

**MacNeill School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 5th, 2017
7:00 pm**

Attendance: Tracy Dittmann, Leslie Kampe, Jen Love-Green, Jamie Browne, Jim Briggs, Linda Thauberger, Stacey McCulloch, Cathy McGillivray, Nicole Reeve.

Guests: Jodie Alecxe, Sheena Kriston, Kathleen Whippler, Erin Benz-Chicoine, Jay Kasperski.

Regrets: Sharon Gudereit, Leahann Marr, Paige Sveinbjornson, Kathryn Harris.

Absent:

Called to order: 7:00 pm

1. Approval & Additions to the Agenda.

Motion: Linda Thauberger

Second: Jim Briggs

“To add 6b to the agenda.” Carried

2. Adoption of minutes of the November 7th, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Jamie Browne

Second: Stacey McCulloch

“To adopt the Minutes of the November 7th, 2017 meeting.” Carried

3. Executive Reports:

- Chair Report-No Report
- Vice Chair Report-No Report
- Treasurer Report- Attached
- Secretary Report -No Report

Treasurer Report: Presented by Jamie Browne

- \$5,601.17 – profit from QSP – budgeted profit at \$5,200.00
- Pizza Night - \$408 profit
- Halloween Dance - \$585 profit

4. Administrator’s Report: Presented by Cathy McGillivray

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day program. It was great to see so many families out.
- The volleyball season will officially be done this week. There is a staff vs. student volleyball game on thursday and a pizza lunch at noon. The girls finished in 3rd place, and the boys in 4th. Basketball tryouts are starting this week. We still need a coach for the boys team. If you know anyone who may be interested please contact the school.
- The school raised a little over \$1000 for the United Way. All money collected will go directly to two initiatives-attendance matters and the summer success literacy program. Our system goal was \$90,000. There was a big event held at Connaught School on November 30-Mr. Enion, our director welcomed everyone. Mrs. Gudereit sang her song “Dream Big”. There was a hoop dance performed by Terrance Littlelent and a performance by Jeff Richards “Canada’s Most Dangerous Mind”.
- The cheerleading team hosted a Paint Nite on November 29th. Fourteen people attended. It was a lot of fun. The proceeds will go towards purchasing new mats.
- We are continuing to monitor the parking outside. The signs in our bus lanes have changed to add a drop off for students.
- The next few weeks will be extremely busy, with band concerts, curling, skating and Christmas concerts.
- The Students and staff will have a mindfulness session with Trina Markusson on December 14th.
- We are collecting items for the Santa Store at Albert School until December 14th.
- Four teachers have made requests to be part of the “Be the Best You Can Be” program.
- There has been a request from one of the teachers to purchase 4 sets of guided reading books, Cost \$461.96. Will be discussed further at the January 2018 meeting.
- There is a total of \$2227.00 in the MSCC board budget.

5. Old Business

a) Movie Night Coordinator

- Another email had been sent out with no volunteers stepping forward.
- Jodie Alecxe has stepped forward tonight to help Michelle with the movie nights. Thanks Jodie

b) Christmas Raffle Baskets

- Tracy will email to try and get more donations.
- Raffle baskets will be put together Tuesday, December 12th in the library at 6:00pm
- The following is a list of volunteers and shifts that are required for the concerts:

Tuesday December 19 - 12:30-2:00 pm - Jamie and Jamie's mom
Tuesday December 19 - 5:30-7:00pm - Leslie and Diane
Wednesday December 20 - 12:30-2:00 pm - Jamie
Wednesday December 20 - 5:30-7:00 pm - Stacee/Linda
-Mrs. McGillivray will find a few student volunteers to help with ticket sales.

6. New Business:

a) Spring Clothing Sale

- Jen will have sample clothing available for the teacher conferences on Wednesday March 7th and Thursday March 8th during Teacher conferences.
- If anyone has new ideas for clothing please contact Jen through the MSCC email account, macneillsc@gmail.com.

b) Board Update by Jay Kasperski

1) I put in a request to get more background information about the Joint Transportation/Pedestrian Safety committee (Regina Police Service, School Board, City of Regina) that looks after safety issues around schools and below is what I received back:

"Regina Public Schools has staff members representing the Division on the School Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee, which is comprised of Public and Catholic school, City, Police, and community representatives. Our traffic safety procedure (AP195) provides means for schools to work their communities to identify concerns of the schools and the Division with respect to traffic and pedestrian safety and have them directed through their superintendents and on to this committee. The City has recently created an additional, yet similar group.

The changes to transportation services will no doubt increase the number of queries in relation to some of these concerns for many school areas. Many of the issues may have already be raised and/or resolved to some extent. Using the school community councils and principals as a catalyst for determining concerns advancing them through to the committee, has been successful to date.

There continues to be avenues for citizens to approach the City directly to voice their concerns."

The City has been undertaking an initiative to address some of the school zone issues and give this committee some new life. I have attached a copy of a report that went to City Council earlier this year. It suggests that the City administration report back to Council during 2018 on this issue."

I have another couple questions about how submissions work to this committee (ie can a member of the public submit or does it have to go through the school boards) and will let you know when I get that information. The concerns brought up at the meeting (mainly removal of snow ridges in a 1 block radius around the school) I forwarded to be added to the next agenda.

2) As I mentioned I am a huge fan of not needing a seconder to pass a motion. This is the response back from the expert at Regina Public Schools on how to no longer require the seconder of a motion:

The SCC handbook contemplates that meetings are to be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. It may also be that this is specified in the constitution of an SCC. Robert's Rules for Small Boards (defined as boards with approximately 12 members) indicates that a seconder is not required for motions to be considered. If an SCC of this size has been requiring a seconder, it would seem that a motion adopted at a duly constituted meeting to the effect that "Motions do not require a seconder" would be sufficient to change practice. If the SCC is larger, then I would suggest that an amendment to the constitution would be the formal manner in which to adopt a change in process. By the way, it seems that more importance is often placed on the need for a seconder in that it is simply an indication that at least one other person on the board thinks an issue should be discussed/debated and is not an indication of a seconder's support for the motion before the board.

Bottom line is pass a motion stating a seconder is no longer required and record in the minutes.

3) Here is some information on the Community Engagement Forum I mentioned
Help shape your School Division. A chance to have your voice heard at a Community Engagement Forum.

With the changes to the Education Act this year from the [Government of Saskatchewan](#), it has allowed flexibility to School Divisions on how we hold the Annual Meeting of Electors. We will have a few similar items as in the past, however, there will be an opportunity for parents, teachers and community members to engage on a more personal level to help provide local input. You will have a chance to provide your views in smaller group settings (not like in the past where you had to get up to a mic in front of large room).

Our [#ReginaPublicSchoolBoard](#) will use the information in future planning and discussions around not only budgeting, but other Division wide topics.

The event takes place on January 30th starting at 7:00pm at the Harbour Landing School, 4419 James Hill Road.

We are going to be polling our School Community Councils for topics of conversation to help build the agenda for the evening.

We hope to see you there!

4)As for the question about the lunchtime supervision fees, I have put in a request and once I get the information, I will pass on.

7. Activity Updates:

Playground Improvement: Nothing to note at this time.

Fall Dance (Halloween): Nothing to note at this time.

QSP Fundraisers: Nothing to note at this time.

Movie Nights: We will try and book one for January 2018.

Special Lunches: Mary Brown's lunch will be December 7th.

Be the Best You Can Be: Nothing to note at this time.

Recess Boxes: Nothing to note at this time.

Family Spring BBQ: Nothing to note at this time.

Family Pizza Night/Open House: Nothing to note at this time.

Adjourned: 8:02pm Jen Love-Green.

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2018.