

## SCC Minutes September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Present were: Patti Sherk, Shelley Okabe, Tristan Carlson, Arryn Varls, Dara Troendle, Tanya Brewster-Mann and Walker staff Christina Johns, Wayne Dahlgren, Principal Tracy Houk.

1. Appointed new Treasurer – Tristan Carlson. Those with signing authority will now be Patti, Sherk, Chair, Shelley Okabe, Co-Chair, and Tristan Carlson, Treasurer.
2. Discussion – Arryn has agreed to continue writing a WSCC newsletter twice a year.
3. Introductions
4. Call for additional agenda items.
5. Discussion on recruitment of new SCC members, especially parents of younger students, as all of the current council members are parents of grade 8 students and do not expect to continue next year.
6. Principal's Report & Questions: **Population** 34 new students in the school gives us 255 K-8 - with Pre-K we have 269 students. This is the largest population in at least 16 years.
  - New Staff:** Names read out.
  - 7 Rocks: Leadership for Learning. (Tina Johns) Staff Goals/Walker Goals.**
  - Literacy, Engagement/Attendance, Readiness (Independence), FNMI Initiatives/Graduation Rates.
  - “Happy Post-Cards” – teachers will send home post-cards with happy news. Watch for yours in the mail.
  - Whole School Integration Days:** Integration Days are intended to foster community, as students are assigned to multi-grade teams, first one next week. Orange shirt day explained.
  - Communication between home and school. Webpage, Twitter, email/weekly message etc.
  - Families being invited to the assemblies to recognize Circle of Courage Award winners.
  - Parents are encouraged to use the online system to pay fees.
  - Assessment:** There are now 2 reporting periods instead of 3. Conference times will be available on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> between 3:45-5:30 and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> between 9:00-12:00.
  - Encourage all parents to use parent portal to check marks/assignments.** March 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Celebration of Learning and the last report card (paper) is June 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Library help. Asking for community members to help with shelving etc.
  - Arryn makes motion to purchase two Brain Pop accounts, one for older and one for younger students. Dara seconds, CARRIED.  $\$220 \times 2 = \$440.00$
7. **Further Expenditures:**
  - LIP fund provides \$2,979 to support learning at Walker School.
  - WSCC current balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup> - \$4500 plus \$500 reimbursement just received from SaskEnergy for our end-of-year BBQ in June gives us a current total of \$5000.
  - Arryn moves classrooms be provided \$200 per classroom from SCC funds. There are 10 classrooms including Kindergarten, for a total of \$2000 to be used at teacher's discretion. Shelley seconded; CARRIED.
  - **Art Cart** –Motion made by Shelley to provide \$500 to Mr. Bizdel and Ms. Giroux for continued support for Art Carts. Dara seconded, CARRIED.
  - Shelley moved to provide 10 x \$10 gift cards for the Circle of Courage awards, seconded by Dara; CARRIED. Mr. Dahlgren will pick up.

- **Food for missing lunches:** Chair purchased food items on behalf of the Council to provide lunch items for students who forgot their lunches.
- 8. SCC PIZZA NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE:**
- Discussion on required amounts of pizzas. 69 pizzas ordered last year, group decided to order 80 for this year.
  - Float - \$150 recommended to make change. Arryn to get float.
  - 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. food service. 6:15-7:00 p.m. classroom visits for parents.
  - Tanya moved \$1000 be provided for pizza night, Dara seconded; CARRIED.
- 9. Corporate Partnership** – Ms. Houk provided regulations on fundraising from RBE. Specific fundraising letter to be written to No Frills by Tanya in hopes that donations will be made for “Playground Development”. Besides some new equipment for the junior area of the playground, we would like to develop an outdoor learning space.
- 10. Fundraising:**
- Registering for **Pats Tickets** fundraiser for 2016-2017 school year. September 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register. Game to be held in November. Shelley will contact program and see if we can sell tickets for a later game to avoid conflict with Coupon Book fundraiser.
  - **Coupon Books** = This fundraiser has provided as much as \$3500 for the school in the past, and is simplest to do as there is no taking of orders for later delivery. The coupon books are a good value due to the grocery coupons included. Kick-off (Sep 20<sup>th</sup>) and wind-up (Oct 18) assembly are 10 minutes each. There are draws daily for prizes. Chair will track student sales with class lists. Shelley moves that Ms. Houk obtain approval from the superintendent and move forward when approval granted. Tanya seconds; CARRIED.
- 11. Social Media/Cell phones/Video Games:** Chair will look into a joint effort between Walker and Rosemont to deal with issues from social media and video gaming, possibly utilizing the Science Centre as a venue for a presentation to parents and have students enjoy the facility. Ideally this would take place in early 2017.
- 12. Adjournment – next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meetings are held in the school library on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings usually last no more than an hour. Scheduled meeting dates are: Oct 12, Nov 9, (No meeting in December), Jan 11, Feb 1 (one week early to facilitate planning Teacher Appreciation Week), Mar 8, Apr 12, and May 10<sup>th</sup> (the Annual General Meeting).**