Oct.11 and Oct.14, picture retakes, SCC fall orientation taking place Oct.19 in Warman. P/T conference Nov. 6/7 (3:30-6:30)
 - iii. Transitioning from Fountas and Pinnel reading assessment to Acadience. This will provide letter naming fluency, phoneme segmentation fluency, nonsense word fluency, oral reading fluency and overall reading composite

score. Takes less time to assess the kids—testing is based on United States levels which we are one below so there will be some differences.

-Literacy groups continuing for grades 1-3 and grades 4-6 will have two teachers every other day to help with literacy.

iv. Crystal Rainbow community member interest in supporting a larger scale holiday performance.

v. Extra-Curricular activities same as last month.

- Creative writing starting as well. Regan Crocker offered to help when needed.

vi. Grade 6 boy have expressed interest in a Jr. football club at recess. **Action item** Amy to reach out to community member who expressed interest.

vii. Regan Crocker volunteered to help with drama. Discussed with golf program to tell students in June its available so they can practice throughout the summer.

-Confirmed volunteers for the following: marafun, jr girls and boy basketball, choir/drama, yearbook, grad, terry fox run, jr/sr. badminton, track and field.

viii. Crusader Crew blends concept of homeroom with house teams. 1-2x/month for about 30 mins. Build sense of community and team building.

ix. Emergency response preparedness planning: responsible for thorough planning in even of an evacuation, hold and secure or lockdown situation.

b. Financial report

i. Finished year 23/24 with a balance of \$868.84

ii. Spent \$416.80 for drop your backpack BBQ

- iii. Will receive operating grant of \$2000 for 2024/2025
- iv. Funds available for 2024/2025 \$2452.04

c. Division trustee report

- i. Math significant focus of boards strategic plan. Once reach grade 10 they chose different pathways—wanting those reaching grade 10 they can achieve that.
- ii. Board elections coming up
- iii. Student transportation—PSSD transports about 6000 students with about 145 bus routes. Still looking for bus drivers—campaign continues.
- iv. Board trustees continue to meet with government to advocate for students.

d. SLT report

- i. Implemented spirit Fridays instead of “spirit week”. Will do Thursday if no school Friday.
- ii. Aberdeen scares hunger for Halloween day.

4. Old Business

- a. Playground—planning for spring placement.
 - i. Action item—Amy to send Randal Doige quote for resurfacing basketball court.
 - ii. Need to find group to remove wooden structure (possible idea: Hutterite colonies, camp group etc.)

5. New SCC business:

- a. School goal “We will work alongside the school community to build a positive school culture which meets the needs of Prairie Spirit successful learners”

- i. What as an SCC can we do to support the school goal—teachers came back to say literacy, building relationship with community (liked coffee/donut drive through), willow awards (best book in each age group) *action item to find out more information on this process*.
 - ii. Discussed getting criminal record check people at an event to have volunteers fill out info—doesn't seem feasible.
- b. Assessment
 - i. Amy circulated Assessment procedures: wanting SCC members to look over and get questions ready for discussion.
- c. 3rd Avenue thoroughfare
 - i. Home owners property lines PSSD property---if any one hears from community this is allowed as it is private property where rock barriers have been placed.
 - ii. Angle parking on east side of playground needing someone to maintain “ditch” area. Most likely not feasible option at this time.
 - iii. Randal discussed parking behind school. Action item: Amy to talk to Theresa to revisit parents picking up behind the school.
- d. Book fair
 - i. Nov. 5, 6, 7 *MaryAnn and Taya to run bookfair. Will need some volunteers.
- e. Hot lunch coordinator
 - i. Classroom fundraisers could do hot lunches. Trish and Crystal volunteered to be these coordinators. Teachers could touch base with them to pick lunches, what day/restaurant etc.
 - ii. Discussed maybe doing a classroom “mom” in the future.

- iii. School clothing will be available at the P/T nights.
- iv. Trish mentioned buying clothing for prizes. Trish motioned to spend \$250 on Crusader clothing for prizes, Jamie seconded. Motion carries all in favour.
- v. Discussed maybe doing “gym” clothes for students to purchase—move clothing order to drop your backpack night.
- vi. Christmas banquet going ahead. SLT will begin planning in November.

-Money is available for students that may not be able to afford.

Christmas miracles available for students in any capacity. Clothing, food etc.

-Discussed having students packing a hamper for Christmas miracles so students could engage in community. Amy said Katy could take back to SLT and see if its something they could manage.

-Skye mentioned in her experience had boxes at back of classroom to collect items that could then be made into hampers. Could have a more common area to collect food items—have a paddling pool in common areas “Pool our Love” as an idea.

-Amy mentioned could do a free pantry or area students could go to discreetly to get food. Regan can help facilitate this as part of Christmas miracles.

*Discuss dress code wording for next meeting.

6. Meeting adjourned: 7:22pm motioned by Crystal and seconded by Kristin.

7. Next meeting October 29, 2024, 6pm in the staffroom.