

Walker School Community Council
MINUTES
November 9, 2016 meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance/appointment of secretary/admission of any new directors

Welcome to new members, Janelle & Harrison McNichol, and Emma Trobiak.

2. Previous meeting minutes posted at walker.rbe.sk.ca/SCC

To be posted online by P. Sherk.

3. Call for additional agenda items

Items to be raised in Mrs. Houk's report.

4. Principal's Report and Questions

*We are currently at 267 students as of today, Nov. 9th, 2016. Many new students/families to the community. We are doing our very best to accommodate all new learners. This is great news! There are some classrooms that are very full – this is a good thing, we will not lose a teacher.

*"Our School" survey (formerly *Tell Them From Me*) – information will be shared during January WSCC meeting. Good information all around, from student perspective.

*Utilization of website/Twitter – please be sure to encourage others/families to utilize this.

*Grade 5 – 8 students to participation in "Building Healthy Relationships" – November 16th. An opportunity to make/build positive relationships to others.

*Kudos to Patti for running the Fundraiser for Walker School. Very successful event for all of us. Thank-you.

*C. Johns presented Bananas for Books, Rem. Day, and Fireside Festival.

*W. Dahlgren presented conferences/schedule etc.

5. Treasurer's Report:

A. Account report - pending transfer of records from previous treasurer.

B. Corporate partnership – No Frills. Letter to be written to No Frills about Corporate Partnership.

6. Chair's Report – Funding opportunities/ Upcoming events/ Fundraising activities

*Discussion on RAZ Kids. Traditionally WSCC has funded this endeavor, will continue to do. Shelly moves to amend monies for RAZ kids from \$500 to \$600. Tristan seconds: CARRIED.

*United Way comedy night ticket sales successful, not necessary for Council to donate cost of two tickets.

A. Fundraiser wrap-up – final total of books sold was 332 = \$3,320 for Walker

B. Signing authority transfer – All signature transfers complete.

C. Recycling – will be purchased this week

D. Attendance awards – donation from Elphinstone Dairy Queen. All of the students who had 0 or 1 missed days, received a ballot for winning DQ treat. Mrs. Houk presented attendance strategy that Walker School has taken on this year. Goal: 9 or fewer days for the school year.

E. Outdoor Learning Space/junior playground

- *Funding discussion on Jr Playground. City of Regina property/RBE property – certainly can update our Jr Playground, due to outdated/dangerous playground equipment.
- *Patti working on discussions with City of Regina, as well as Campus Regina Public about moving forward with Outdoor Learning Space.
- *Shelly found TD Bank application for funding for Outdoor Learning Space. Before asking community members to join sub-committee, Patti to ensure she gets all clear from City of Regina. Tracy Houk to speak with RBE grounds people.
- *Hand-out with visuals to gather interest in joining this initiative to be handed out during November conferences.

7. New Business

7. Adjournment – next meeting is January 11, 2017.