

Millarville School Council Meeting

December 6, 2016

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 it's timelines.*

Attending: Christine Lederer, Mirjam Rasmussen, Kresten Rasmussen, Krista Robertson, Kelly Nutbrown, Tara Conroy, Jason Beacom, Barb Hazenveld, Adele Depauw, Karla Davis, Glenn Gibson. Karen Sinclair, Ingrid Rozema

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

- Mirjam went through the Essential Agreement for School Council and we went around the table with introductions.

2. **Approve Minutes of November Meeting**

Mirjam went through the minutes briefly and they were approved - with a slight change from Secretary to Treasurer. Karen Sinclair approved the minutes and Kresten seconded.

3. **Administrator's report - Glenn Gibson**

- Thank you for the Potluck Dinner provided for the teachers on the parent-teacher evening.

- Highlights at MCS: Drumming, Glenbow Museum trip, Farm Safety, Hansel and Gretel by the Alberta Opera, Book Fair, Parent Teacher Conferences, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Sports Assembly,

- "We MC" - "We Day" - About empowering kids to make a difference in some way every day. There is a core group of kids in the school that are running this club. The three charities were Turner Valley Food Bank, Spirit of Christmas, and Jacket Racket. There will be three tables in the gym on the night of the Christmas concert for gently used jackets. There was some general discussion regarding this, and Glenn gave us some information about the conference he attended in Calgary for *We Day*. The message was "Acting Locally" - thinking about your own community, and thinking about the 150 birthday of Canada this year.

- Purchased the new wireless mikes for the Christmas concert.

- Thanks to Christine Lederer for having the IB self-study and evaluation finalized and sent off to IBO. Christine Lederer noted that May 8th and 9th are the dates that the evaluation will occur.

- Evergreen cycle is bringing more devices for students over the christmas break: Chromebook's and a few replacement desktops.

- Volunteer procedures update.

- Allergy Procedures Update. There are some new forms required.

4. School Trustee Report - C. Pretty (not present - so moved to next meeting)

5. MCS Outdoor Education - J. Beacom

Jason went through the Outdoor Education Program.

- focus is on making the kids more comfortable in the outdoors and promote stewardship. The goal is for the kids to be passionate about the outdoors.

The younger kids (up to grade 4) is about becoming more aware of their surroundings - the insects and the bug world. The younger kids also do some mountain biking and building quinzhees in the winter.

For the older kids - grade 5 and up - it is more about how to prepare and behave in the outdoors. It's about stewardship and respecting the environment. Also to introduce more skills that pertain to outdoor activities.

There was a discussion regarding the gear requirements and possibly starting a gear swap- either on-line on an actual physical swap. It was decided that all of the attendants would do some checking with contacts, etc, and bring back our ideas and contacts to the next meeting.

6. Other Business: Mirjam Rasmussen

Teachers Potluck - some feedback was that all of the food designated for the potluck needs to be labeled. Also, all of the teachers are very happy with the food and the potluck.

- Parent Council Meeting - change the time? Maybe after school? Will try one date as a trial for an early meeting - April 4th - meeting at 3:30pm.

- Glenn indicated that the fund raising committee and the school council board is meeting on January 10th, after school.

- Glenn also indicated that the older grades are doing a soup kitchen on the noon hot lunch days! Watch for this in the new year!!

7. Open Discussion:

- There was an animated discussion regarding the Parent Teacher conferences and as to the ambiguity regarding if the kids were to be with the parents at the interview, and also why the interview happens before the Learner Profile. There was significant discussion about this.

7. Adjourn - meeting was adjourned by Mirjam Rasmussen at 8:45pm.