

**MORTLACH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

PRESENT: Rayleen Eberl, Kim Dreger, Kim Misuga, Tricia Lambert
TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES- Miranda Sonmor
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES- Not Present

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

MINUTES: Moved by Tricia Lambert and seconded by Kim Dreger that the minutes of meeting from June 6, 2017 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

1. LIP

- a. *Our co-created vision is: "A learning community that values everyone."*
- b. *Our co-created mission is: "A learning community that nurtures belonging, mastery, independence and generosity."*

The school data indicates our strengths to be our academic scores but our needs are social and intellectual engagement.

***Social engagement** is defined by belonging – sense of belonging and interactions within our school community i.e. clubs*

***Intellectual engagement** defined by interest and motivation as well as being challenged academically.*

*Therefore, we are approaching this need by introducing our school to "**Genius Hour**", which is a term for time to work on something you are interested or passionate about. Classrooms are already introducing our students to this concept, which will seem foreign to them at first. It is a different style of learning than they are used to but provides us an opportunity to teach the skills of our curriculums through their interests.*

*We believe by implementing **Genius Hour**, through the discovery of what they are passionate about, students will align with individuals of similar interests and values. They will begin to see belonging is deeper than how many friends they have and more about individuals of similar interests and values. This environment of belonging will revolve around a project, which will address the intellectual engagement and increase their interest, motivation and challenge them to think critically.*

2. LIT

Our LIT will monitor our progress on our LIP.

- i. We have defined the criteria for social and intellectual engagement as:
 1. Passion (social & intellectual engagement)
 - a. Know what their interest or passion is. (creativity & innovation)
 - b. Know why they are interested or passionate about it. (values)
 2. Resilience (intellectual engagement)
 - a. Ability to problem solve (critical thinking skills)

- b. Persistence to complete chosen project. (communication & collaboration skills)
 - c. Reflect on what worked; didn't work; would do differently next time.
3. Value of Self (social engagement)
- a. Awareness of what they value.
 - b. Understand that belonging extends beyond the walls of the school.

3. School Cash:

- a. What is it?
 - i. School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your child's school fees. i.e. milk cards, sport team fees, field trips, hot lunches
- b. Why?
 - i. **Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
 - ii. **Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods
 - iii. **Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school
 - iv. **Saves Time** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place
- c. When?
 - i. We will help parents sign up for an account at anytime. We will introduce School Cash at the BBQ, Bonfire & Breakout night and support parents in the sign up process in the computer lab.

4. Communication:

- a. We understand effective communication requires multiple avenues and opportunities to access information. To address that we will be considering the following methods of communication:
 - i. Newsletter - school information
 - ii. Website - information centre
 - iii. Remind app - teacher/parent communication
 - iv. Simply Circle - school/parent communication

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

Bonfire and Breakout- We will be holding a barbecue and marshmallow roast on Wednesday, September 27th. A note will be sent home with students advising them to bring their lawn chairs and roasting sticks. Supper will be from 5:30-6:30PM and the information session will begin at 7:15. Topics to be covered will be: Our 2017/2018 vision and mission, introduction to "School Cash" accounts, as well as the alternative methods of communication between school and parents.

Student Representative: Once we have a student representative in place, we will have them present their report at the beginning of meeting.

Treasurer- The role of treasurer is open. We will require someone to come forward to take on this role. In order to function at its best, we need to have a minimum of 5 members in our SCC. We are down 2 members. Encourage any parents that are interested in supporting come forward to join the SCC to aid us in our Community Council Mission:

“Our Mission is to form a strong bond between our school and community to ensure shared responsibility in the security and education of our youth”

Mortlach School SCC Facebook Page: We will amalgamate the “Mortlach School SCC” page with the new “Mortlach School” Facebook Page. We will post on our page ASAP letting page members know about this change prior to removing the page.

OLD BUSINESS:

SRC Report- QSP kickoff is set for October 12th and will run for 2 weeks. There will be no Halloween dance this year but we will still continue with the traditional “Costume Parade”. SRC will be holding a pancake breakfast this fall, likely to be in October. This breakfast will be open to the community.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Nothing new to report.

STAFF APPRECIATION SNACK: Kim Dreger will be taking care of Staff appreciation for the Month of September.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7PM

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kim Dreger that the meeting adjourned at 8:23PM