

SCC Minutes - Tuesday, March 25th

Reynolds School 7pm

Present: Jessie Spencer, Blair Michilieu, Carina Calow, Lacey Walker, Bev Kezema

AGENDA- Jess

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Land Acknowledgement

We go to school on Treaty 6. This is the homeland of the Cree and Metis people. It is a safe home for us. We love the park. We love the trees. We love the blackbirds, butterflies, ladybugs and squirrels. We feel the wind on our skin. Thank you for the land on Treaty 6. We are all Treaty People. -Written by Kindergarten Blue.

3. Acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes, errors/omissions No quorum.

4. Adoption of the agenda- any additions? No quorum.

Discussion on the collaborative SCC meeting and whether there is still a purpose with the new school not being on the current funding list. Tentatively push it to the fall.

Old Business

5.

a. Neurodivergent Presentation with Danielle Ewanus- April 8th

Passed on teacher/staff questions to the Autism group, lots of excitement.

b. Doodlers Club starting on 25th

c. Track and Field Concession- talk about closer to June

d. Dog Sledding Field Trip- feedback/honorarium

Kids that were hesitant to participate initially changed their minds and enjoyed it; really good feedback from Grade 5's. Grade 6's were less engaged. Will have to remember to leave cell phones behind next time. Timeframe (half day) was good.

Honorarium. Lacey suggested \$500 total, Bev said that the school could potentially contribute half of that amount. Will need to make a motion over e-mail to confirm. Bev will check with Susan Plant tomorrow to make sure.

e. Transportation- Stacey found out there IS just an in town bus- wanted to pass that along.

f. SCC Recruitment

Lacey has continued to reach out to those who might be interested, have also asked the K/1 teachers if there was anyone in particular who they thought might be a good fit.

Reports

6. Principal's Report- Bev Kezema

Principals Report

● Staffing Update:

- Sara Goudy will be teaching grade 5 until the end of Miss Day's leave.

- Wendy Bell will be teaching grades 5/6 until the end of Mr. Gendall's leave. - We have two EA resignations. We will be posting for these positions shortly. ● Until June, our school-wide learning focus is on assessment, with an emphasis on teacher clarity.

This means ensuring that students clearly understand what they are learning (learning intentions) and how they will know they are successful (success criteria) in each unit and lesson.

By making learning goals explicit, we aim to:

- Increase student engagement and confidence.
- Help students take ownership of their learning.
- Improve overall achievement by providing clear expectations. In collegial groups called Huddles teachers will be working on strategies to communicate learning goals effectively, provide meaningful feedback, and guide students toward success.

- Milk Program: Milk program is going well and we have had an excellent response from our students. Milk is available Tuesday-Friday each week. We are currently ordering every two weeks- 275 chocolate milk and 25 white milk. The online ordering system is also going well.

- The Self-Regulation Teacher Committee is sharing updates every two weeks through a Facebook post to promote consistent language and ensure that strategies and information become second nature for everyone. - The team has created short videos explaining the self-regulation strategies students are learning. These videos are shared on Facebook to engage families and reinforce the strategies being used at school. The response from families for both these initiatives is positive.

- Building Thinking Classrooms: Our school is implementing Building Thinking Classrooms, a research-based framework by Dr. Peter Liljedahl that fosters deep thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving. Instead of passively receiving information, students actively engage in learning by working in groups, solving meaningful problems, and developing critical thinking skills.

Key benefits include:

- Increased student engagement and confidence
- Stronger problem-solving and reasoning abilities
- Improved collaboration and communication skills

This approach helps students become independent, motivated learners prepared for future success. We encourage parents to support curiosity and problem-solving at home. ● Telemiracle was very successful this year. We raised an impressive \$1 483.60. The Telemiracle fundraising thermometer was very popular. 10 staff members volunteered to be pied. Great school culture building activity. The Student Leadership group was in charge of planning the rewards.

Was a great way to involve the Grade 6 leadership team, specifically to see some of the girls in a leadership role.

- We are currently rewarding positive student behaviour through our Reynolds Way Reward Tickets. When students are caught following the Reynolds Way of Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude or Safety they receive a Reynolds Way ticket and they are entered into a draw. Each month a ticket is drawn from each hallway and the student

gets to choose a book from the Scholastic catalogue. We discussed how this program was working at our last staff meeting. Teachers would like to continue this way of recognizing students' positive behaviours.

Nolan Roberts RBC Ambassador donated \$1,000 to Reynolds school, has a chance to win \$2500 more. Discussion on the school using these funds to purchase a TV for in the hallway area, like discussed in previous meetings. Scott Sorestad will be consulted to see what equipment is needed.

- Update on:
 - Wapiti date confirmation for 2025/2026 year. February 12, 27 or March 6th.

Brief discussion on how having active parents and fundraising for the ski trip may contribute to the inequality among Melfort's elementary schools. Some concern raised that the NESD may not be in favor because of this, even though Stacy was in favor when she attended our last meeting and it was discussed. Fundraising would have to be done by a subcommittee of the SCC, as Lacey has discussed with Donna (NESD finance) in the past. SCC members will discuss it more and Lacey will reach out to Wapiti to confirm date.

Note: Thursday, February 12th is available.

7. Outreach Worker's Report - Naomi

Outreach update – March 2025

- a. General after school program for March and April
 - Comic Club - now the Doodlers started March 25, goes until end of April.
 - Connect Gr. 6 After School Program - will go Glow Bowling March 26
 - GYM GAMES: March 6 - Gr. 4-6, March 20 - K& Gr. 1 and March 27 - Gr. 2 & 3
 - LEGO CLUB: April 3 - Gr. 4-6, April 9 - Gr. 2 & 3 and April 10 - K & Gr. 1
 - Calm Cool Collective (self reg group) - lunch meetings will continue through March and April on Thursdays during lunch recess!
 - Kitchen program - next Kitchen will begin on Tuesday February 25 and run for 6 weeks; there will be two more sessions before the end of June
- b. Needing donations of:
 - Leggings or joggers sizes 6, 7/8, 10/12 and 14/16 (gender neutral items preferred)
- c. Salvation Army Chili Lunch - Thursday March 27 - this is a free lunch for students provided by Salvation Army; a note will go out to families in early March

8. Playground Committee Report - Lacey

-Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18th: Decided to purchase two soccer nets (\$5,168), replace netting on existing structures, new basketball nets (\$2,016 + welding costs), a disc swing (\$11,031) and a sit-down spinner (\$2687) or surfboard rider (\$2,312) if remaining funds.

- Have continued applying for grants/ask for sponsorships. Sandbox Mutual; more as applications open
- Committee will disband after Phase 3 is completed
- Will update bulletin board in school and do a short FB campaign in a few weeks
- Concern about keeping kids off newly seeded grass area once snow melts- snow fence? Suggestions from school?

Bev and Carina thought that a snow fence may be helpful, will discuss with maintenance. Discussed that having students walk in this area will create ruts, prevent the grass from growing, and potentially be another safety issue. Pylons will not work.

9. Treasurer's Report - Mary

a. Account Balance as of January 2025: \$3652.76

Updated balance for March 2025: Not available.

10 New Business:

- a. New School Build and Survey- no longer on the top 10 provincial budget
- b. SCC Leadership Workshop May 1st

No one signed up yet, not very much enthusiasm from other SCCs. Challenging time of year as it is the same week that all spring sports start, as well as a busy time on farms.

- c. AED Device for the school

Some teachers are still interested in this happening. Previous discussion at SCC meetings has brought up that there would not be a large benefit among the age-group of our students, as compared to the highschool where shockable arrhythmias are much more common. Also not sure if NESD policy would allow the SCC to fund it. Perhaps can be discussed by the instructor at Munroe services the first-aid training. Mrs. Froelich is organizing the first-aid training of teachers but there is a bit of delay because of scheduling. Will be considered part of their PD time.

- d. Self Regulation Tubs

SCC would like to purchase items for these baskets for each classroom, as well as invest in the "self-regulation" corner in the collaborative room. I.e. washable rug, noise-cancelling headphones, weighted blanket. Smaller fidget toys, etc. for classroom

use. Amazon has many inexpensive options. Jessie and Lacey will price out some items and see what the total cost may be. Partnership with self-reg committee.

- e. Ideas of things SCC could spend money on before the end of the year: Will be discussed once the total cost of the self-regulation baskets is known.
 - Schlockey/Box Hockey
 - Self Regulation Focused Ideas
 - Calm Down Kits for Classrooms
 - School Wide Sensory Pathways
 - Self Regulation Toolkits
 - Mindfulness and Movement Resources
 - Visual Supports

- Outdoors:

- equipment for learning garden (trowels, raised beds, etc)

Mrs. Calow uses the garden boxes at the front of the school with her classroom alot, always a challenge as in the summer plants are not taken care of. Thought of planting perennials instead? Lacey said that there are a lot of grants in this area for schools and she will start applying for some if there is interest from the school. Would be nice to make the front of the school more inviting with plants, a bench and some way to cover up the gas meter.

- Beautification: seasonal planter at front door, mural, Reynolds Way plaque, seating at front of school

- playground equipment- new balls, skipping ropes, etc.

- class set of snowshoes

- Library Resources:

- books for students with dyslexia

- Awards for Graduating students- clothing, etc?

Adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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15. Meeting Dates 2024/2025 School Year

a. Nov 19/24 *virtual

b. Dec 17/24 * virtual

c. Jan 14/25

d. Feb 25/25

e. Mar 25/25

f. Apr 15/25

g. May 27/25 - Planning Meeting