

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WORKING COMMITTEE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
ASSOCIATION AND SASKATCHEWAN LEARNING**

**Gathercole Auditorium  
Saskatoon Public School Board Office  
310 -21st Street East, Saskatoon**

**February 28, 2006**

**10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

In Attendance:

1. Shelley Storey	VMCS, Prince Albert
2. Wendy Dice	CCHS, La Ronge
3. Lauren Sawatsky	PACS, Saskatoon
4. Carol Kivell	Pleasant Hill, Saskatoon
5. Terri Belanger	St. Goretti Community School, Saskatoon
6. Patricia Kovacs	Saskatoon Catholic
7. Nina Henry	Mont Royal Collegiate, Saskatoon
8. Barry MacDougall	Saskatoon Public-Superintendent
9. Genevieve Wood	Westmount, Saskatoon
10. Gail Hendry	St. Michael, Saskatoon
11. Sheila Pocha	WP Bate Community School, Saskatoon
12. Kim Troesch	Bishop Klein, Saskatoon
13. Carla Jule	E.D. FeeHan, Saskatoon
14. Ross Tait	Mayfair, Saskatoon
15. Patricia Prowse	Saskatoon Public Schools – Central Office
16. Lyn Carduner	Caroline Robin, Saskatoon
17. Maureen Strawson	Bedford Collegiate, Saskatoon
18. Carmen Prince	Westmount, Saskatoon
19. Joan Gray	King George, Saskatoon
20. Melinda Brown	Caroline Rotins, Saskatoon
21. David Viepf	Caswell, Saskatoon
22. Lori Lancaster	Sacred Heart Com. School, Moose Jaw
23. Jessica Troyer	Sacred Heart Com. School, Moose Jaw
24. Debbie Petrupe	Grenfell Community School, Grenfell
25. Judy Pidskoling	Vincent Massey Com. School, Saskatoon
26. Lori Pulai	King George Community School, Saskatoon
27. Dean Brooman	Vincent Massey Com. School, Saskatoon
28. Jane Robillard	Creighton Community School, Creighton
29. Patrick Corbin	Arcole Community School, Regina
30. Delphine Melchert	Riverside Community School, P. A.
31. Rosanne Glass	Sask Learning Regina
32. Harley Delorme	Broadway Comm. School, Melfort

33. Kendra Fegstrom	Maude Burke, Melfort
34. Sharon Farley	Maude Burke, Melfort
35. Robyn Nieben	Maude Burke, Melfort
36. Randy Steciuk	Maude Burke, Melfort
37. Judy Cormier	Region 5 Sk. Learning, Melfort
38. Ron Richardson	North-East School Div., Melfort
39. Stephen Kemp	NISD Broadways C. S., Melfort
40. Darran Teneycki	Dr. Brass School, Yorkton
41. Tammy Melbrandt	Dr. Brass School ,Yorkton
42. David Berioutl	Archbishop M. C O'Neill, Regina
43. David Ripplinger	Archbishop M. C. O'Neill, Regina
44. Ray Pitre	Miller comprehensive H.S., Regina
45. Sue Bland	SCSA
46. Cec Chambul	Confederation Park C. S., Saskatoon
47. Jayne Hudson	Confederation Park C. S., Saskatoon
48. Sunil Pandila	Prince Arthur Com. S., – M.J. Prairie South
49. Mary Jukes	Empire Community School, M. J. Priarie S
50. Doreen Rathgeber	St. Mary's School, Yorkton
51. Lindsey Zalac	St. John School, Saskatoon
52. Tricia Carter	Bishop Roborecki Sch., Saskatoon
53. Loria Broughton	St. Mary, North Battleford
54. Darlene Furber	Turgeon Com. School, Prince Albert
55. Diane Kopchynski	St. Mary High School, Prince Albert
56. Jane Boulet	St. Michael Community School, P.A.
57. Mark Pheneauf	St. Mary High School, P.A.

1. **Welcome** - Rosanne Glass, Saskatchewan Learning and Delphine Melchert, President SCSA  
Rosanne and Delphine welcomed everyone and thanked them for traveling in such stormy conditions.
2. **Local Accountability and Partnerships Panel**, Presentation and Discussion – Edith Nagy – Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships and Aboriginal Education, Saskatchewan Learning

Edith presented a power point presentation on Policy directions for School Community Councils: Provincial Response to the Local Accountability and Partnership Panel Final Report.

The presentation highlighted: (a) background and rationale, (b) local accountability and partnerships panel, (c) purpose, (d) what will be different? (e) membership, (f) election procedures, (g) roles and responsibilities, (h) operations, (i) Board of Education responsibilities, and (j) implementation plan.

Time was allotted for some table discussions on - How you see this working in your schools and community? What are the connections to what you've already been doing?

Questions:

1. What if the recommended Council numbers are not available? Get started with the availability of community members and build to recommendations.

Discussion Outcomes: (two ideas from each table)

1. We have two schools in our community and only one is a community school (Pre-K- 8 and 5–12). Why are both schools not designated as community schools? Answer: Without the decision making people in the room they believed that the decision was based on an elementary school.
2. Table two were representative of urban schools – they felt that they already had a good structure for a long time and felt that a more formal process was sending parents away. They felt their parents were not accepting of the new process. (Comments: build on the strengths of your community. The board policies will be shaped for the community and they will be less formal than local boards.
3. New Implementation - Will the happen with the current funding – The \$6,000 grant as far as they know will stay the same. The recommendation put forth by the panel is \$2,000 operating for school (For schools that are not designated as a community school).
4. Active participants currently do not like the election process and that consensus is more important to the existing boards.
5. There will be one resource manual with different sections for boards, school procedures, etc.
6. Yorkton Public School Division met with each parents group, the formality is top heavy and parents are ok with the proposed transition.
7. The structure will help parents be organized as a collective group.
8. Replacement for local Boards. Why can't school councils co-exist with this process?
9. School Plus is alive and well, there is a need to get back and review the Michael Timchuck report, there has been some progress but there is still work to be done. New early learning focus, Community school designation – 98 designated, nine since 2003, are there any recommendations to designate more schools?
10. How do you ensure a representative process when it is an election process? This sets up a division parental involvement between staff, families and communities?
11. Urban high School – parental involvement is almost non-existence. There is more staff then parents and often the “parental” or guardian leadership is someone who is a year or two older than the student or the student is acting by themselves. These are often the same students who are on the student council.

3. **Saskatchewan Learning/SCSA Updates** – Rosanne Glass & Delphine Melchert

*Delphine Melchert, President of SCSA*

Delphine thanked Saskatchewan Learning for sharing and providing an opportunity to share current successes and challenges that our children and communities face. It is so important to have this opportunity to share all of our concerns and future goals for Saskatchewan Learning and SCSA.

*Delphine introduced the new Executive for SCSA:*

President: Delphine Melchert

Vice President: Shelley Sargent

Treasurer: Margaret Marsollier

Secretary: Tanya Price-Wright  
Executive Assistant: Sue Bland  
Newsletter: Nina Henry & Laureen Sawatsky  
Membership: Luanne Price  
Regional Representatives: Region 1 Krystal Fehrenbach  
Region 2 – Patrick Corbin  
Region 3 – Carmen Prince  
Region 5 – Diane Kopchynski & Darlene Furber  
Region 6 – Doug Keil & Sandra Youngchief  
Region 7 – Wendy Dice & Mary Ann Baxter

**Up-Date: Conference 05: Pat Corbin & Sue Bland**

Total Profit: \$18,000.00

Both the Public and the Separate School Divisions were very cooperative by arranging for staffing attendance at the conference, printing resources, and countless organizational hours to make the conference a success.

There were 28 individuals that made up the organizing team which comprised of administration to community members.

Sue Bland congratulated all the working group members and the co-chairs for a job well done.

**Conference 06: Saskatoon,**

- Date has been set for Oct 18, 19 & 20, 2006
- Spring registration will be sent out shortly.
- The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel – Wednesday evening registration with wine and cheese, all day Thursday workshops, and ½ day Friday.
- Rooms will cost approximately \$100 each.
- Theme: Fostering Relationships.
- The focus will be fewer presentations for larger groups. There will be a variety of components throughout the conference, such as, learning components, parent components, and community components. These components will follow the the Communities of Hope document.
- Call for presentations will be sent out in the next month or so.
- Great Ideas bazaar, the idea is to find out what others are doing around the province.
- Showcase ONE example/item that your school has done. Give details of what you did, who was involved, how did it work, recommendations for future programs. Provide some hand outs and tangible information so participants can take it with them.
- Cost: \$125 - \$150 – we will keep the costs as low as possible.

**LUNCH (provided)**

**4. SCSA Business:** Delphine Melchert began with a round table introduction  
Minutes: We distributed on all tables and requested that the minutes be reviewed. There were no errors or omissions reported from the floor.

**Motion:** By Tanya Price-Wright

To Accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting dated Friday, October 28, 2005.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Darlene Furber.

**Treasurer's report:** By Margaret Morsollier (Attached)

General Account Balance at January 31, 2006 is \$96,236.86

Weyerhaeuser Planting Dreams- Balance as of January 31, 2006 \$241, 658.80

Commitments projected over the next three years -

- 2006/07 \$64,010.00 expenses – Family Literacy/Back Packs/Website

- 2007/08 \$64,290.00 expenses - Family Literacy/Back Packs/Website

- 2008/09 \$64,295.00 expenses - Family Literacy/Back Packs/Website

- 2009/10. balance left is \$1,754.06

\*\* The family literacy project is subject to review in the fall of 2006.

**Motion:** By Margaret Morsollier

To Accept the General Account as read.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dori Pulai, King George Community School, Saskatoon

**Motion:** By Margaret Morsollier.

To accept that the Weyerhaeuser Account as read.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Robillard

**Reports:**

**Memberships:** By Luanne Price

Regional Reps will be contacting those who have not paid yet (as a friendly reminder)

**Newsletter:** Lauren Sawatsky/Nina Henry

Call for proposals will be out very soon. The theme is unknown at the present time. Please submit something about what is going on in your schools. Poster for conference in Saskatoon Oct 06 will be sent out.

**Website:** Shelley Sargent: Please check out our website: [WWW.communityschools.ca](http://WWW.communityschools.ca)

Send any recommendations for user friendly ideas. The minutes of meetings, conference information will be posted. Suggestion from the floor – There should be a place or forum to post questions.

**Susan Bland: Executive Assistant:**

Teen Backpacks: Babies 1-18 mos. 18-3 years – Included in the backpacks are age appropriate toys, parent support materials (books, videos), music, books, laminated instruction of how to use the backpacks and a list of items inclosed. Currently we have 72 backpacks being made. Every community school with a teen daycare will receive 6 backpacks.

## **5. Family Literacy Training Strategy Update**

Partnership: SCSA/Saskatchewan Literacy Network

- Through a partnership with SCSA, Weyerhaeuser and Saskatchewan Learning, funds have been made available for Community Schools to send staff/parents for “literacy Facilitation” training. (attached – email sent out to Principals and Coordinators)

- Check out Saskatchewan Learning network website for the year calendar to access training in your area. You can also organize a training session in your area. You can send two representatives to a training session. Sue can help you schedule something for your region.

- Anyone who is running Family Literacy programs (facilitators trained by SLN) can access \$300 for supplies to run the program. For example -Come Read With Me- you could

purchase the books for the program. Go to the website to get the application form.  
[www.sask.literacy.ca](http://www.sask.literacy.ca)

A concern from the floor was: 3 full day training sessions are very difficult. Childcare, transportation, leave from work placements are very difficult and most often the barrier to participation. Has there been any consideration to on-line training or staggered training session (over a few weeks).

**6. The Saskatchewan Literacy Commission:** By Donna Woloshyn, Program Manager  
*Introduced by Rosanne Glass/Saskatchewan Learning Regional Staff*

Division of the Department of learning: New Literacy Commission

Presentation: The Saskatchewan Literacy Commission - Attached

Donna provided an overview of the goals and objectives of this newly formed commission..

*The presentation included:* (a) mandate, (b) goals, (c) transition to operational, (d) advisory board, (e) foundation for education, (f) context for literacy learning, the changing statistics, (g) lifespan developmental process of literacy, (h)

Programs and Services, (i) Four strategies to address literacy (prevention, intervention, retention, and reclamation), (j) clarifying the definition of literacy, (k) essential skills, employability skills, & literacies for life, (l) the work ahead, (m) student achievement trends, (n) signalling a new era: literacy-A core value, and (o) building capacity: theory and practice = competence.

**7. Regional Updates:**

*Introduced by Rosanne Glass/Regional Staff –*

- RoseMary Beckie - Regional Superintendents of Children's Services, Saskatchewan Learning brought greetings for her region
- Judy Cormier: Region 5 meeting up coming in April
- Roseanne Glass - New appointment for the Minister of Learning: Debra Higgins
- Provincial childcare framework will have funding till 2007
- Strategy on childcare will move forward at slower pace at the provincial level
- Dept learning has created two departments:
  - (a) Saskatchewan Learning is responsible for early learning and childcare/K-12 education/Provincial Library,
  - (b) Advanced education and employment - Portfolio of Honourable Pat Atkinson
- Departments take effect April 1, 2006

**SCSA:**

The High School Symposium was a huge success. The theme was youth engagement

Nutrition Resource for teachers, geared for grades 5 & 6

Many of the regional representatives gave an overview of the projects and activities going on in their region. It is always nice to hear the innovated projects that are happening province wide. Some of things highlighted were,

- authentic partnerships - partnerships with community organizations
- arts and entertainment initiatives
- after school programs
- parental programs
- authentic parental partnerships
- literacy initiatives
- GED

- Work placements
- Multicultural initiatives
- Provincial school initiatives from neighbourhood provinces

**8. Closing Remarks:**

FYI – A very good Report

Princess Alexander Study report

Engagement and Leadership

If you are looking for a copy call 1-800-667-7762 or 1-306-373-1660

The Provincial Community School Mail list: Will be out shortly.

**9. Next Meeting :**

TBA: Will depend on the outcome of the survey being circulated.

Re: how often meetings should be: Regional and Community Schools Working Committee.

**10. Adjourned 2:11 pm (due to the winter storm)**