

**MORTLACH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Rayleen Eberl, Kim Dreger, Kim Misuga, Tricia Lambert, Terrie Glass, Sarah Rayner, Tana Timmons, Cheryl Searle, Erin McLellan  
**TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE-** Not present  
**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-** Not Present

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:18 PM

**MINUTES:** Moved by Tricia Lambert and seconded by Kim Misuga that the minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup> , 2018 be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

**SRC REPORT:** Milk Week: A cow will be hidden every morning around school with a riddle to solve and a prize to be awarded.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- Milk and cookies (free)

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>- Colouring pages

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- recess activities-planned by SRC

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>- dress like a farmer/cow day

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>- Sundae building- Forms will go home closer to the date. (proceeds to be given to Telemiracle)

Valentines day- Candy grams on sale Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at a cost of 25 cents - proceeds to be given to Telemiracle.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:**

**1. Parent Outcomes Meeting**

Darran Teneyke, Superintendent of School Operations for MJ, presented on outcome based assessment and how it is different from the previous curriculum. Outcomes are drastically different than objectives of the past. Therefore, understanding outcomes and how they are assessed is going to take time. Through many discussions and questions, we will begin to develop understanding of stakeholders.

This vast difference in how learning occurs has parents feeling “out of the loop” on their child’s learning. In the meantime, while we work at building parent knowledge and understanding, we encourage parents to feel free to call their child’s teacher at any time to discuss their progress and not wait until SLC’s to ask how they’re doing. If parents would like marks, please call and ask for them. Below are the topics that were discussed.

**A. Discussion points:**

**New progress report does not tell parent where child is at.**

The traditional ways of following the child's progress used to be tests coming home for signatures, percentages on report cards and parent/ teacher interviews. Today those things aren't happening... Why? Here are the reasons...

i) **New curriculum**

1. The new curriculum is about deeper learning and not basic recall of facts. We are focusing on the level of understanding and the skills needed to acquire that rather than remembering facts. This way of teaching is harder to "test" and give a mark. How does one assign a mark to "analyzing the factors that affect...."

This new curriculum means:

- a. Less homework coming home because it is more discussion, hands on, project based.
  - b. Less tests coming home because the skills required aren't easy to "test"; they show their learning through doing and discussing.
2. The wonderful part of the new curriculum is it provides opportunities for enriched learning and moving beyond the former 100% goal. Students no longer stop at 100%. They can extend their learning. Please keep in mind that this concept of beyond the outcome is new for teachers as well. So it will take time to learn just what 'going beyond' looks like in relation to each outcome.
  3. Parents can see what outcomes their child needs here.

<https://www.curriculum.gov.sk.ca/webapps/moe-curriculum-BBLEARN/FullResourceList?id=197>

ii) **Percentages and Achievement Indicators**

New progress reports will improve communication if, in the meantime, we provide two pieces of information instead of one for parents. While we continue to learn about outcomes, marks will be entered in the comments section of high school reports so that parents have a language that is familiar to them.

iii) **Progress Report Comments**

The purpose of a progress report is to effectively communicate authentic and accurate feedback to stakeholders about student learning and learning behaviors. It would be helpful if comments were simplified.

1. Simplify comments to strength and need for better understanding.

iv) **Achievement Indicators are confusing**

1. Achievement indicators are used to inform stakeholders of how their child is doing in relation to an outcome. The confusion lies in the fact that some outcomes go all year (English Language Arts) and some are term based (Health), so does the DE mean the same for each? DE in

September for ELA means your child is progressing towards the outcome as we would expect at that point in the year but in health it may mean they have reached the outcome and are moving onto another outcome.

v) **Student Achieve Portal**

1. Students Achieve has a parental portal just like Home Logic. We have not opened it because elementary teachers have never used an electronic grade book before like the high school students have. We wanted to give teachers time to learn the new system before letting the parents have access. Our high school piloted Students Achieve, which is why parents can't access marks, the portal isn't open yet but will be next year.
2. In the mean-time is there a way to provide a "parent portal" option? Varies from teacher to teacher.

vi) **Student Led Conferences**

1. SLC's are student focused; This means:
  - I. Students do all of the talking and parents don't really know what they've learned.
  - II. No time to talk privately with teachers about learning and social behaviors.

**2.LIP**

a. Social Engagement

i. Victoria and Doug Glasser paid for the Roughrider Bully presentation at our school that is happening tomorrow, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Staff Appreciation-** March 19<sup>th</sup>- Terrie Glass

**School Photos-** Lifetouch Canada is who has been doing the school photos in the past. Considering McMaster's to be an alternative option. Rayleen Eberl will do a cost/value comparison.

**Family Fun Night-** We will be holding a "Movie Night" on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7PM. We will run two movies simultaneously. We will check the rink for a popcorn maker. If not, Trish

will check the Co-op. We will provide candies and drinks in addition to the popcorn. Kim Dreger will send notes home.

**Self-Monitoring Survey-** Should be completed by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Kim Dreger will send the link.

**Student Led Conferences-** Conferences are being held on March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. SCC will present parents/guardians with an opportunity to complete the annual TTFM survey in exchange for a ballot for a "Movie Basket" draw.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Parent Information Night-** This will be an information packed evening to showcase what our high school has to offer our students. Credit planning, PAA, school sports, synchronous learning will be some of the topics covered. Grades 7 & 8's will be included. Date to be determined.

.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Kim Misuga made a motion to spend a maximum of \$50 on the Movie Basket draw. Tricia Lambert seconded.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 @ 5:30PM followed by Annual Meeting commencing at 7PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Kim Dreger that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM.