

McCrosson-Tovell School Council Committee Minutes

February 28, 2017

Present: Deb Whetzel, Sharon Parsons, MacKenzie Whetzel, Hillary Nordberg and Anne Carradice

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Call to order – 3:30
 - Welcome and introductions of guests – no guests
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
3. Review and approval of Previous Minutes – Sharon moved it and MacKenzie seconded it.
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
5. Business Arising from Minutes –
 - none
6. News and Reports
 - Staff Update – Chelsea Miller was hired as Prep teacher (0.5 FTE)
7. Principal's Report 4:15
 - Outdoors Day – Everyone had a great time at Kay-nah-chi-wah-nung.
 - Music/Drama Festival Entries - We are going to go to Fort Frances for a drama presentation
 - We now have 35 students here at McCrosson-Tovell.
 - Well Being/Math Day – at the school on April 21st.
 - \$1500 for books donated for the Connected North Schools. A list was sent to them they will be here to present the books to us during Education Week! ☺
 - On March 10th we will host a Festival Du Voyageur for grades K – 4 from both McCrosson and Riverview. Sharon Parsons agreed to make the Lunch.
8. Teacher Report 4:20
 - CISCO/Connect North**
 - First field trip, Friday, February 24th.
 - Travelled to Seward, Alaska to the Alaska Sea Life Center
 - Very interactive, learned about ecosystems and organisms that make up the food web in Alaska
 - Steller Sea Lion, King Crab, baby Sea Otters in rescue, Giant Pacific Octopus
 - Mali (our field trip coordinator) is coming to visit our class on March 9th.
 - Our second field trip will take place that day and it will focus on the Human Body (this was our last Science unit).
 - She also has some activities planned for us that deal with Canada's 150th birthday
 - Valentine's Day Dance**
 - Had our first dance on Friday, February 24th
 - Students decorated the gym beautifully
 - We had fruit and veggie trays, cookies, cupcakes, pop, popcorn, etc.

- Prizes for games like Limbo, Spot Dance, Best dancer, etc.
- 16 students - 3 were guests from Pegamigaabo
- Joy Weaver and Deb Whetzel were parent chaperones
- Proceeds to go to upcoming events/activities

Student Council Winter Festival

- Friday, March 10 - last day before March break
- Grade 5-8 students will be planning and running stations
- Grade 4s to be team leaders
- Primary students from Riverview are coming out for the day

Basketball Tournament

- Initially scheduled for this Thursday, March 2
- Postponed until April

Fatty Legs Novel Study

- Currently reading Chapter 3
- Students really enjoying the book so far
- True story about a girl who begs her parents to let her attend a residential school so that she can learn to read like other children. Tells about her experiences.
- Completing the novel study alongside the Riverview Grade 4/5 class. Having a "book club" discussion via Skype on Friday, March 3rd.

Valentine Exchange

- Participated in the 3rd Annual Great Canadian Valentine Exchange
- Students made 20 valentines to send across Canada to various provinces
- We co-wrote a letter that told about our class and where we live
- We received 20 valentines in return from various places across the country
- Students enjoyed reading the letters and valentines that we received.
- We looked up each place on Google Earth and located where the school's were.
- Valentines are displayed in the hallway outside our classroom

9. New Business 4:23

- MacKenzie suggested we celebrate National Aboriginal Day with bannock dogs and Indian tacos
- Sharon asked how long lunches should be served. The motion was made to go to June 15th.
- Mother's Day Tea/Penny Table will be on May 12th from 1:30 – 3:00PM
 - M&M Cakes, coffee and tea
 - Students wear jerseys and Black Pants

10. Questions and Answers - none

11. Next Meeting Date: May 30, 2017

12. Agenda items for Next meeting. 4:28

13. Adjournment 4:30