

## **Walker School Community Council**

Minutes January 14, 2016

Convene Meeting - Welcome / Introductions / Attendance - present were Arryn Varls, Tanya Brewster-Mann, April Christianson, Shelley Okabe, Christina Johns, Tracy Houk, and Patti Sherk.

Review of previous meeting minutes (Located @ [walker.rbe.sk.ca/SCC](http://walker.rbe.sk.ca/SCC))

Principal's Report and Questions – Enrollment is now 240, down by 3.  
National Literacy Day is January 27<sup>th</sup> and will be observed with a Book & Bagel Cuddle Up and Read.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Integration Day in the afternoon. Hoop dancer Terrence Littlelent will perform at Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> morning assembly and will do a workshop on 5<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball season has started. The girls and boys teams are playing in the central rec league; opening game was Thursday.

The school has received a new front display case and benches in front hallway. Staff members are working on a design for the left hand side that will say Welcome in the most prominent languages at Walker. Teachers are taking turns filling the middle bulletin board.

Ms. Bellamy is filling in for Danielle Istace's maternity leave.

Individual schools are no longer allowed to buy technology. Because of a new equity policy based on the school numbers, purchases must go through division office.

2017-18 is the phase-in. Walker will be allowed 22 iPads. We have 15 already, and so would only have 7 more under the new rules. Ms. Houk is attempting to persuade the division that our 15 are older models, so we should have 22 new ones.

Walker received 30 Chrome books from the division in the fall, 10 more coming this month. We are getting 30 replacement laptops in December. They are also offering to spend for library technology, and staff will decide whether to choose desktops, Chrome books or iPads.

The school division will no longer pay for projectors, fixing or installing. Maybe WSCC can help provide these, although expensive (\$700 each, bulbs \$400).

The staff would also like document readers, which would be at least \$500 each.

Staff appreciation week. February 8-12<sup>th</sup>. The council will arrange for lunch for the staff to be brought in, plus a surprise. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Tell Them From Me data were presented. This is the third year of this survey, which is conducted with grade 4-8 students.

One concern was a high level of anxiety reported by grade 7 students. The Kids help phone staffer came and talked to the classes of Ms. Zanni, Ms. Berg and Mr. Millar. These classes are doing four lessons followed by a live call to the counselor.

The school would like to do more yoga to support stress reduction, and is seeking the donation of yoga mats.

Four younger classes are doing a full body movement program called Me moves, which has different sequences for focus, joy and calm.

Another concern was the amount of time spent on video games reported by the students. This is not something school staffers can control, just educate families and students. An evening activity that families could come to is being considered.

Chairpersons Report – Arryn will submit our order to Regina Pat's with payment for the Regina Pat's tickets fundraiser, and also submit our incorporation papers with payment.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 (a week earlier due to Teacher Appreciation Week).

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