

**SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday, October 17, 2003
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Saskatoon Public School Division Office
310 – 21st Street East. Saskatoon**

In Attendance: Dawn Deets, Luanne Price, Harvey Bitternose, Jane Robillard, Sandra Opikokew, Clint St. Denis, Charlene Harasyn, Nicole Weytowich, Bonnie Kraus, Cecile Smith, Dean Brooman, Ross Tait, Kin Kyle-Zwirsky, Jayne Boulet, Barb Timoffee, Wayne Roznowsky, David Forbes, Lyn Carduner, Lori Pulai, Joanna Landry, Reg Megyesi, Shelley Sargent, Prudence Owusu-Ansal and Margaret Mourot.

1. Welcome Maureen Strawson

Introductions made around the room

2. Guest Presentation on School Plus David Forbes, MLA,
Maureen introduced David Forbes who spoke on school plus.

- Partnerships between schools and community
- Touring the province explaining school plus.
- You're understanding of school plus depends on your perspective and where you are at.
- He read an article from the star phoenix.
- Wrote a letter that made recommendations to the government. He explained what he wrote.
- All levels of government must participate, bringing real resources to the table
- Website, community teacher engagement fund, career education, general education 4 main incentives.
- All the information is on the website.
- Keep going back to the role of the schools document.
- Community engagement a key to making school plus work.
- Different perspectives on the website based on who you are.
- Community schools are also able to apply for this funding.
- School plus is on the Government of Saskatchewan website and is a stand-alone site.
- Teaching for success a document by STF.
- School plus is more of a concept.
- Community schools have more resources.

Question and answer period

3. Pre-K Backpack Program Margaret Mourot

Everyone should have received backpacks, from the last year's designated schools. New designated schools will receive backpacks in the future. Letters were suggested to go out with the backpacks, this change will happen with the next backpacks. Weyerhaeuser will let us know about their involvement in the future. The schools that received backpacks this year received six. There will be a \$250.00 in replenishing money sent out to the schools in the next few weeks.

4. Minutes

Margaret Mourot

Everyone read through the minutes

Jane Robillard moved that the minutes be accepted

Seconded by Shelley Sargent

Dawn will check to see about the strength of spirit video, which was to send to all the schools.

Prince of Whales scholarships happened and will continue

5. Financial Report

Dawn Deets

Dawn presented the financial report.

Dawn moved that it be adopted

Delphine seconded

Business arising, coordinator principal leadership conference

6. Sask. Learning Report

No one in attendance due to an election call.

7. Planting Dreams Report

Wayne Roznowsky

Wayne started with Weyerhaeuser's start with the provincial association and the planting dreams project and the three-year agreement. Wayne also discussed the case study that they had done re the partnership. Wayne said that well get just under \$90,000.00 this year. The announcement will come this spring. Wayne has put forward a recommendation that they continue with another three-year partnerships. Wayne has also been working on other partnership for our association. We all need to work at promoting our association. Wayne said that Weyerhaeuser would continue with the three-year partnership.

8. Newsletter

Nina Henry

Nina is sick today. Sandra presented for Nina's flyer for the newsletter October 30th, February 6th, May 7th. Ideas for the newsletter Nutrition Interagency cooperation, innovative new partnership, stories from parents, growing pains, community education is learning for everyone.

9. Membership

Luanne Price

As of September 29th 79 schools have paid their membership 27 have not paid their membership. The cost is \$50.00 per year payable to SCSA; Luanne will invoice everyone for this year.

10. Strategic Planning

Maureen Strawson

Maureen spoke of the executive strategic planning.

Recommendations – hire a part time staff

- form support group that can answer questions
- create 3 provincial zones
- host a provincial conference
- clarify roles of association
 - vision
 - goals
 - objectives

Discussion:

- Newsletter dedicated to each provincial zone
- Hate to see it divided into three zones
- Would some of the questions go to Sask. learning?
- Dawn thought that Sask. learning would come to a group gathering rather than to each school
- Would there still be a directory
- Joanna Laundry spoke about having a provincial meeting in Regina
- Staff to help lobby and get our name out their make us well known in the province
- We need to have a huge conference
- Provincial planning conference committee
- Part-time staff person to do a website and maintain it
- We should measure our outcomes / documentation
- It will be quite a challenge to host a provincial conference
- There was a nice feeling with everyone at the CACE conference

Y Lori Pulai made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented, Jane Robillard seconded the motion.

11. Election of Executive:

- President - Maureen
- Vice President - Delphine
- Treasurer - Dawn
- Secretary – Margaret
- Membership – Luanne
- Newsletter - Nina
- Regional Reps:

Region 3 - Harvey Bitternose

Region 4 - Dean Brooman

Region 6 – Reg Megyesi / Marylou Hamoline

Region 5 – PA people will find someone

Region 1 – Shelly Sargent

North – ?

Y Sandra Opikokew made a motion that Margaret Mourot and Dawn Deets have signing authority on the Planting Dreams account. Luanne Price seconded the motion.

Maureen call adjournment of the meeting at 1:40