

## Council Meeting Minutes Maidstone School Community Council

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009,  
7:00pm, Elementary School Staff Room

### Board Members:

*Board Members Present:* Brennan Becotte, Becky Schmitt, Nathan Loomes, Rod Kalmakoff, Marie Elder, Trish McLaren, Jean McPherson, Heather Ferguson

*Absent:* Chandler Wall, Eleanor Pegg, Shelene Blackmer, Michele Lundquist

*Others Present:* Kerri Robb

### Proceedings:

*Meeting called to order at:* 7:06 pm by Chair, Becky Schmitt

Adoption of the minutes from October 2009 as submitted by Heather Ferguson seconded by Trish McLaren.

### *Business arising from minutes:*

1. Amendments to the minutes: No minutes were read last meeting due to the fact that it was a general meeting and added Trish McLaren to the Parent/Community Members under "New Business,1."
2. Marie contacted Linda (St. Walberg) about her presentations regarding internet issues. Linda had prepared two presentations for the Turtleford conference: 1. Parenting the Net Generation (safety, privacy, marketing, ethics & cyber bullying and evaluation of online info.) 2. Cyber Bullying: Encouraging Ethical Online Behavior. She is available to present in January. Other possible topics can be found at [www.media-awareness.ca/english/catalogue/products/descriptions/wa\\_tea\\_descriptions.cfm](http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/catalogue/products/descriptions/wa_tea_descriptions.cfm). See the handout titled "Marie Elder" for more information.

We discussed the possibilities and Marie is going to contact Linda to tentatively book her to present in January or maybe March.

3. Brennan has a lead/information on Scott Gallagher (author of The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens/People/Kids). He will provide a workshop for grades 7-12 for \$1500.00 which includes working with teachers, parents and students. See "Power of Choice" handout or Google "Scott Gallagher" or check out [www.kidspoker.com](http://www.kidspoker.com) Brennan is awaiting a response from Scott's secretary as to when he will be returning to this area. We all agreed that this sounded like a positive venture. We will investigate whether he does workshops for elementary grades as well.

*Financial Report* was provided verbally by Brennan.

1. The Block Party expenses were the only expenses to date. The bills for AG Foods (buns/burgers/hotdogs) and the Co-op (pop/freezies) have been paid. Brennan will bring the BBQ bills to our next meeting.

*Principals' Reports* provided by Elementary School Principal, Rod Kalmakoff and High School Principal, Brennan Becotte:

1. Elementary School News
  - Secretary retires at end of December. The position has been advertised in North B'Ford and Lloyd papers and the deadline for applications is tomorrow. Over 20 people have applied from the surrounding areas between the Battlefords to Lloydminster. The present secretary has been with the school for 27 years. Interviews will be next Friday.
  - Div I Christmas concert is coming up in Dec.
  - Classes have been working on their tree decorations for the Festival of Trees.

(Elementary School News continued.)

- Report cards go out Friday
- Monday and Tuesday next week will be Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- Next Wed., whole day off for Professional Learning Conference.
- H1N1: Did not have the Remembrance Day assembly due to large number of absentees. The majority were absent due to illness not flu related but 1 student was reported to having H1N1.

## 2. High School News

- (We quickly introduced ourselves to Kerri Robb)
- H1N1 hit the school hard with 40% of the students absent for close to 2 weeks. There were many reported cases of students being treated for the illness/hospitalized/receiving tamiflu. As a whole, the school is now on the mend with less than 10% of the students absent. Research is showing that 15 year olds were hit hard. The sports were affected greatly as well. One caretaker is dedicated to sanitizing the school every day for 4 hours (2pm-6pm). Lots of information was sent home to the parents regarding H1N1
- Report cards were sent home before all the chaos.
- Parent/Teacher interviews had a good turnout.
- Update on the school sports. Basketball season beginning.
- Drama Club plans on performing in early December.
- Magazine sales: sold roughly same as last year but the numbers have not come in as of yet, therefore not sure as to how much profit was made.

### *Correspondence:*

1. Maidstone High School Travel Club will be travelling to Germany, Austria and Hungary during Easter 2010. The club submitted a written request asking for permission to sell Nutter Trays to fundraise in order to cover the required cost of tipping the coach driver and tour director daily, \$2 and \$3 respectively. After much discussion, Marie made a **MOTION** that we do not approve the request made by the Travel Club due to the fact that our SCC endorses fundraising that benefits school wide participation or charitable causes. This motion was seconded by Nathan. All were in favor. Heather and Becky will prepare a letter with our response to the Travel Club's request.
2. The Town of Maidstone sent a letter congratulating us on the success of our Block Party. They commended us on our "well-planned and very successful Block Party" and anticipate attending again in the future.
3. Glen Winkler sent a message about the SCC online survey. The deadline to complete the survey is Nov. 22 (date was extended another week). See [www.saskedsurveys.ca](http://www.saskedsurveys.ca).

*New Business:* No new business.

*Next meeting scheduled:* **Tues., January 12, 2010 @ 7:00pm, High School Library**

Meeting adjourned by Becky Schmitt at 8:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Heather Ferguson.