

Annual Report
For the
2015-16 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community,

The McCrosson-Tovell School Council had a very rewarding 2015-2016 year. The school council held 6 meetings on:

- **JANUARY 4, 2016**
- **FEBRUARY 22, 2016**
- **APRIL 4, 2016**
- **JUNE 1, 2016**

These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the council(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations. Accordingly, included with this report as a summary the advice that the school council provided our vice-principal, Anne Carradice and to the school board in 2015-2016.

2015-2016 Goals:

1. Well-being of our students and staff by organizing special events to increase student attendance.
2. Engagement of our students and parents by helping with a variety of events.

Additional achievements of the school council in 2015-2016 included the following:

- Family Science Night – planned/organized and ran by School Council
- Events: Literacy Day, Valentine Card making with Community, Winter Festival, Mother's Day Tea and Graduation – organized the food and helped with events on Aboriginal Culture Awareness.
- Community, Culture and Caring – promoting an inclusive and safe school environment in conjunction with highly engaged parents.

Fund-raising activities were not conducted as this is done during Christmas and Mother Day concert.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2015-2016 school council:

Council Members

Deb Whetzel (Chair)
Virginia Handorgan (Vice-Chair)
(Secretary) – N/A

Parents Reps

Loretta Copenace
Rachel Copenace
Peanut Arnould

Community Rep

Nancy Gate

Teacher Rep

Tishina BigGeorge

Student Rep

Mackenzie Whetzel

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2016-2017 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2016 elections include:

- Ensuring to reflect Aboriginal Culture in all our events