

## Millarville School Council Meeting

February 7, 2017

Essential Agreements - Millarville School Council

All attending agree to the following:

- *work to maintain a culture of learning and reflection*
- *balance our speaking and our listening*
- *maintain a whole-school focus in our discussions*
- *be open minded and respectful of all voices*
- *be willing to consider new things and take risks*
- *respect our agenda and its timelines.*

**Attending:** Glenn Gibson, Karla Davis, Mirjam Rasmussen, Kresten Rasmussen, Karen Sinclair, Dawn Dott, Carrie Carson, Kim Regular, Krista Robertson, Chase Sillito, Caroline Roberts, Christine Lederer, Lisa Bates-Grover, Damon Grover, Kelley Nutbrown, Lana Sullivan, Bob Bowyer, Adele DePauw

### 1. **Review Agenda and Introductions:** *Mirjam Rasmussen*

Mirjam went through the Essential Agreement for School Council, reviewed the agenda, welcomed OHS Principal Caroline Roberts, Quest Teacher Chase Sillito; around the table for introductions

### 2. **Approve Minutes of December Meeting**

Mirjam went through the minutes briefly; Karen Sinclair approved the minutes and Kresten seconded.

### 2. **Oilfields High School presentation** – *Caroline Roberts and Chase Sillito*

- Caroline reviewed the goals of the school as a strong learning community – students, parents, teachers, Executive Team, and community
- reinforced the pride students take in their school – “Once a Driller, Always a Driller”
- strongly emphasizing the motto “Together We Achieve”
- the handout provided more detailed information around High School Redesign, which is an initiative from ABED and is found in all FSD high schools
- Caroline reviewed all the accomplishments of OHS which came from the *Tell Them From Me* survey – emphasizing academics, activities, achievements, athletic, arts and options;
- also indicated the types of optional courses, including jazz band, concert band, drama, arts, film making, photography, digital technology, foods and textiles, robotics, rec sports, and more
- Quest Program** - Chase Sillito - Grade 10-12 – cross curricular program that focuses on leadership and mentorship; 3 core teachers; projects and field studies; focus on outdoor education excursions and environmental sciences; focus on environmental education; collaborative leadership groups with teacher mentors; collabora-

- tion with experts; 3 years of programming available for the students (water, biodiversity, energy); application process to the program to demonstrate commitment from students and parents; additional cost (\$500) per year
- March 14** - OHS staff will come to MCS to talk to the G8s
- March 28** - is *Driller for a Day*, where our G8 students visit the school

#### **4. Administrator's report - Glenn Gibson and Karla Davis**

##### **Please see the attached report for detailed information**

- Empathy is the IB attitude of the month
- Movie Night was a great success
- Basketball is in high gear – tournament weekends!
- Bell Let's Talk Day – dealing with anxiety and stress - guest speaker Elizabeth Day from Black Diamond Hospital
- Rafiki bracelets – bought and sold with We-MC group to promote friendship and support the Me to We Foundation
- Biathlon – super fun, no real bullets!
- Attendance – gentle reminder from FSD will be coming your way
- G4 and G7 Parents – Accountability Pillar surveys – please complete these!! Feedback is needed and necessary!
- School improvements – LED lights and water bottle filling station
- G1 assembly this Friday morning
- HOJA concert on Tuesday, February 14 in the afternoon
- PINK shirt day – Wednesday, February 15
- Student Led Conferences – Thursday, March 2 3:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Scheduler will open February 20.
- Concerns? Here's the process: Teacher --> Learning Coach-->Principal --> Division Office
- New Chromebooks and desktops – super nice to have new things

#### **5. Fundraising report – Glenn Gibson**

- Budget was presented in November; needs to be formally accepted by Council; motion to adopt this budget by Krista Robertson; seconded by Adele DePauw; motion carried
- Special Projects; these projects are funded by the “rainy day” fund – in addition to the budget items listed – Outdoor Pursuits equipment (\$5000); Water Bottle Filling station (\$1500); IB Training (\$6000)
- Discussion about maintaining a healthy fund in response to budgeting for over-ages/spending initiatives
- Karen Sinclair moved to accept the proposals; Krista Robertson seconded; motion carried

#### **6. School Trustee Report – Christine Pretty**

- FSD financial statement showing a surplus in operations because of additional flood recovery funding; infographic available for details
- Classroom Initiative Projects – approved \$140,000 this year; MCS also received a grant; Christine Lederer will share more details at April meeting

- New programs coming onboard with FSD; French/France exchange program and Christian school
- Solar energy initiative coming
- New trustee boundaries/adjustments – additional trustee coming to the Okotoks area; consultation and ministerial approval to come

**7. Other Business:**

- Lower school Pot Luck – on March 2 – MCS staff appreciate this so very much!!
- Equipment Swap – **Krista Robertson** will take the lead on this issue and will continue to investigate possibilities and to consult with Jason Beacom; can use the school **Facebook** page for advertising and swapping; also could consider a Swap Night; will report back at the March meeting
- **Learner Profiles – What's Up With That?** March meeting – Glenn and Karla to present

**Adjourn: 8:44 p.m. by Mirjam**