

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes
Friday, October 28, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast included
Queensbury Centre, Regina

Minutes

In Attendance – Tanya Price-Wright, Sheila Goertzen, Terry Smith, Debbie Flemming, Juanita McKay-Raymond, Jean Sullivan, Jayne Boulet, Richard Rapin, Diane Kopchynski, Chris Donohue, Shelley Sargent, Laureen Sawatsky, Wendy Dice, Jane Robbillard, MaryAnne Baxter, Grace MacDonald, Sheila Robb, Wayne Roznowsky, Delphine Melchert, Dawn Deets, Dean Brooman, Carmen Prince, Margaret Marsollier, Maureen Strawson, Sue Bland, Darlene Furber, Lisa Carmeron.

1. Welcome Maureen Strawson
Maureen welcomed to all in attendance.

2. Minutes of last AGM Meeting, Margaret Marsollier
Margaret made a motion to accept her minutes as presented seconded by Shelley Sargent

3. Financial Report Dawn Deets
Dawn presented and explained the financials reports. She made a motion to have her report accepted as presented seconded by Laureen Sawatsky
The financial report will be attached to the minutes.
 - A. Wayne spoke of the Weyerhaeuser closing. They will still maintain this year's commitment. He is not discounting next year. It will all depend on Weyerhaeuser's involvement in Saskatchewan. He feels the work we do is wonderful. Weyerhaeuser has given us almost ½ million in support over the past 5 years.

4. SCSA Assistant's Report – Sue Bland

Conferences

The SCSA held a conference entitled "Keeping Our Roots Alive" at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon last November, 24th-26th 2004 with over 325 people attending. Approximately 15 volunteers made up the conference steering committee which was co-chaired by Maureen Strawson and Ross Tait. The keynote speaker was George Lafond. Forty-eight break-out sessions and tours were offered, mainly by volunteers in the extended Community School family. Many others volunteered to introduce and thank speakers as well as bring ideas for the "Great Ideas Bazaar".

Planning for the SCSA Conference 2005 got underway in early January with a Steering Committee of 27 volunteers representing both Regina Boards and Sask. Learning. Pat Corbin and Dave Ripplinger co-chaired this committee. This conference was entitled "Heartbeat of Our Community: Celebrating 25 Years of Community

Schools". Fifty different sessions were offered along with 9 tours to Regina Community Schools or Universities. The keynote speaker was Martin Blank. Other featured presenters included Mary Gordon, Don Burnstick, Louise Halfe and Michael and Shirley LeClaire. A celebration banquet was held with speeches, hoop dancing by Terrence Littleton and entertainment by Don Burnstick. Eleven schools brought quilts for the Community School Quilt Contest. As I write, 628 people were registered for the conference. My role in both cases is to provide support and assistance to these committees mainly in the areas of program and publicity.

Planting Dreams Fund

Pre-Kindergarten backpacks were delivered to the remaining Community School and crests have been sent out when schools ask for them.

I presented a plan for how the SCSA could produce backpacks for 12 existing (and 3 potential) Community Schools with teen daycares. These backpacks will be borrowed by teen parents for use with their babies or toddlers. They have a stronger literacy component than the pre-Kindergarten backpacks as well as resources to support parents. Sask. Energy donated 70 backpacks to this project, so has joined Weyerhaeuser as a sponsor. By June, I had ordered about half the materials for these backpacks. This work was put on the backburner as conference planning has been my first priority since then. I hope to get back to this project in November and to have backpacks to the daycares before spring of 2006.

There are over 700 registered for this year's conference. They have 10 potential sessions for next year's conference

5. Election of SCSA Executive	Maureen Strawson
• President	- Delphine Melchert
• Vice President	- Shelley Sargent
• Treasurer	- Margaret Marsollier
• Secretary	- Tanya Price-Wright
• Membership Coordinator	- Luanne Price
• Newsletter Coordinator	- Laureen Sawatsky/Nina Henry
• Region 1	- Krystal Fehrenbach
• Region 3	- Needs to be filled
• Region 4	- Carmen Prince
• Region 5	- Diane Kopchynski and Darlene Furber
• Region 6	- Needs to be filled
• Region 7	- Northern Education Region - Mary Ann Baxter/Wendy Dice

Maureen handed the meeting over to Delphine. Delphine said thank you to Maureen and everyone who was part of the association. We have come a long way. I do this with great intrepidation because community education is so important. She will be happy to take this position but let your name stand so in the future we can have an election.

6. Next executive Meeting:

A short executive meeting was held. The next date is set for **November 9th, 2005 at Mount Royal, Saskatoon**

7. Adjournment