

School Community Council Update

The Parent Advisory Council Shared Successes

During the May 15, 2008 Parent Advisory Council meeting, participants shared ideas and success stories.

Big River School Community Council

Every year the Big River School Community Council sponsors a community potluck and barbecue. The whole community attends! The SCC also sponsors family dances and movie and bingo nights. With the closure of the mill, many fathers have gone to work elsewhere so these kind of events help keep the community together.

To support the learning program, the Big River SCC sponsors a butterfly project. Butterfly eggs are purchased and students observe the stages in a butterfly's life cycle. This year's butterflies were released on May 15th. The SCC is also sponsoring field trips to the newly opened Boreal Forest Learning Centre near Ness Creek.

Fundraising

The annual hamburger sale raises approximately \$4, 000.00! Along with the traditional hamburger sale, community members can order hamburgers to be delivered to their home or business. In addition to the events mentioned above, the Big River SCC provides funds for the following projects:

- Visits by interactive children entertainers;
- The School Safety Patrol Program;
- A fence for T. D. Michel Community School; and,
- The **Go Green** Program. (Dishes, cutlery and dishwashers were purchased to eliminate disposable cups and dishes.)



East Central School Community Council

Fundraising Ideas

- Pizza sales (100% participation). Funds from this project support the Grade 7 and 8 annual field trip;
- The government pays for community groups to clean ditches. Therefore, folks at East Central School clean the ditches near the school as a fundraising activity;
- The SCC provides workers for one of the entrance gates at the annual Prince Albert Exhibition;
- The school hosted a school division track meet with over 300 athletes attending. The SCC organized the canteen and sold food; and,

Words of Wisdom

PAC participants offer the following Words of Wisdom:

- If you want a fundraiser, meeting or school event to be well attended, serve food.
- Make your school what you want it to be.
- You need passionate volunteers.
- Plan a school activity around other community activities such as hockey or ball.
- The SCC is for the community and therefore community members are valuable participants.

- At the Christmas concert, there is a raffle of items donated by community members. The silver collection is used to buy books.

Supporting Families

At the annual Halloween Dance every family brings a bag of treats which are distributed at the end of the night. On the last day of school there is a year end picnic. The School Community Council sponsors a monthly hot lunch. Each child pays \$12 a year which provides him/her with a hot lunch each month and the Christmas dinner.

Spruce Home School Community Council

Supporting Families

- A hot meal is served every month (hot dogs, tacos, pizza);
- Movie night and the SCC sponsors the canteen;
- Family Dances;
- Christmas and Halloween dances with raffles;
- Every two years the SCC sponsors a community barbecue. This year the event will be a community potluck; and,
- The Christmas Store is sponsored by the SCC. Students can shop for gifts for under \$10.00. The SCC purchases merchandise from FUN Services Canada: www.funservices.ca.

The School Community Council raised funds to support the Grade 7/8 camping trip.

John Diefenbaker School Community Council

The School Community Council supports the following activities:

- A Grade 6 Penny Carnival at Halloween;
- A meet the teacher night and barbecue in September. The food and social activity motivates the community to get into the school and meet the teachers;
- Families are asked to donate items to the Christmas Hamper raffle. Tickets are sold and the hampers are raffled off at the Christmas program. The seller of the winning tickets also gets a prize; and,
- The SCC sponsors the Health Fair and the School Safety Patrol.

The School Community Council invited Toni Cooke to visit and talk about the F&ST Program. (For more information about F&ST contact Toni Cooke at 764-5952.) As well an employee of the Prince Albert Forestry Centre presented information about the SPLIT Program. The SPLIT Program provides an opportunity for students and community members to participate in a landscape design and planting initiative. (For more information about the SPLIT Program visit www.evergreen.ca.)



St. Louis Community School Council

The St. Louis Duck Derby is the major fundraiser for the School Community Council. People purchase a rubber duck for \$5.00 and in June the rubber ducks are released on the South Saskatchewan River. The owner of the first duck across the finish line wins. There is

a free barbecue and the event is well attended by the community. Approximately \$8,000.00 is raised each year.

There are some great archeological digs on the river bank near St. Louis. The School Community Council can tap into these natural and cultural strengths of the community.

Debden School Community Council

The School Community Council involved parents and the community in its Annual Meeting by providing a presentation by the RCMP on drugs and hosting a community dinner. Following the presentation by the police, parents felt they were on the same team with the RCMP.

The classes have a number of fundraisers and share events with nearby schools. There are a number of activities in the school: a drama production, an English and French oratory competition, sporting events and school camping trips. Christmas dinner is provided for everyone at no charge. Hot lunches are prepared each week by volunteers with student help.

Arthur Pechey School Community Council

Parents were surveyed about talents they could offer to students in the school. The survey provided a list of parents and grandparents who would be willing to be involved if they were asked.

West Central School Community Council

The School Community Council prepares a community calendar as a fundraising event. Advertisement spots in the community calendar are sold and then the calendar is sold to community members. Through fundraising efforts, the SCC has put a SMART board in every classroom in the school.

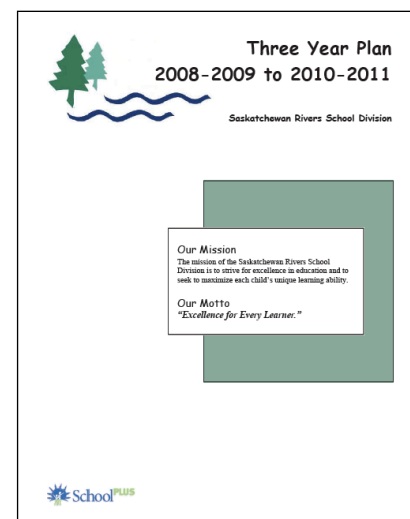
Kinistino School Community Council

The Kinistino School band was invited to attend a music festival in Ottawa, one of two bands in Saskatchewan. A banquet and a live and silent auction raised \$12, 500.00 for the band trip!



The Three Year Plan

The Three Year Plan: 2008-2009 to 2010-2011 was recently released by the Board of Education. This plan outlines the progress the Board wants to make in numerous areas over the next three years. The complete plan is available on the school division web site at www.srsd119.ca/continuousimprovement.html. As well copies are available at schools and the Education Centre.





THE PRINCE ALBERT SMART FAMILIES FOOD CO-OP

The Smart Families Food Co-op is a local group with approximately 660 members in and around Prince Albert. The Co-op provides boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables to the general public at affordable prices. Participants pay \$20 for a large food box and \$10 for a smaller box.

The program is open to anyone, regardless of income level or location. Buying a Good Food Box is a great way to eat healthier while also saving time and money. **For more information, contact the program coordinator at 763-0242.**

Important dates:

- **June 4:** Large food box payment deadline
- **June 11:** Large food box pickup

- **June 18:** Small food box payment deadline
- **June 25:** Small food box pickup

- **July 2:** Large food box payment deadline
- **July 9:** Large food box pickup



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