

RCS SCC Minutes – Wednesday, May 28th

Affinity Board Room 5:30pm

Present: *Bev Kezema, Carina Calow, Naomi Lang, Priya Balaji, Mary Worley, Jessie Spencer, Blair Michilieu, Lacey Walker*

AGENDA- Jess

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Land Acknowledgement. *Written by Mrs. Hadwen's green class.*
3. Acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes, errors/omissions. *None.*
4. Adoption of the agenda- any additions? *None.*

Old Business

a) Self Regulation Group Wish List - Sensory Pathway. *Blair made a motion to spend up to \$500 on a sensory pathway for the school, seconded by Mary. Bev will let the Self Regulation Group know the amount and ask them if they had something in mind or if they would like us to provide some options.*

b) SCC Recruitment – what will our SCC look like next year? *Possibility that we will lose two of our members, leaving us with only three (quorum could not be met). How would that impact the SCC and school? Lacey has sent in a letter to Kathy to be shared with the younger grades in the school, Mary suggested that it be shared with all families. Lacey will update Kathy. FB posts have also been made in the last couple of weeks. Best option, as always, is to reach out directly to those who might be interested. A new teacher rep will also be needed for next year, will be brought up at the initial staff meeting in the fall.*

c. Wapiti Feb 12th- Fundraising subcommittee. *Letter to be sent out to Grade 5 families about the need to raise the necessary funds before Christmas.*

d. AEDs. *Tabled.*

e. SCC Leadership Workshop- did anyone hear anything about it? *Decent turn out, Susan Plant was in attendance.*

f. Track and Field Planning- pre-orders, tents, map of events, schedule of events. *Kathy has all the information needed to do the pre-orders on the portal again, map and schedule will be shared the same as last year - appreciated very much by families, tents from Melfort Multi-K, and will use MMF tower again.*

g. Beautification Ideas. *Discuss in fall.*

h. New Playground Equipment. *3 years ago SCC purchased coloured sets of balls, etc. for each classroom. Kathy counted up what was remaining and there is very little left. Would be nice to purchase more so that students are bringing items from home.*

Discussion on the mesh bags and how they were hard for kids to place items in, better option might be to have a large storage tub (ie. Canadian Tire). Could have the sets in the classroom again, or even in each hallway like it was previously.

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Jessie made a motion to spend up to \$200 on replacement playground balls, etc. Seconded by Lacey.

i. MMF donation

Blair motioned that we spend up to \$200 on recycling/garbage cans at MMF as a thank you for them letting us use the tower during our Track and Field meets. Blair will let Allison Rogers know - and we will reimburse MMF for the exact cost.

Reports

Principal's Report- Bev Kezema

Staffing Update

- We currently have three teaching positions posted:
 - Grade 1 (full-time permanent)
 - CCT – Classroom Complexity Teacher (full-time permanent)
 - Grade 4 (part-time permanent)
- Mrs. Burianyk-Noey will retire in June.
- We are also actively seeking a permanent Educational Assistant.

Professional Learning

- Mrs. Batiuk attended the IT Summit in Saskatoon. There is a focus on:
 - Teaching students to use AI tools responsibly
 - Using AI to differentiate instruction and generate lesson ideas
 - Exploring Canva for Education as a tool for student and teacher creativity

Whole School Presentations

- Candy Bones Theatre will perform on May 28, sponsored by the Melfort Arts Council. This will be an interactive presentation where students are involved.

Very well received by students; good messaging.

- In the afternoon, Youth Matter and Laura Lawrence are sponsoring “Be Kind to Your Mind”, featuring speakers who share lived experiences with overcoming challenges.
 - Includes Indigenous educator Jasmyn Albert, presenting her tipi teachings. *Delivered message while putting tipi together, kids loved it. Other guest speaker addressed the G4-6 group after playing floor hockey together. Sponsored by Youth Matter as a response to the tough spring that our school community has had. Thank you!!*

Grades 5 and 6 Culture Fair

- The Grades 5 and 6 Culture Fair will be in the gymnasium on Thursday, May 29th in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend and Reynolds' classrooms also come to visit and learn about different countries and our provinces of Canada.

Track Day- Thursday, June 12th

- Grades 1-6 Students are practicing for Track Day. Students begin high jumping in grade 4. Mrs. Hufnagel and Mrs. Dickie are doing a fantastic job organizing for the day.

Outreach Worker's Report – Naomi

a. Grade 6 Connect

Scavenger hunt to MUCC for all elementary schools - next week Monday and Tuesday. CUPE is donating \$ to food hampers to the division that can go to at-need families in June.

8. Playground Committee Report - Lacey

Account

- Estimated balance - 26,896.46 (April 14th)
- General ledger entries only to the end of March, 2025 (NESD)

Hot lunches

- Total profit over \$5150 for the year
- Will reduce lunches to 5, instead of 7 next year
- No other changes

Grants/Fundraising

- Have applied for Sandbox Mutual and Red River grants
- Will apply for FCC grant in June
- Waiting for more information on provincial grant in fall, potentially they will match what has been fundraised already
- Have requested funding from Ripley Ford and UFA; no response yet
- Mom's Pantry fundraiser will continue in fall, but no other fundraising planned other than hot lunches
- Looking for an additional \$10,000 to complete Phase 3

Phase 3

- Waiting on funding to be confirmed by NESD before ordering, hoping to have some new items for fall 2025/2026
- Prioritizing basketball hoops, soccer nets, and inclusive equipment such as spinner and disc swing

Maintenance

- Sign template has been sent into Vital Signs for printing
- Smaller rocks removed from outdoor classroom; can the school provide water for the trees? *Bev will reach out to maintenance and see if they are willing, the Playground Committee can provide a hose if necessary.*
- Wondering about maintenance request re. damage from snow removal (dug up grass and damaged timber/exposed rebar), re-leveling the dirt area and adding grass seed/snow fence. *Bev will put in a request to have the damage repaired from snow removal.*
- Also, parent concern about the angle of the green slide on older climber - needs to be jacked up? *Has been that way for along time, doesn't seem to be a safety issue. Will have maintenance look at it.*

Mrs. Calow's class will clean up the flower beds in the next week and plant donated flowers from Wright's.

Treasurer's Report - Mary

a. Account Balance as of May 2025: \$2,209.

New Business:

a. Tribute to Mr. Gendall

- Grade 6 students are designing symbols for a memorial flag project in honour of Mr. Gendall.
 - Three large flags: displayed in school, flown in our new outdoor classroom, and gifted to

his family.

- A “Mr. Gendall Way” crosswalk sign is also planned.
- We hope to provide small commemorative flags to Grade 6 students and staff.
- Cost: \$80 per large flag, \$5 per small flag (plus tax). We’re requesting SCC support to help fund this initiative.

Grade 5/6 class created symbols to represent Mr. Gendall. Symbols will be done on Friday, small teacher group will create a coat of arms that can be used for these flags. \$240 + staff (26+25+35). Blair made a motion to cover the cost of the flags (estimated at \$650), seconded by Mary. Carina will be pricing out a sign for Gendall’s Crossing (Vital Signs) to hang as well. We can vote on the cost of the sign after the meeting if necessary in the Edsby chat.

b. French Instruction in K–6: Information for Consideration

Reynolds is considering discontinuing French instruction in K–6, a Locally Determined Option, to reclaim up to 20% of lost ELA time.

- Many students are struggling in literacy, and French reduces time needed for targeted instruction.
- Fluency requires immersion, which our current minutes do not support.
- Reynolds lacks French-speaking specialists; French is taught by non-specialists.
- Grade 7 teachers do not expect prior French experience due to varying abilities.
- Several NESD schools have already removed Core French and focused on literacy.

Next steps: All three Melfort elementary schools must agree. SCC approval is required. A community survey will likely be conducted to gather input.

Was brought up 15 years ago and voted down, time to revisit it again. Most current staff are not comfortable teaching it so there is limited growth from year-year. Reading levels overall are decreasing. Burke has historically been in favour of d/c French.

Communities are becoming more blended, not sure why the focus is only on French. Important for cognitive skills. Important to remember what the day-day looks like for our teachers and students, and to remember that they will receive proper instruction in high school. Currently taking 20% of ELA minutes. Assessment is also a challenge, and mostly based on participation. Could potentially have it more culture based, instead of French language.

c. Grade 6 Graduation

d. Rally Day

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Planning for 2025/2026 School Year- see Google Sheet

Meeting Dates 2025/2026 School Year

TBD