

Millarville School Council Meeting

March 7, 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: Kelley Nutbrown, Glenn Gibson, Karen Sinclair, Karla Davis, Christine Lederer, Christine Pretty, Adele DePauw, Lauren Bomford, Dawn Dott, Kresten Rasmussen, Mirjam Rasmussen, Krista Robertson, Ingrid Rozema, Elisha Francis, Jolene Tosh, Rebecca Forchuk

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

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

2. **Approval of the minutes : Karen Sinclair, seconded by Adele DePauw.**

3. **Administrator's Report: G. Gibson**

- New LED lights in the common room.
- Water filling station - now we have two in the school.
- Teacher's Convention: Teachers have been working on positive behavioural support plan and working on the steps and ensure consistency all through the grade levels.
- The second school goal is to maintain excellence in Math. Exploring new math resources, aligning to units of inquiry and preparing provocations.
- Tad Milmine from the Calgary Police came out to give a presentation on bullying and it was a huge success - the kids were very attentive and he was a great speaker. www.bully-ingendshere.ca
- skiing at COP - good thing we waited - it was an excellent day.
- Grade 1 Assembly.
- The basketball team has done amazing this year.
- Toastmasters in Grade 7: Brought forward by Lisa Branch - excellent.
- Dr. Branch came to the Grade 2 class and was a great motivational speaker on the health of the body.
- had a Surprise Fire Alarm - it was a faulty wire or something. Nobody is sure how it happened.
- A big Thank You for the Potluck Dinner organized by the School Council.

6. **School Trustee Report by Christine Pretty**

- *Change for this coming election - 2 trustee's in place for the town of Okotoks rather than just one.*
- Approved the new calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. She explained the difference between individual teacher time and the divisional time during the PD days next year.
- Note: Movie about kids growing up in the digital age. There will be a second night in High River on April 4th, in High River - "SCREEN AGERS" - a movie about kids growing up in the digital age. Check the bulletin boards for the poster on this movie.
- briefly discussed Bill 1 and school fees. The government is implementing the election promise of no more school fees paid by parents at the beginning of each school year. Christine Pretty indicated that this will work by just moving the money around to cover this, but we don't know where this money will come from. It's taking money from somewhere else in education.
- School Updates: Expanding the gym in the new school on 32nd street in Okotoks.
New theatre area and lots of great spaces.
Darcy Ranch site is dedicated for a new school!
- Division Office is moving to the new site in High River. The whole team will be back in one place once again.
- COSC (Council of School Council) meeting will be held Westmount School. Monday March 20th.

7. Learner Profile Presentation: by Rebecca Forchuk.

- Rebecca gave a presentation.

Some tidbits:

Surface Learning: - knowledge and memorization is needed, but...it's about not stopping "here".

Deeper Learning: - Examining new facts and ideas critically, tying them into existing learning/cognitive structures. Understanding concepts.

Transfer: "Transfer happens only when we aggressively teach and test for understandings that are applied in situations.

Categorical Grading is not subjective. Each teacher sets out ahead of the assignment what a Mastery would entail, a proficient, acceptable, and beginning. There is a rubric for each of these. She then showed us a few examples of how this works, and further explained the process of assigning these levels.

Mastery level of achievement:

- Students at the Mastery level of performance...
demonstrate exemplary academic achievement.
show an in-depth understanding and insightful application of the learning in a variety of situations.

Proficient level of achievement

- Students at the Proficient level of performance...
demonstrate strong academic achievement.
show a solid understanding and relevant application of the learning.

Acceptable level of achievement

- Students at the Acceptable level of performance...
demonstrate basic academic achievement.
show an adequate understanding and simplistic application of the learning.

Beginning level of achievement

- Students at the Beginning level of performance... demonstrate limited academic achievement.
show an incomplete understanding of the learning.

8. Other Business: Mirjam Rasmussen

- Potluck - parent-teacher interviews was well received.
- April Topic : This meeting is AFTER SCHOOL. Christine Lederer will do a presentation on PYP.
- Equipment Swap: Krista will be setting up a table at the ?
- Alberta School Council Association : (This year it is in Edmonton) - it is in our budget and it is on April 28th. We left it open for people to see if they can go.

10. **Adjourn** - meeting was adjourned by Mirjam Rasmussen at 8:34pm