MORTLACH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2012

PRESENT: Colleen Campbell, Corinne Cobbe, Joline Graves, Catherine Linn, Cori Saas, and Cheryl Searle

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Resource Profile:

- Catherine has put information in electronic form for teachers to access.

SRC Fundraising:

- There has been no fundraising for the clock in February – devoted those efforts to TeleMiracle for the month
- At last SRC meeting they decided that fundraising for the rest of this school year would go towards the clock

Staff Appreciation:

- Appreciation for the teaching staff will be done at their staff meeting on March 26th. Cheryl will look after this
- Administrative Assistant Day is April 25th – Colleen will look after
- Noon Hour Supervisors – idea is to have the students to sing them a song. Catherine is to ask Bev Smith if she and Kallie Bossence would be willing to come up with something appropriate for them to sing. No date set for this to take place.

SLIP Update:

- Open Mic was a successful evening
  - Unfortunately bad weather and roads kept three schools away (Riverview, Central Butte and Rouleau)
  - Glentworth School came – they did a great job
  - Had a stand up comic, violinist, poetry and a "piano off". Mr. Derrick Huschi did the best job of turning the piano "off".
- On May 12th there will be a Performance Poetry Workshop. They are still looking for a location – would like to have it in Moose Jaw, but if they can't find a suitable location will host it in Mortlach.
- On June 1st there will be an event at the Mae Wilson Theatre in Moose Jaw. Tickets will be available through the Theatre.
- Mrs. Gusa had suggested a book swap on March 29th during Student Led Conferences. Since the teachers are busy with Conferences, it was thought that the SCC members or senior students could man the book swap during conferences. A note will be sent home regarding this so that parents and students have the opportunity to find some books they may want to exchange. Ms. Saas suggested we have coffee on hand for a donation, with all proceeds going towards the purchase of the score clock. There were creamers and coffee left over from Open Mic and the SCC has a number of cups and we should be able to use the small amount of milk needed from the Canteen.

Prairie South School Division Annual General Meeting:

- Meeting is on April 3rd at the Board Office in Moose Jaw. We are to let them know by March 14 how many people will be attending.
- There will be supper and a guest speaker
- Each SCC has been asked to have a display board at the meeting to show their accomplishments
- PSSD has supplied the back board for the display. It was decided to have the students put their hand prints on the back board and we would attach the information over the hand prints. Suggestions were our profile, pictures of open mic, toonie dinner, pink shirt day, the hill, installing the new playground equipment, and the book swap.

SELU Focus Group:

- Cheryl found it reassuring to know that we are facing the same issues as other schools that were in attendance.
- Not much to report from the day, as we were there to answer questions.

From the Principal:

- **Outdoor Intercom**
  - Corinne reported that PSSD has looked at it and they have figured out how to hook it up. She has heard nothing since the original inspection.
- **Maintenance Issues:**
  - The flooring in the main entrance to the school has been replaced
  - The gym lights have been replaced
  - The odour in the change rooms is being addressed, but has not been solved yet.
- **TeleMiracle 36 Fundraising – Total Raised $730.81**
  - Penny Parade $200.95
  - Teacher Dress Down Days $ 110.25
  - Coffee & Cookies at Open Mic $ 68.61
  - Pancake Breakfast $351.00
- **Attendance Policy:**
  - Has been completed and goes to the Board tomorrow for approval. Corinne will have more information for us at the next meeting.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

Budget Update:

- General Expense: we have spent $207.24 of the $400.00 allocated for General Expense. $150.00 was for the School and Community Newsletter, $50.00 for SCC Photocopying and $7.24 for the purchase of an account book to keep track of our spending.
- SLIP Community Building: we had a budget of $640.00. We gave $200.00 to the Outdoor Ed Program and with the profit of $235.17 from the Turkey Toonie Dinner, we currently have a balance of $675.17
- SLIP Academic Improvement: we had allocated $560.00 for reading incentives. To date we have spent $62.98 on reading incentives for the Grade 3 to 5 Class.

Shakespeare at the Mae Wilson Theatre:

- Cori Saas requested funding to take ELA Students to see the U of R's performance of Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night Dream at the Mae Wilson on March 18th.
- Cost per student would be $10.00. They are currently studying Shakespeare and Ms. Saas feels it would be a valuable learning experience even though it is not the work that they are currently studying.

- The SCC will pay for the students to go – Cori to book seats. If parents wish to attend they will be responsible for their own tickets.

Reading Incentives:

- Corinne will look into how the "Smarty Patardy" Shirts were paid for by Ms. Wigmore's K to 2 Class. That expense would qualify under our SLIP Academic Goal.

Mortlach SCC's Annual General Meeting:

- The date was set for Wednesday, April 18th
- We will have a supper meeting for our current SCC, followed by the AGM
- Cori Saas will act as returning officer
- Now that the date has been set, Karen Buck will be asked to put up the public notice
- Joline Graves offered to make supper for the meeting. She will keep the bills for the groceries that she purchases and submit them to Karen Buck for payment.
- Colleen will ensure that information is put in the April Newsletter about the SCC and what we do.

SCC Evaluation:

- Corinne distributed "Resource for Self-Monitoring and Planning for improvement" publication from PSSD.
- Each member of the SCC is asked to complete Exercises 1, 2, and 3 by March 26th and return it to the school.

Upcoming Events:

- March 26 – report cards
- March 29 & 30 – Student Led Conferences
- March 29 – Party Safe Presentation. There will be a presentation to Grades 6 to 8 in the morning and one to Grades 9 to 12 in the afternoon. Colleen will email Cst. Keith Hill with details.
- April 20 – P.A.R.T.Y. Presentation by Moose Jaw EMS for our Grade 9 to 12 Students. Chaplin High School has been invited to join us for this.
- April 26 to May 4 – Grades 5 to 8 will be taking part in the AFL Writing Assessment
- Presentation by School Counselor, Jackie Armstrong, on "Reaching Out, Youth Suicide Prevention". She would like to talk to the parents first and then the students, but she is only scheduled to be in Mortlach on Thursdays. Corinne is going to discuss options with Jackie regarding the presentation.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is April 18th at 6:00 pm – Supper meeting before AGM at 7:00 pm

ADJOUNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.