

École McTavish School Council
Minutes
Monthly Council Meeting
October 22, 2015

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| Attendees: | Lorna Spargo | Scott Barr | RickThorne |
| | Kristy Sturge | Garette Tebay | Jodine Wells |
| | Judy Ferré | Heather Dupont | Desiree Dakin |
| | Bridgette Rose | Upul Gamage | Precious Chatukuta |
| | Carolyn Harris | Ruth Tiessen | Karina Webb |
| | Ram Etwaroo | Auinesh Darayan | Dennis Narayan |

1. Convene 7:27 pm.

4. Old Business
 - a. Lighted Crosswalk sign update: Kristy sent a letter to the Municipality on behalf of the School Council. The next day they had yellow stripes on the pole to make it stand out. Having it lit was denied for now but is being reevaluated and still a possibility.

5. New Business
 - a. School Review: Guests-Rick Thorne & Jodine Wells

The School Review Team conducts interviews and surveys of students, staff and parents, spends several observation days in the school and reviews information such as the School Growth plan and Alberta Education Accountability Pillar results to help it prepare a School Review Report focused on highlighting the positive things happening at the school and identifying areas for potential improvement.

The School Review Report provides information in the form of observations, commendations, and recommendations to the school Administration and staff, the School Councils, and the District Leadership Team with respect to many key areas, including academic achievement, safe and caring schools, parental involvement, extra-curricular activities for students, school communication, school climate and much more.

Rick and Jodine asked the Council several questions to gather information for EMT's School Review.
 - b. Re-configuration

The architects have been in to begin discussions with Scott
 - c. PAT results:

These are the best results yet!

6. Reports:
 - a. Principal
 - School has settled in at around 660 students
 - This month we have had the career expo for our grade 8 and 9 at Keyano
 - Spirit day - go blue!

- Progress reports and PTI - some positive and negative comments about this
- Our first dance with a carnival theme. Had over 180 students attend. Foods class sold food they had made in class
- Volleyball continues with a tournament this weekend, girls at Merc, boys at EM
- Our water bottle filler is up and has already saved over 800 bottles through its use
- Academic awards took place and over 300 students were recognized. 5 100% on PATs, 8 98%
- Web traffic is up and we keep that calendar up to date
- Mass emails are up and working thanks to our amazing secretary, Laura Unrau
- School prototype is to increase parent communication and satisfaction with knowing what is going on at the school.
- Ms. Arner is on Mat leave and we welcomed Michael Luccisano to our Marauder Family.
- Popcorn machine use....

Future Dates

- October 30 - Teacher's institute day
- Nov. 2 - Picture retake day
- Nov. 4 - TYKTWD grade 9
- Nov. 6 - PLF #4
- Nov. 6/7 - Volleyball Championships
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - No school
- Nov. 12 - School Council and Parent Association Meeting 7 PM
- Nov. 20 - PTI time in lieu day - no school
- Nov. 26 - report cards go home
- Nov. 27 - PLF #5

b. Chair:

Future agenda items will include:

- *Explanation of option selection process
- *Tutorial/Extra help options on PLF's
- *PTI procedure

c. Networks:

There will be a Joint Networks Meeting November 2, 2015. 5:30 dinner, 6:00 meeting. They will be discussing the fact that there is a deficit of one half million dollars and one way to help with that is to increase the cost of bussing for those who are within the 1.4 m radius of the schools.

Lorna will forward some questions for parent feedback to be taken to this meeting

d. ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Association www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca)

Jacquie Hansen is the new Executive Director for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) effective November 5, 2015.

Ram has some questions that he will be forwarding for feedback

7. Meeting dates:

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Thursday, February 4, 2016
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Thursday, April 14, 2016 Resolutions decisions
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Thursday, June 9, 2016 AGM

8. Adjourn at 8:49