

**McCrosson Tovell School Council Committee Agenda**  
**March 7, 2023 at 3:30 pm**  
**McCrosson Tovell School**

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1. Welcome and Introductions: Donna Osadchuk (Chair)--through TEAMS
  - i. Call to order – time: 4:15pm
  - ii. Welcome and introduction of guests

**Present:** Present: Brittney Gillies (teacher) [brittney.gillies@rrdsb.com](mailto:brittney.gillies@rrdsb.com), David Nussbaumer (teacher) [david.nussbaumer@rrdsb.com](mailto:david.nussbaumer@rrdsb.com), Karen Kemp (community representative) [akita2@hotmail.com](mailto:akita2@hotmail.com), Karen Sepers (community representative) [karensepers@gmail.com](mailto:karensepers@gmail.com)

**Regrets:** Meagan and Andrew Saarela (parent) [saarelas@outlook.com](mailto:saarelas@outlook.com), Megan Jewett, [megan\\_jewett@hotmail.com](mailto:megan_jewett@hotmail.com) Jennifer Newman (Education Director, Big Island) [education@naongashiing.ca](mailto:education@naongashiing.ca).

1. Review and Approval of Agenda (David made a motion, Brittney seconded)
2. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes (Karen S. made a motion, Karen K. seconded)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: n/a
4. Business Arising from the Minutes: n/a [Council Members]
5. News and Reports
  - PD Day Agenda [RRDSB Staff - 2023-02-03-PD-Day.pdf - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)  
\*Requirement of Regulation 304/90: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900304>)
  - School Clothing – order forms coming out—need to order 12 of each item
  - School Initiatives (Spring Tea, Community Garage Sale, Open House—(Parents Reaching Out Grant)—April 25 @ 5:00 p.m.)
  - Fundraising Initiatives: Need to have a Fundraising Plan—will submit in September
6. Parent Involvement Committee Minutes: n/a [Council Members]
7. Student Report: n/a [Student Rep]
8. Teacher Report [Teacher Rep]
  - Sprit Week: March 6-10
  - Gr SK-5 Swimming Lessons in Baudette, Minn. April 17-20 at 10:30-12:00 (will leave school at 9:30 a.m.) Need for Parent Volunteers
  - Connected North Sessions continue. Students are really enjoying Art (soap stone carvings and Coast Salish Art {Ovila Malenot}, sticker designs, line, organic sculpture with Rhonda Bobinsky, etc.) and Metis Jigging
  - Planning an Easter Scavenger Hunt
  - David is bringing in a baby goat and an incubator to hatch baby chicks
  - **Monthly Assembly:** take place in the last week of each month. Invitations sent to parents for

Jan and Feb. Some parents are attending

9. Principal's Report

- Report Cards went out on Feb 21, 2023 for First Term
- IEPs going home on March 10, 2023
- French Cultural Day (Metis Jigging) for Gr 6-8 on Feb 27, 2023
- School Elders: Josephine Wood and George Kirkruide
- Assembly Feb 28—Grandfather Teaching Love, Smudging will be taking place in the school beginning after March Break on Mondays. Tom Morrison did a smudging demonstration and teaching at the February Assembly
- Donna and Terri met with Meghan Cox, Superintendent of Business, and Sydney Trimble, Finance Officer and Kari-lynn Beckett on March 3
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10. Community Partnership Report: n/a

[Community Rep]

11. Other Correspondence: n/a

[Chair]

12. New Business:

- Karen Kemp made a motion to spend \$200.69 from Parent Council funds in school budget for Christmas ornaments and supplies, seconded by Karen Sepers
- Thank you to Bergland Hall for donating free hall rental for our Christmas Concert
- Thank you to Women's Institute for donating Christmas Candy Bags for our students
- EQAO sessions are being regularly held to assist in navigating the PowerBI reporting tool, understanding the changes in the assessments, etc. These sessions are for principals, staff, and in some cases, there are webinars available for school council members (parents/guardians). Somebody on Council may want to attend a session—for feedback into school improvement plans.
- **Parent Reaching Out Grant**
  - OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 5:00 (taco in a bag) Presentations at 5:30
  - Parent Night showcasing school based learning resources for parents
  - Station 1: Showcase Learning Resources on RRDSB Website (Programs and Learning Resources—drop down menu. [www.Ontario.ca/learnat](http://www.Ontario.ca/learnat) home--Literacy: Donna/Karen
  - Station 2: Math: David/Peter Math Games to Use at Home
  - Station 3: Connected North: Brittney (Sci/SS)
  - Mental Health: Donna will arrange outside area presenters (Weechi, Tribal Health, Treaty 3 Police, OPP, etc.)
  - Indigenous Piece: Kim Kirk
  - Attendance: Erin Williams
  - Need a volunteer to order prizes for a draw at each station?/or end of the night (Indigo/Chapters books, Math Games, Books, etc.)

- Will finalize planning at our next meeting in April
- Student Social Skills
  - Reaching out to Behaviour support for implementation of social skills programming for our Grade 2-8 students (problem solving, role play, social buddies, etc.)
- **New Policy - 1.09 Filling an Elected Trustee Vacancy**  
[Policy 1.09 Filling an Elected Trustee Vacancy](#) was approved at the January Board Meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2023@ 3:30 pm *[Chair]*
14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting *[Council Members]*
15. Adjournment: 5:30 p.m. (Brittney made a motion, Karen K. seconded)