

**Saskatchewan Community Schools Association**  
**Executive Meeting**  
**Monday, October 19, 2009/1:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**Tommy Douglas Collegiate – 130 Bowlt Crescent, Saskatoon, SK (683-7910 for directions)**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Shelley Sargent - Carlyle Elementary, Jason Danyluk St. Mary Community School North Battleford, M.Guy Binette – St. Mary Community School North Battleford, Diane Kopchynski – St. Mary High School P.A., Nina Henry – Mount Royal Collegiate, Laureen Sawatsky – Princess Alexandra, Margaret Marsollier – KGCS P.A., Delphine Melchert – Ed SCSA, Donna Blunt – Caswell Community Saskatoon, Pat Erhardt – Ministry of Education, Ron Nowlan – Ministry Education, Dianna Kozak – Dr. Brass Community School, Robertine Elliott – Creighton Community School, Carol Kivell – Pleasant Hill Community School, Maureen Strawson – Bedford Road Collegiate, Ross Tait – Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Dean Brooman – Vincet Massy Saskatoon, Krystal Fehrenbach – Carlyle Elementary  
**Regrets:** Cathy Cochrane, Wendy Dice, Tanya Price-Wright

- 1. Welcome and introductions – Margaret Marsollier**
  - Margaret welcomed everyone for coming.
  
- 2. Additions /adoption of the agenda**
  - No addition to the agenda - Carol/Laureen
  
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting/errors or omissions/adoption – Krystal Fehrenbach**
  - No errors or omissions - Dean/Ross
  
- 4. Business arising from the minutes**
  - No business arising.
  
- 5. Financial report – Tanya Price Wright – General/Weyerhaeuser**
  - Total expenses from Sept 1, 2008 – August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 - \$26,237.72
  - Total Available to SCSA \$114,242.83  
Shelley/Dianna

**SCSA Weyerhaeuser Planting Dreams general**

  - Total Expenses from Sept 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009 \$23,179.54
  - Total Available to SCSA \$54,493.00  
Nina/Maureen

**6. Conference 2010 – Maureen Strawson/Ross Tait**

- Passed out flyer to look over
- Price to attend conference \$200
- Dates –March 24– 26/10
- Shelley will need registration form to post on the SCSA website.

**7. Newsletter – Nina Henry/Laureen Sawatsky**

- 16 paged newsletter went on web in September. Will be doing 2 newsletters - one late November and then at the end of the school year. Nina recommends a December and a June newsletter.
- Liability of photos in the newsletter will be looked into. Delphine will look into this.
- Thoughts - Is the newsletter being accessed on the web? How do we make sure the newsletter is being read? Recommend it be printed out at the school level – Each Coordinator distribute to division and school. Thinks about other ways to inform people about community education.

**8. Website – Shelley Sargent**

- Startlogics is about \$60 a year Pheonix is \$315. Shelley will look further into options and make a recommendation on a web host. Nina suggested to do a trial to see how easy it is to work with a host directly.
- Shelley will look at hits to the website. And pages that people are accessing

**9. Membership – Donna Blunt**

- Received 95 memberships last year, our goal will be 100 this year
- Meadow Lake tribal council has purchased memberships for 10 schools. Received a welcome package from SCSA.
- Memberships for this coming year will get mailed to Tanya.
- Is there an option to pay with Mastercard or Visa. – Tanya will look into this.
- What do we get for our memberships? (Is there a benefit)
  - Talk about this on a visioning day

**10. Thoughts for a visioning day:**

- SCSA how are we going to change to adapt for the future?
- Could we learn something from the Meadow Lake School on What process did they go through to become community school? (We can learn something)
- Resources – should non-designated community schools have access to the SCSA grants, resources, etc.

**11. Update from the Ministry – Pat Erhardt and Ron Nowlan**

**Ron –**

- Working on some outcomes and indicators for community education. Plan approved.
- Accountability framework schools engaging parent programming/culturally affirming/afterschool/evening programs.
- Ministry looking at accountability.
- Message - the relationship needs to be with your school division and your school. They tell ministry through financial reports. Divisions are accountable to you. Go directly to your division to find out where the money is going.
- Funding Review - Community Education opportunity to have say while review is going on.
- School Divisions are under major changes the last couple of years, so work together to get information to help you doing your job.

**Pat-**

- Frontier College, supports family and community literacy. Frontier College has approached the ministry about doing some summer programming. Ministry will proceed with developing a partnership to provide summer literacy camps.
- Idea for an in-service or planning day to do literacy training then find schools that would come out and do some training. Frontier College is Canada wide.
- Frontier goes to places that don't have it literacy programs. They train people to go run the program.
- SCSA is looking for proposal of presentations for school board conference.
- AFL results 4 schools have been selected for achieving high AFL results 3 out of 4 of these school were community schools. Looking into further on what made the difference. Looking at what works 2 elementary and 2 high schools.
- Nutrition document will be released later this week incorporates physical activity.
- Question - accountability to hire a community school coordinator –  
The duties as outlined in the communities of hope document are to be fulfilled – school divisions choose to hire a community school coordinator or someone in another position as long as the community educations functions happen.
- Funding for community schools - the dollars will stay the same until review is finished. All programming was funded then all funding in a whole increased by 20%.
- Child Nutrition Development Program – contact for this program is local RIC Coordinator. 2.2 Million dollars allotted.

## **12. Regional Rep Reports**

**Reps gave reports**

## **13. Executive Director report**

**14. Additions**

**15. Gifts: Do we buy gifts for outgoing executive member. Gifts to recognize years of service dollar value on years of service.**

- **Recommendation to develop a policy to recognize years of service within SCSA. Delphine will look developing something starting October AGM 2009.**

**16. Adjourn and next meeting**

**Guy adjourned at 3:45**