

**Saskatchewan Community Schools Association  
Executive Meeting  
Monday, December 3, 2007 10:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Bedford Road Collegiate  
722 Bedford Road Saskatoon, SK**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Tanya Price-Wright, Jane Robillard, Maureen Strawson, Margaret Marsollier, Diane Kopchynski, Jill Nutini, Delphine Melchert, Robby Taylor, Vicki Jerome, Greg Harding, Shelley Sargent, Krystal Fehrenbach, Cathy Cochrane, Laureen Sawatsky and Nina Henry.

**1. Welcome and introductions – Delphine**

Delphine welcomed everyone, thanked the returning and the newly elected members. Delphine indicated that there would be lots of work and planning to be done over the next year to move forward with the newly elected government and for the sustainability of finances for community schools in the province of Saskatchewan.

A welcome and introductions were given for our three guest, Jill Nutini, Robby Taylor and Vicki Jerome. All three guests work for the Minister of learning; Jill is working part-time and working on her Masters degree. She works in community education/children services. Robby has been with the ministry of Learning for 2 months as an accountability analyst with community education/student transient. Vicki has a BSW with experience working for Dept. of Social Services/ family preservation/daycare. She also has worked with Ranch Ehrlo and Nutrition. Vicki is currently working with Judy Cormier.

**2. Additions/Adopt the agenda**

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda as presented, Shelley Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nina Henry

**3. Minutes of last meeting/adopt - Tanya Price Wright**

**Motion:**

To accept the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Kopchynski  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jane Robillard

**4. Business arising from minutes**

None

**5. New Business – Delphine Melchert**

- Review of SCSA goals and objectives (taken from the website)
- Putting the Community Education agenda forward with new Govt.
- MLA visits - Get your local MLA's into your community schools, Regional reps to report on MLS response to community schools at next meeting. Fridays are usually a day the MLA's are in their constituencies.
- Community schools are an investment to the Government of Saskatchewan. Having your MLA's into community schools allows for families to bring forward their concerns or "realities".
  
- Government representations (Jill, Robby, Vicki) could advise SCSA who we should be seeking out, what should SCSA be watching for, and what role should SCSA have or seek to find.
- Brochure

The brochure needs to be visual with key points and a section for supporters (more than financial supporters). The brochure should be out in the community prior to meetings with

government officials. The goal is to broaden community awareness of community education practices in community schools. Distribution through of the brochure can be done through the Chamber of Commerce and a mail out to the MLA's. Most importantly the design and content of the document needs to be balanced. The brochure should be out by January. Nina Henry was to oversee the design (bullet form/centre of brochure)

- Regional meeting/general meeting
- Bylaws of SCSA – Committee to review and propose amendments at next AGM. (08) (Tanya Price-Wright, Delphine Melchert & Shelley Sargent)
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#### 6. SK Learning update – (Robby Taylor, Vicki Jerome & Jill Nutini)

Reports:

- (a) Community School Transitions Data Collection (attached) – The purpose of this research on transitions is to provide data on the transience rates in Community Schools in Saskatchewan.
- (b) School Nutrition Guidelines and Policies (attached) – A development of guidelines for school divisions regarding nutrition and “best practices” for developing school nutrition policies.
- (c) Community Education Survey 2007 (attached) – The purpose of this survey was to examine the role of community school coordinators in infusing community education principles within the school and community.

#### 7. Supports to Students Review/Renewal – Gillian McCreary (Unable to attend)

#### 8. Reports

- a. Treasurer report/Legacy Grant – Margaret Marsollier - (Attached)
- b. Membership – Luanne Price – No Report (Absent)
- c. Newsletter – Nina Henry

Please submit new initiatives that are happening in your schools. Pictures can be submitted as well, but please ensure that adequate permission to release the photos are taken.

#### 9. Website – Shelley Sargent

- Changes to New executive members
- Newsletter link – “2007/2008”
- 2007 conference to be taken down to prepare for 2008 conference details

#### 10. 2008 Conference

- The Conference will be held in Regina
- The conference committee has been approached to combine their conference with “Learning Plus”. This would be a good fit for our conference and would generate some \$ for the key note speaker.
- Date: **Oct 23/24, 2008**
- **Theme: Putting Unity back into Community**
- **Place: Ipsco Centre** (cost \$1,000/lots of parking available)
- The organization Committee is requesting the \$5,000 seed money to get the conference started.
- January the committee will meet again
- Call for presenters will go out early in the new year
- Key Note Speaker – don't be afraid to use local presenters
- The two school boards may not be able to facilitate a inservice day so all staff can attend. The separate system has a in-service day on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the public is not sure yet.
- A request has been made that a school delegate could be transferable to another staff member and or 2 people share one ticket (1/2 day ea.)

#### 11. Regional Reports

- Region 1 Yorkton, Kamsack, Carlyle **Krystal Ferenbach (attached)**

- Region 3 Regina, Moosejaw, Balcarres, Fort Qu'Appelle, Grenfell  
**Greg Harding/Cathy Cochrane – (Attached)**
- Region 4 Saskatoon, Punnichy, Warman, Leask, Duck Lake  
**Carol Kivell/Donna Blunt**
  - Congrats to the 2007 Conference committee
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – Healthy Choices/Healthy Me
  - Holiday Lunches – Care & Share
- Region 5 Prince Albert, Melfort, Nipawin, Hudson Bay, Big River, Canwood, St. Louis  
**Darlene Furber/Diane Kopchynski**
  - Reported on the SCSA 2007 Conference, we had very positive feedback on our conference. The key note speaker did an excellent job at setting the tone for the conference.
- Region 6 North Battleford, Cando, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Turtleford  
**Alison Bruneau – No report**
- Northern Region – LaRonge, Creighton, Ile A La Crosse, Cumberland House, Sandy Bay, La Loche, Pinehouse, Green Lake, Buffalo Narrows, Beauval, Turnor Lake, Jans Bay, Cole Bay, Brabant Lake **Wendy Dice/Jane Robillard**
  - NLSD are in transition with teachers & support staff
  - There has been 4 recreation coordinators hired
  - Ongoing programs, nutrition program delivers 355 snacks, canteen is making a profit, meals on wheels (grade 8 & 9), operation red nose – drive individuals home.

#### 10 – Adjourn – next meeting

- February 2008
- Date: 11th
- Place: Tommy Douglas High School,
- Time: 10:30 am
- General Meeting
- Regina, 2008 spring