

## **Walker School Community Council Minutes**

Annual General Meeting

May 11, 2016

Attendance - present were Arryn Varls, Christina Johns, Tracy Houk, Patti Sherk. Dara Troendl, Steve Exner, Noelle Dickson, and Shelley Okabe.

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

Principal's Report and Questions – enrollment 245. We have 17 Kindergarten registrations already.

Reading assessments are in progress.

The archery program was very well received by the students. A new program called Run, Jump, and Throw for grades 2-5 is in progress. It occurs two times a week, for six weeks.

There are two new bulletins boards, one displaying a group project by Mr. Bzdel. He submitted the piece on the garage door to an American company and it's going to be published in a book. Two copies of the book have been ordered, one for his room and one for the library.

Some students are reading with Pioneer Village residents who visit the school.

Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup>) was a huge hit. There is a Menchie's sale to benefit the Fort McMurray refugees.

There will be notes coming home about a book swap.

Ms. Houk provides a slideshow of highlights of the year. They included: Developing our understanding of Aboriginal and Metis culture, the Residential Schools. Assembly Terrence Littleton, hoop dancer, workshops for each classroom. Elder Betty in classrooms also.

Supporting students: There is now a refined and streamlined process for Tier One. Staff meets and talks about how to support students and meet with the division team every six weeks. From the Tell Them From Me data, two things were chosen by the staff to work on: high use of video games and the level of anxiety students were reporting. Ways to help anxiety that have been implemented include: MeMoves, in-class presentations on the Kids Help Phone line, and the "Friends" program.

Staffing: will continue with nine classrooms. Should enrollment drop it may be necessary to go to eight classrooms. Three people will be filling maternity leaves.

Progress reports for next year. More and more use of parent portal. Instead of three report cards, two will be issued, so conferences will not be tied to report cards. Staff will encourage the use of parent portal to monitor grades.

Lunchroom changes: Walker will encourage students to go home at lunch. Full-time will require \$100 per child. Half-time will be \$50 per year, to a maximum of \$200 per family. Reduced fees are available in cases where necessary. Bus students don't pay. Collection will be in September.

The parent forum that occurred Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. was attended by Arryn, Dara and Shelley.

Chairpersons Report – attached.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> for End of Year Barbecue. 5:30-7 p.m. We got the \$500 grant from SaskEnergy again that we received last year;

Treasurer's report –current balance is \$6449.18. Only activity in the last month deposit of the \$460 from Lung Association Pat's game fundraiser. We have a check still to come out for the document cameras and data projectors on order, around \$3,000.

Summary financial statement September 1st to August 31<sup>st</sup>. So the statement ending 2015, was made available to attendees.

Arryn moved for elections to commence. It was noted that board members did not have to have children at Walker.

Chair – Patti elected by acclamation.

Co-Chair position still filled by Shelley Okabe through 2017.

Secretary – vacant

Treasurer – appointed position – Can be anyone.

The council will begin meeting again in September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 -

Meeting adjourned.