

**MacNeill School Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 19th, 2019**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Tracy Dittmann, Jodie Alexce, Jamie Browne, Leslie Kampe, Jen Love-Green, Stacey McCulloch, Ashley Guarin, Kathleen Whippler, Karey Harris, Grant Urban, Nicole Reeve.

**Guests:** Merv Baer, Brooke Wilson, April Francis, Cristelle Bryson.

**Regrets:** Melissa Wegar, Tracy Johnson.

**Absent:**

**1. Call to order** 7:00 pm.

**2. Approval & Additions to the Agenda.**

**Motion:** Kathleen Whippler

**Second:** Stacey McCulloch

**“To approve the agenda with addition 7f) Archery.” Carried**

**2. Adoption of minutes of the June 4th, 2019 meeting.**

**Motion:** Kathleen Whippler

**Second:** Ashley Guarin

**“To adopt the Minutes of the June 4th, 2019 meeting as presented.” Carried**

**3. Executive Reports:**

**a) Chair Report: No Report**

**b) Vice Chair Report- No Report**

**c) Treasurer Report- Available upon request**

**d) Secretary Report**

-Read correspondence and Thank you cards.

-Handed out SCC Handbooks to all members.

-Reported on whom this year and next years childcare helpers will be for this year.

**4. Administrator’s Report: Presented by Karey Harris And Grant Urban**

1. Staff for this School Year: Welcome to new staff Grant Urban Gr. 7/8 & VP, Alex Kay Gr. 1/2, Jordan Bali Gr. 3 until Sheri Gibson returns, Kasioni Parisone Arts. Ed., Jodie Sommerfield LRT, Jessica Luker EA, Danielle Desjarlais School Counselor, Karey Harris Principal, as well as 2 interns Rachel Morgan and Ochieng Adede.

2. Grade Configurations/Enrolment

**Early Childhood**

K- 45

Primary

Gr. 1/2A-25

Gr. 1A-24

Gr. 2A-27

Gr. 2/3A-27

Senior

Gr. 6A - 30

Gr. 6B - 28

Gr. 7A - 28

Gr. 7/8A - 28

Gr.8 - 28

Junior

Gr. 3A-28

Gr. 4A-27

Gr. 4/5A-26

Gr. 5A-28

**Total = 397**

3. School Operations: Our Foundation to Build On...

Our School Mantra...Our Beliefs...Our Values
<p>Our mantra...“Do the best you can do. Be the best you can be.”</p> <p>Our beliefs and values...What do we believe in? (Our MacNeill acronym)  <i>This will permeate in our day to day interactions with students, staff, parents, and community. It will be the foundation of everything that we say and do. We will model this mantra, these beliefs and values at all times.</i></p>

Our School’s Restorative Philosophy
<p>“Own it, fix it, change it, and move on.”</p> <p><i>This common language is the foundation of a PROBLEM SOLVING APPROACH, rather than punitive. We will use this language with our students to build understanding and change the course of negative behavior.</i></p>

MacNeill’s Self-Regulation Model
<p>Zones of Regulation – “Stop, Slow, Go, Rest.”</p> <p><i>This model allows students to monitor and regulate their own behavior on the road to independence. We will use common language, provide structure and safety to de-escalate students. We will provide them with tools, and model for them ways to get self-regulated in the classroom and beyond.</i></p>

MacNeill’s Mindfulness Journey
<p><i>“Mindfulness means paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally.” – Jon Kabat – Zinn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mindfulness is letting go of taking things for granted.</i></li> <li>• <i>Mindfulness means to return to the present moment.</i></li> <li>• <i>Mindfulness is the self-regulation of attention with an attitude of curiosity, openness, and acceptance.</i></li> </ul>

4. School Climate/Culture

“There are people that will say ‘We don’t have time for school climate because we have so much on our plate,’ and my philosophy is school climate is actually the plate that everything else has to go on.” – Peter DeWitt

Mindfulness Walk with Staff

Staff discovered the need for purposeful spaces throughout the school, as well as the need for clear messaging and development and creation of a deeper understanding of school identity. Clutter, wall color and lighting were predominant themes in looking at self-regulation for students and staff. Plans are underway to implement enhancements in these areas in phases.

5. Greg Enion’s Big Rocks – RPS Leadership for Learning

- High expectations for all students
- Literacy achievement for all students
- Climate of belonging, mental health
- Authentic engagement for all students
- Focusing on attendance matters
- Improvement and success – celebrating what we do well
- Improving graduation rates of Indigenous students

6. Treaty Flag - Grant Urban

As part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and acknowledging Treaty 4 Territory, we will be inviting our Indigenous Advocate Jeff Cappo to assist us in the education and protocol of raising a Treaty 4 flag at MacNeill school. This will happen in May 2019 after further consultation and learning.

7. Staff Professional Development – Student and staff resiliency with Dr. Bruce Gordon, Mindfulness, Mental health, Sk Reads, Critical

PD including Mandt Training

Data – School Data 2018-2019 to inform planning of LIP. New data collection for 2019-2020 to inform instruction.

2018-2019 Learning Improvement Plan – School Beliefs Literacy/Reading, School Based Numeracy assessment and school based school culture/climate for K-3. Grade 4-8 have the TTFM survey but it will include 2 questions about school culture/climate

\*LIP continues to be standardized across RPS

Staff have been asked to be on one LIP committee to drive the plan, either, School Culture Committee or School Learning and Engagement Committee. Each committee will look at plans for an outreach evening + action plan for the year to support the LIP.

(\*SCC involvement\* to support LIP)

8. School Culture committee has already created the acronym for MacNeill known as our MacNeill way of being...

M – mindful

A – accepting

C – community

N – nice

E – excellent

I – independent

L – leaders

L - lakers

#### **\*STAFF T-SHIRTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED**

Extracurricular Activities:

SAC – Student Activity Council – Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Latimer

Cross Country – Ms. Coffin, Mrs. MacKay

Volleyball – Mr. Urban (girls) Mrs. Klein coordinator, and Mary Lou Aswit parent volunteer (boys)

Student Interest Group - Miss Parisone

9. Open House and Pizza Night – Thank you!

-Data: Overall school 66%, Primary 74%, Junior 72%, Senior 53%

10. Important Dates:

Cross Country – September 25 and October 2

Terry Fox Walk – September 27

Orange Shirt Day – September 30

School Photos – October 2 KA1 - 4/5A - 9:00 AM Start, October 3 KB1, Gr. 5-8

PD Day - October 4 No School for students

World Teacher Day – October 5

World Mental Health Day – October 10

Thanksgiving Holiday – October 14

Teacher Convention – October 18 No School for students

Education Week – October 21-25, Assembly October 24@2:30

#### **5. Review School Plan**

-Please see above Principal's Report.

#### **6. Old Business**

##### **a) Water Bottle Filling Stations**

-We are still weighing our options and getting quotes.

-We will revisit this next month.

##### **b) Fundraisers for the Year**

-Cash Raffle for the fall.

-Mom's Pantry for the Spring.

-More details to follow.

## 7. New Business:

### a) AGM Motions

-There was an omission on our Minutes from our AGM so we corrected it tonight, and the Minutes will be presented and voted on at our AGM in May. These minutes had not been presented or voted on as of yet.

### b) Meeting Dates for Upcoming Year

-We will be continuing to have our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month for this year.

**NOTE: Although these are the dates we have picked for the year, we may have to adjust them from time to time due to unforeseen circumstances. Please watch our Facebook, Twitter and Remind pages for updates.**

-October 1st	-March 3rd
-November 5th	-April 7th
-December 3rd	-May 5th- This is our Regular Meeting as well as our AGM
-January 7th	-June 2nd
-February 4th	

### c) Craft Sale

-We will be having our Craft Sale this year on December 7th.  
-We have already sent out information on how to register for a table.  
-Leslie Kampe will be coordinating the concession this year. If anyone wants to help out please let her know.

### d) Fundscrip

-We were approached by a parent who wanted to order gift cards through the Funscrip fundraiser.  
-As this wasn't one of the fundraisers we are doing this year and they had another option to order them, we discussed and decided that they would order from their other sources this year, and revisit with us next year.  
Again in the spring.

### e) Spirit Wear

-Will be available to purchase through Munchalunch on Monday September 23rd.  
-More details to be sent out.

### f) Archery

-The Archery program will resume this year, once Mrs. Gibson returns from maternity leave.  
-Mr. Urban is also certified with NASP.

## 8. Activity Updates:

**Playground Improvement:** Senior students seating-See Notes Below.

**Fall Dance (Halloween):** Friday, October 25th, 2019.-See Notes Below.

**Fundraisers:** Please see 6b) above.

**Movie Nights:** We are looking at a November date. More details to follow.

**Special Lunches:** Boston Pizza-We are looking at an October date. More details to follow.

**Be the Best You Can Be:** Jamie Browne and Tracy Dittmann will look after this.

**Recess Boxes:** Jodie will refill for now. Leslie will send out email to teachers for any requested items.

**Family Spring BBQ:** More details to follow.

**Family Pizza Night/Open House:** More details to follow.

**Staff Appreciation:** More details to follow.

**Spirit Wear:** See above 7e).

### Playground improvement:

-We have talked about adding seating for the senior students.

-We have asked Ms. Harris and Mr. Urban to reach out to the teachers and Sr. Students for what they would like to see this look like.

**Fall Halloween Dance:**

-Jodie is sourcing out decorations.

-Jamie will provide concession information to Jodie from last year.

Adjournment: 8:40 pm Jamie Browne

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 1st, 2019.**