

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2003

In attendance: Ross Tait, Jane Robillard, Doreen Matschke, Laureen Sawatsky, Carol Kivell, Delphine Melchert, Barb Timoffee, Jayne Boulet, Beata Halizuk, Darlene Furber, Ryan Sproule, Brian Lumsdon, Nina Henry, Charlene Harasyn, Clint St.Denis, Jennifer Mercereau, Trudy McMillan, Shauna Welter, Carmen Prince, Penny Lynne Michlewright, Luanne Price, Dawn Deets, Sandra Opikokeu, Ted Amendt, Alison Bruneau, Dave Smith, Shannon Shakotko, Shelley Sargent, Dean Brooman.

1. Welcome Maureen Strawson

2. Guest Monica Goulet, Sask Learning  
Video: Strength of Spirit  
44minutes long

Monica asked for volunteers to sit on a committee for the Prince of Wales scholarship. Discussion on the video, Maureen commented that we are the first group of people to see the video. Monica said the video was a long time in the making. There were a lot of small contributors but Sask. Lotteries was the biggest. They will be shortening the video so that they can be used in the classroom. Maureen asked how we could get a copy of the video and a study guide; a list will go around for people to sign up to get a copy. Everyone had wonderful comments about the video. The guide will be for the middle year's students might be able to use at around grade three of four. Hopefully that senior admin could watch the video. The committee is talking about setting up a foundation to get the money back to the children. The cost of the video and study guide will be around \$40.00. The youth might travel with the video if they are available.

3. Minutes Margaret Mourot  
Ross motion that the minutes be accepted with the change,  
Delphine seconded

4. Financial Report Dawn Deets  
Dawn explained the financial report and moved that they be accepted.  
Seconded Carol

5. Sask. Learning Report Rosanne Glass sends her regrets.  
Ted gave the report, very busy at Sask. Learning in the month of March. Twenty-one divisions will pilot school plus. We have a good knowledge of what community education looks like but what does it look like in the classroom, we are now looking at this and are listening to the stories.  
- Role of the community school coordinator keeps changing, providing more leadership around community education. Hopefully with school plus happening people will be knocking on coordinator doors, (because who knows best). Ted

brought pamphlets to share. Sask. Learning is on line now. Faye Moen has put a question on line and would like stories, feedback from us.

Monica said that there is some misconceptions on what school plus or community schools are. If you need help Ted and Monica are traveling around and available to speak. Ideas to help stop this misconceptions: get the community ready, talk to the staff to get them on board, don't give them rose colored glasses tell them the truth about money, at risk children and youth, this works for all children and the community. Maybe the name should be community plus instead of school plus so that you are building from the ground up instead from the top down. A video re community school that has children talking similar to the strength of spirit video. No hints about budget, just attending to listen

#### 6. Planting Dreams Report Delphine Melchert

- Delphine reported that the study is under way once the case study gets finished he would like to come and discuss it with us. The 2003 donation is on hold until the case study is finished. Wayne would like us to use the web site.

Nina said the fee to register a domain name is \$75.00, Pam Klein would help us. It would cost \$250.00 a year to maintain the site.

Weyerhaeuser's wondering how best to move forward with the association.

Planting dreams all designated up today pre-k will receive backpacks.

Delphine explained Prince Albert's fine arts venture; five Saskatchewan artists will go to our community schools to give lessons. We will be using the Margo Fournier center for a supper event and the E. A. Rawlinson center for a evening performance on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ted would like a copy of the video from Prince Albert.

#### 7. Newsletter Nina Henry

Nina just finished the newsletter and is handing them out. In the mail 4 copies cost .96 verses 5 copies at 1.40 so she is sending out 4 copies to each school. She asked for feedback on the format and topics chosen for the newsletter. Ideas given for next newsletter parent programs, parent involvement, maybe one on early literacy or family literacy this one could be in the fall. Could we have a newsletter on after school and evening programs for children, youth and adults this one will be in the spring newsletter.

Could one of the copies be in white so we can photocopy them, no problem, Nina reminder everyone to look at the website.

#### 8. Membership Luanne Price

51 schools have paid, reminders have been sent out to the rest.

#### 9. Canadian Association for Community Education

Faye Stupnikoff sends her regrets, Maureen read the report she sent.

A CACE Executive meeting was held in Vancouver in November. The new president has experienced some serious health problems and this has impacted on the progress of the organization. There have been threats of serious cutbacks for

Community Education and Community Schools in BC. Enzo felt that a great deal of time, effort and energy was being expended just on staying alive. We are so fortunate here in Saskatchewan that we have so much support from former Government. Sask. is heralded as a leader in Canada in the field of Community Education. This is partially due to all of your efforts in hosting the National Conference in Saskatoon last spring. Everyone works together and does so with a smile on their face and the other part of our success is due to government support. During my term of office with CACE our major focus centered on distance learning. Since the executive has moved to BC the new focus is early childhood. Because of Russ's Health problems I have continued with some of the Federal contacts for CACE. CACE member Mrs. Linda Nosbush has represented us in Ottawa, Montreal and this week in Banff dealing with federal initiatives regarding early childhood. Because of Linda's strong background in early childhood she has been an excellent representative and brings back to CACE a wealth of information regarding Federal initiatives. If SCSA could like her to share her findings at one of your meetings I am sure that she would be happy to do so. Incidentally expenses for her attendance are not covered by CACE. As we speak Russ is away in China. I wish that I could provide a more comprehensive report but without up to date information I am unable to do so. It is my hope to provide you with more definitive information at our next meeting. Maureen will keep us posted.

#### 10. SCSA Conference

Hard to hold a conference now that we have 100 plus schools across the province. As an executive we have decided to hold a couple on mini gatherings and one larger one. We were surprised to learn that we received from Sask. learning and we will be putting on a workshop for coordinators and administrators to learn about shared leadership. We will have another general meeting in the fall.

Executive meeting in Prince Albert on April 16<sup>th</sup>

At the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119 Education Center

From 11:00 till 2:30

Region 1: Shelley,

Northern Region: Brian.

#### 11. Website

Reporting Package – Lots of concerns everyone on the three year plan still have to send in their report. Maureen asked Ted to tell Faye to send out an email to everyone to explain. Ted apologizes for the mix-up to those who received the package when they weren't supposed to.

Delphine expressed a concern re the reporting package. Ted said to call Pat E. with our concerns. If you have goals and objectives just attach them to the form and that will be good. Email concerns to Ted Amendt at [Tamendt@sasked.gov.sk.ca](mailto:Tamendt@sasked.gov.sk.ca)

#### 12. Job alike breakout sessions: “I need help with...”

- Administrators –

- Community school coordinators – Salaried Nutrition person, hours a coordinator works,
- School staff
- Parents and volunteers

13: Summary of discussions

- hours a coordinator works,
- coordinators in Regina don't meet anyone canceled by the powers that be
- fun just to talk
- shared different programs at the different schools and where they got the money
- every coordinator does a different job
- who has information on how to evaluate programs to share
- Ted commented that they have information and will send it out
- Delphine said Karen A from Sask. health has great forms
- Ideas that they all have
- Early intervention
- Nutrition dollars is there enough, two schools in Saskatoon are struggling they have had a coordinators meeting and suggestions on how to split the money differently. Discussions are just starting.
- Support given to each other when were facing a issue.
- How do you address the issue of staff not wanting after school aboriginal programming
- Just keep modeling the community school program every document that comes out says we need to partnership with the aboriginal peoples
- Talked about coordinator roles
- Funding needed to hire a nutrition worker
- Funding needed to hire a assistant coordinator
- Target Program from the RCMP in Prince Albert from grades 6 to 9 full day of workshops

14. Next General Meeting: Fall of 2003

Executive meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> in Prince Albert

15. Adjournment

Maureen adjourned the meeting