

MacNeill School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14th, 2019
7:18 pm

Attendance: Tracy Dittman, Jennifer Love-Green, Jamie Browne, Leslie Kampe, Ashley Guarin, Jodie Alecxe, Kathleen Whippler
Kathryn Harris, Cathy McGillivray, Nicole Reeve.

Guests: Sheena Kriston, Melissa Weger

Regrets: Stacey McCulloch, Sharon Gudereit.

Absent: Paige Sveinbjornson, Leahann Marr.

1. Call to order 7:18 pm.

2. Approval & Additions to the Agenda.

Motion: Ashley Guarin

Second: Jamie Browne

“To approve the agenda as presented.” Carried

2. Adoption of minutes of the March 5th, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Tracy Dittmann

Second: Cathy McGillivray

“To adopt the Minutes of the March 5th, 2019 meeting as presented.” Carried

3. Executive Reports:

a) Chair Report-No Report

b) Vice Chair Report-No Report

c) Treasurer Report-No Report

d) Secretary Report Presented by: Leslie Kampe

Top 10 Tips for Financial Well Being

-This meeting was held at the Board Office.

-I had the pleasure of meeting Morgan Reed, our Superintendent.

-There were 20ish people in attendance. There was some really useful information shared throughout the evening. This was put on in conjunction with Conexus.cu. There were originally plans for this to be a series of events depending on attendance. This is actually a part of the curriculum at the High School level.

The Feast and Round Dance

-I did not attend the feast part of the evening.

-The Opening of the Round Dance was amazing to watch and be a part of. The pride that was shown in their history and the symbolism in the things they do from the dance, to the clothing (ribbon skirts and shirts) the offering of tobacco, the fire outside, and opening the doors to let the spirits of their ancestors in to dance with them, was amazing to be a part of. It really felt like the music was a part of your soul, you didn't just hear it, you could feel it. It was a great learning experience for myself and the rest of my family. It was rich with traditions, and there was a great sense of community. I had the pleasure of dancing with 2 of my children along with Mrs. McGillivray and Miss. Reeve. It was also very well attended.

An Evening with Chief Evan Bray

-This was a great evening of learning. Chief Bray relayed a lot of information and statistics to us about everything from crime, to community, bullying and cannabis laws and how they pertain to students and schools. He gave a wonderful presentation.

-We talked a bit at the end about student safety around the schools. There is talk about keeping the school zones cleared of snow in the winter, and bringing back a program similar to “Elmer the Safety Elephant.” They actually still have the suit, and the gentleman that used to wear it had just passed away.

Plainsview/MacNeill Parent Expo

-This was a very informative night, with a presentation from ICE, which was disturbing to say the least.

One of the highlights for me was sitting beside Laura Ross our MLA, who had clearly never been to one of these presentations. The expressions on her face and things she was whispering made me realize how much we as the public don't know about. At one point she whispered something to me and I said, “well, you have the power to help change some of these laws.” And she agreed.

The officers mentioned a device called Circle with Disney, Approx. \$125 at Best Buy. This helps parents set up extra safeguards to keep their kids off of sites that aren't appropriate, and keep them safer.

There was a website called "I am stronger.ca" is it now "BE Kind online.ca"

There were breakout groups and I attended the Helping kids cope with Stress. It was informative and gave tips on ways to help our kids deal with daily issues.

April 18th

-Administrative Professionals day was April 24th this year, which was during Easter Break. So, I took Mrs. Latimer her "Card" on April 18th. Read her email.

May 8th

-I came in in the afternoon to help out Ashley. I got the kids organized and sorting and we were finished it all in about an hour. A Great big thank you to Mrs. McGillivray for lending us her students, it was very much appreciated.

May 10th

MacNeill's Got Talent-WOW! Our students were amazing! A big shout out to Mr. Engen and Mrs. Gudereit for all of their hard work.

Along with the students who worked really hard and put on an awesome show. Thank you to the 3 judges Lori Lindsay (Z99), Mark Johnson (92.1), and K9 from the Regina Pats.

May 15th

There is a joint meeting of Regina Public and Regina Catholic schools May 15th from 6-7:30 pm. You will need to register to attend. See poster.

4. Administrator's Report: Presented Kathryn Harris

-Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to the Spring Production "The Girl with the Golden Locks". It was a great success.

-We have been very busy with band concerts, badminton and the talent show. Badminton playoffs are on May 23rd, City finals are on May 30th.

-There is an Earth Rangers presentation on Thursday for Grades 1-6.

-The "New Kindergarten" parent meeting took place today after school. We now have 43 registration forms. The test drive is on Tuesday, May 21st.

-Classes have started practicing for Track and Field. (Ages 10 and over). Our track meet is on Monday, May 27th-we are looking for a few volunteers to help out at events. The students who qualify will go to Douglas Park on Wednesday, June 5th.

-Students in Grades 1-3A have been participating in Run, Jump, Throw. RJTW is a national program developed by Athletics Canada that teaches fundamental movement skills and develops physical literacy. Using Track and field inspired games, activities and skill challenges lead by instructors specifically trained to teach the fundamentals of running, jumping, throwing and wheeling (for children in wheelchairs). Their goal is to provide a physical activity program that serves as a strong foundation for all sports. RJTW assists children in learning to move efficiently so that they grow into adults who are active, productive and healthy citizens.

-We have been chosen May Patrollers of the Month. There is a short assembly on Wednesday, May 22nd at 11:15 am. The patrollers will then be treated to pizza and a game of dodgeball.

-All library books are due on Monday, May 27th. The carpet in the library will be replaced in June.

School Goals

-We are just starting out our end of the year assessments.

Kindergarten- EYE for some students.

8A-PCAP-Pan Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) Mathematics, Science, and Reading Assessment.

Reading 1-3

Writing 4-7

Math 2,5,8

5. Review School Plan

-Please see above Principal's Report.

6. Old Business

a) Fridge/Freezer

-Deferred until we hear back from the Board Office.

b) Parent Expo Update

-There was a general discussion about the event.

Motion: Tracy Dittmann

Second: Jamie Browne

“To approve additional Parent Expo expenses of \$60.00” Carried.

7. New Business:

a) Parent Engagement & Family/School Partnerships-Tony Dalton-May 15th

-See poster.

b) Document email motion for MacNeill’s Got Talent

Motion: Tracy Dittmann

Second: Jamie Browne

“To spend \$250.00 for MacNeill’s Got Talent show on May 10th, 2019” Carried.

This was originally done as an email vote. Email and votes in book with minutes.

c) Mom’s Pantry Fundraiser update

-The classroom and individual winners have been chosen and will be awarded their prizes.

-This was a good fundraiser, fairly easy to run.

-Mrs. Harris will contact families who still haven’t picked up their purchases.

d) Munchalunch Invoice for upcoming School year

Motion: Jamie Browne

Second: Leslie Kampe

“To pay \$336.00 for Munchalunch for the 2019/2020 school year” Carried.

e) Water Bottle Filling Stations

-This has been deferred until we can get some price quotes.

8. Activity Updates:

Playground Improvement: Senior students seating-will get bench/rock prices in the spring for more seating for the students.

Fall Dance (Halloween): October 25th, 2019? Tracy Dittmann will reach out to Paige Sveinbjornson to see if she will still head this.

Fundraisers: Deferred to June Meeting.

Movie Nights: Ralph Wrecks the Internet.

Special Lunches: Boston Pizza- Wednesday, May 29th.

Be the Best You Can Be: Taken care of until next year..

Recess Boxes: Jodie Alecxe & Melissa Weger will continue to take care of this.

Family Spring BBQ: Wednesday, June 19th. More details to follow.

Family Pizza Night/Open House: Book date at June meeting.

Staff Appreciation: Nothing to note at this time.

Adjourned: 8:16 pm Tracy Dittmann

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 4th, 2019.