MORTLACH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2012

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

GUESTS: Marg Apperley and Jan Nelson

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Staff Appreciation:

- Appreciation for the teaching staff was done at their staff meeting on March 26th.
- Administrative Assistant Day is April 25th – Colleen will look after
- Noon Hour Supervisors – Catherine will look into this

SLIP Update:

- Book Exchange during SLC – there were lots of books for younger ages, not many for teens and adults. The students that came in to look for books had fun; it was very slow on Thursday evening. More advertising may have helped. Cori Saas suggested we try it once more and see what happens.
- National Congress on Rural Education: Cori was not aware of the honour that it was for these students to be asked to report. They have been asked to report again for the Early Childhood Conference to be held in Moose Jaw in May. Their work was outstanding. Check it out at http://yourgeeksquad.wordpress.com/
- The Senior ELA Students are hosting an open mic at Java Express in Moose Jaw on April 25th. To register students should be there at 7:00 and performances start at 7:30. Author, Jeff Park will be there.
- On March 22nd Catherine Linn, Elizabeth Linn and Daniel Odendaal led a group of 80 students in a spoken word workshop. They had to prepare a lesson plan and have it approved by Cori Saas before the event. When the workshop was over 98% of the students in attendance wanted to share their work. Catherine, Elizabeth and Daniel were paid for doing the workshop, and gave the money back.
- On May 12th they will be hosting a Provincial wide writing workshop at Lindale School in Moose Jaw. Lunch will be provided, but they need some assistance with snacks for the day.
  Motion: It was moved by Joline Graves and seconded by Cheryl Searle that the SCC provide the snacks for the writing workshop to be held at Lindale School on May 12th. **CARRIED**
- On June 1st there will be an event at the Mae Wilson Theatre in Moose Jaw from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. PSSD is paying for rental of Mae Wilson.

Prairie South School Division Annual General Meeting:

- Meeting on April 3rd was very well attended
- Neil Hughes was the guest speaker
- Daniel Odendaal spoke at the annual meeting about the experience of reporting on the Rural Congress for Education – he did a phenomenal job.

SRC Fundraising:

- Cori Saas reported on how Herbert School is doing their score clock. They have a digital score clock using two ipads, two projectors and a sheet of plywood painted white. We would be able to do this in Mortlach for a third of the cost of the new score board and shot clocks. We would still require wiring, but the cost of the equipment would be a lot less.
- Discussion on team uniforms and storage in the gym equipment rooms. Colleen suggested that this a decision for the Staff and SRC, not for the SCC.

From the Principal:

- **Outdoor Intercom**
  - PSSD have looked at it, but she has heard no more about it.
- **Maintenance Issues:**
  - The flooring in the main entrance to the school has been replaced
  - The gym lights have been replaced
  - Curtains on stage need replacing – PSSD has been out to look, but no word on plan yet
  - Outside lighting – lights were changed, so hopefully all work now and the exterior of the school will be illuminated more at night.
  - The windows in the elementary doors were smashed out. They have been replaced and the incident was reported to the RCMP.
- **Staffing:**
  - Corinne Cobbe has been hired as the Principal at Mortlach School.
  - None of the staff have requested transfers.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

Budget Update:

PSSD $1000.00 Grant:

- General Expense: we have spent $210.74 of the $400.00 allocated for General Expense. The expenses for tonight's meeting will come from this account.
- SLIP Community Building: we had a budget of $640.00. Colleen reviewed the accounts and found that the SCC money from the Toonie Dinner is in a different account, and this is where the money for the Outdoor Ed Program came from. As a result of these adjustments, we have a balance of $483.62. The cost of the gift for our Administrative Assistant will come from this account.
- 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, $188.16 for the K to 2 Class and $77.00 for the High School Students to attend "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Mae Wilson Theatre. Leaving a balance of $231.86.

SCC Local Account:

- Current balance is $474.14.

SCC Evaluation – Self-Monitoring and Planning for Improvement:

- Cheryl provided a summary of the results of Exercise #1.
- As a group we completed Exercise #4 on Understanding Effectiveness.

Upcoming Events:

- April 20 – P.A.R.T.Y. Presentation by Moose Jaw EMS for our Grade 9 to 12 Students. Chaplin High School will be attending this as well.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: The date for the next meeting will be set following the Annual Meeting.

<u>ADJOUNMENT:</u> The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.