

## **Minutes of the Millarville Community School Council September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*Attending:* Dawn Dott, Tara Conroy, Kate Lomas, Adele Depauw, Glenn Gibson, Ingrid Rozema, Lana Sullivan, Jolene Friesen, Kresten and Mirjam Rasmussen, Karen Sinclair, Michaela Ellis, Christine Lederer, Karla Davis, Claire Goddard, Jill Sanden

*Meeting called to Order:* 7:05pm, by Dawn Dott

### **Review Agenda and Introductions:**

- Dawn introduced herself, and then we all introduced ourselves briefly.
- Approval of the June Minutes – waived due to technical errors on Ingrid’s computer – unable to retrieve and are lost.

### **Administrator’s Report: Glenn Gibson, Principal**

- Brand new floors throughout the school, and the stairs are “glow in the dark”!
- School Goals:
  - IB program: Self Study in this cycle, and will look closely at our action cycle.... (don’t worry, I don’t get this either....).
  - Junior High: A review of the interdisciplinary planning to ensure that topics which can be inter-related in other subjects are discussed together.
  - Positive Behavioural Support Plan: School plan to ensure that kids feel safe and wanted in school.
- Coaching Models: Learning Coach (helping kids): Christine Lederer  
Instructional Coach (helping teachers): Lindsey Brooks
- Welcome the NEW OMEGA GARDEN Hydroponics thing-a-ma-jig! Find this “Food Portal” downstairs, where it will be set up.
- Evergreen Project: New Technology – this will be finalized at the end of October and we should have some new technology (ie computers) by December.
- Purchasing more math supplies and textbooks.
- Spelling program is coming!

### **Teachers’ Report: Christine Lederer, Karla Davis**

- Check out [www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca](http://www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca) great site!
- October 22 is the first “Meet the Teacher” night.
- Terry Fox Run is on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The whole school runs!
- Forget Me Not pond school trip is on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Council Ongoing Business:**

- Childcare provided: Today was a trial and a success. We will provide childcare for every meeting this year and rate the response! The grade

8's will be approached to do this on a volunteer basis, to promote the concept of giving back in appreciation to their school community.

- Topics for Presentations: Many of these topics were discussed and it was decided that we would possibly hold an on-line survey and see which ones get the most support. We would then have these this year during the meetings.

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e Education Plan/PAT Results  
a How to read a learner profile?  
r Creativity  
\_ Technology evergreening  
e School lunch/healthy snack ideas  
n Millarville Mutts 4H  
d Backyard chickens  
d Community introduction - booths from community groups eg. MSA, Sheep Creek Weavers, etc.  
p Inquiry-based learning  
i Pinterest  
c Social media safety  
n Girl power  
i Bring your own device  
c Bullying/Cyberbullying  
ASCA (AB School Council Assn) webinar/in person presentation  
w Use of technology in schools  
a Inquiry-based learning  
s FSD Google services, Moodle, Paypal, tech stuff, etc  
Wilderness Safety guest speaker, Foothills Search and Rescue  
g Little Warriors (Okotoks library has contact info), possible fee for presentation. Also Sheldon  
r Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre, Calgary  
e Study skills  
a TED Talk  
t Khan Academy  
! First Aid Course – Turner Valley FD  
Girl Power, Parent/Daughter seminar, urstrong.com
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e Grade nights - eg. Gr 1-3 night, Gr 4-6 night, Gr 7-8 night  
a Prior Topics  
c Internet safety/savvy  
h How to support your child's learning at home  
e Twitter how-to  
r Bring Your Own Device  
PAT preparation
- A  
G MCS Education Plan  
M The story of how MCS became a community school  
Oilfields High School presentation  
Mind Up presentation  
Money savvy kids - saving/spending/credit

is our next meeting – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- Teacher Appreciation – we do this!
- Year-end Picnic was a success.

**School Trustee Report:**

- Need a parent for the Audit Committee – 2 meetings in the fall and spring, and small stipend comes with it. Would require a business/accounting background!
- SLAs (Student Learning Assessment): These are occurring for the Grade 3s this year in the FSD (Foothill's School Division) despite some political controversy regarding them.
- Portable Classrooms: Five are currently in use in the FSD – 2 in High River, 2 in Okotoks and 1 in Black Diamond.
- Potential New School Sites: Going ahead with the site in Aldersyde, but also always considering new sites in the Okotoks town region. Ten new schools will be needed in the near future for this growing area!
- Board Meeting last week – stunning turn of events: Traveling reimbursement will increase from \$0.51 to \$0.52 per km!! Awesome! 😊

*Adjourned:* 8:25pm by Dawn Dott

**Next Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm AGM**