

**McNab Public School
School Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

Attendees:

Charlene Bootland, Tanya Cross, Kathy MacKenzie, Shannon Neville, Tracey Stevens, Cathy Stevenson, Darcy Wall

Welcome:

- In the absence of Dawn Hamilton, Darcy Wall chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Tanya approved the minutes, Seconded by Darcy.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Two Thank you cards from our students were received in regards to the cultural performance “Junkyard Symphony”.

Principal’s Report:

- Thank you for supporting the passing of staff member Noreen Smith. Fresh flowers were sent on behalf of the school and School Council. Students were given the opportunity to write a memory on a leaf. These leaves were then displayed on a tree at the funeral home.
- Greenspace – Guidelines were received from Plant Department. Barb Asselin is still working on the Grant paperwork.
- Various activities coming in the next few months: Kindergarten Night/Bring Your Child To School Day; various track meets and other sports events
- The April 8th P.A. Day will see staff involved in a Technology Workshop in the morning. A Tech Coach will facilitate this interactive session.
- Our Makerspace is underway. This creative space is used for robotics and technology.
- The School Improvement Plan is focussing on Special Education best practices. “How can we better serve the needs of our students”.

Reports from Committees:

Cultural: Tanya Cross

- Through the MASC TD Artist Series, 2 performances were booked.
- The first performance took place on March 11th for students in Grades 4-8. Alan Shain performed “First Day in the Schoolyard”. This was based on his life as a person with cerebral palsy. His comedy routine was about his experiences going to regular school for the first time and trying to fit in.
- The second performance on March 22nd was for all grades entitled “Junkyard Symphony”. Junkyard Johnny did a great job entertaining the students and getting his message out regarding “Reduce, Re-use and Recycle”. As well, the Grade 5/6 and Grade 7 classes each had a 1 hour workshop.

Library:

- Books have been purchased from Carr McLean and from Copper Beech.
- There are still funds left from our Scholastic Book Fair.

Rink: Darcy Wall

- There are various rink boards needing to be replaced. A motion was made by Darcy, and seconded by Tanya Cross, to give our 2 faithful rink volunteers a gift card from Canadian Tire. We have appreciated their tireless efforts keeping the rink cleared.

Teachers' Fund: Shannon Neville

- One receipt was handed in.

Special Events/Social:

- Our final Movie Night will be held this Friday, April 1st @ 6:30 p.m.
- Mega Yard Sale has been set for Saturday, April 23rd from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Fun Fair raffle prizes have been purchased and the raffle licence has been submitted. Kathy MacKenzie has offered to organize Fun Fair this year. We require volunteers to help with securing donated prizes for our Giant Raffle. The Volunteer form will be sent home shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Bank Balance as of March 29th is \$9,738.58.

New Business:

- Susan Eddie, former Royal Bank employee, has been accessing the RBC Volunteer Program. To date, she has volunteered for 6 years and the school has received \$3,000 from this valuable program. Representatives from RBC will be coming to the school for a photo opportunity.
- The Township Recreation Department is looking at making a running path in the back farmer's field. It would be available for students to access.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Motion to adjourn by Cathy and seconded by Darcy. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 10th
- 6:00 p.m. – Stuffing Fish Pond Bags/Tissue Paper Flowers
- 7:00 p.m. – regular meeting