



MINE CENTRE SCHOOL



June 2018. School Council Annual Report

The Mine Centre School Council's main role is to make our school a better place for learning. It is meant to encourage parents and community members to participate in education. It functions to identify and respond to the educational needs of the community. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend all School Council meetings and to participate in School Council activities.

2017-2018 Council Members:

Sue Boshey- Chair & parent rep.
Sherrice Windego- parent rep.
Wendy Perreault- parent rep.
Becky Kingbird- Education Coordinator and Community rep.
Carol MacLean- Community rep.
Melanie Allen- Support staff
Marge Hale- Teaching staff
Barbe Dennis- Principal and non- voting member
Theresa Love- Recording secretary and non-voting member

This year our School Council met four times:

October 2, 2017
November 28, 2017
March 27, 2018
April 24, 2018

The Community, Culture and Caring goal of the Mine Centre School- School Improvement Plan states that: If we build a strength based community then students will develop a greater sense of belonging, well being and commitment to learning. Activities promoted by our school council align with the strength based philosophy.

School Council supports healthy living for all students and staff in our school. School Council approved 10 days to serve foods not in the Healthy Foods and Beverages guidelines. School Council discussed ways to increase funding into our school breakfast program and ensuring healthy hot lunches through our community programming that serve the needs of the students while abiding by Healthy food policies. School Council provided input into our school "Fruits and Vegetables" strategy to increase fruit and vegetable consumption in school including approving that all school council sponsored events include snacks that are fruits or vegetables. They also provided feedback and ultimately approved activities involved in this initiative- namely our "You're the Chef" program.

This year, School Council planned and supported our Family Arts event. The event was held on May 7th, 2018 from 11:40- 2:50. Families chose activities to participate in. Options were: Print Making, Sketching and Sequence Drawing, Outdoor Art- Family Mandelas,



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Connected North Session with Nyle Johnston on “Our First Family”, tobacco pouches, dream catchers and writing family songs. Lunch was provided by Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation- tacos and wild rice casserole. A snack was prepared and served by members of the council: healthy oatmeal cookies, fruit and fruit infused water. Approximately 72% of our families attended the event.

At each School Council meeting, members reviewed the MCS Learning Plan and discussed actions related to the plan. As well, members reviewed the School Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and provided feedback.

Looking ahead to 2018-2019:

Regular Meetings will continue to be held on the last Thursday of each of September, November, January and March. Special meetings will be held based upon need.

Continued priorities for the 2018- 20189 year include:

1. Council will work on getting more parental involvement in the council. Parents will be contacted by Mrs. Dennis in early September to seek input and suggestions on how to get parents more involved and to determine priorities for our council. Council members will be encouraged to “bring a friend” to meetings.
2. Council will continue to focus on supporting cultural teachings and activities in the school.
3. Council will be encouraged to examine current trends and data with regards to student attendance in school and provide input into ways to improve student attendance at Mine Centre School.