



# MINE CENTRE SCHOOL



## **June 2017. 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.

### **2016-2017 Council Members:**

Sue Boshey- Co Chair & parent rep.  
Barb McMillan- Co. Chair & parent rep.  
Jenna Beaulne- Parent rep.  
Matthew Beaulne- 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 4, 2016  
December 9, 2016  
February 28, 2017  
April 4, 2017

The Community, Culture and Caring goal of the Mine Centre School- School Improvement Plan states that: IF we purposefully teach and employ strength based practices at Mine Centre School, THEN there will be: greater engagement by students and a greater sense of belonging. 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 including working on a grant proposal and suggesting a school garden. School Council provided input into our school "Water Does Wonders" strategy to increase water consumption in school. They also provided feedback and ultimately approved activities involved in this initiative.

This year, School Council planned and supported our Family Wellness event. The event was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:00- 2:50. Families chose three activities to participate in. Options were: Family Gardening, Smoothie and Healthy Snack bar, Neighbourhood Games and Sugar Shock display, a Wellness Walk at our outdoor classroom, Mindfulness, Anxiety Busters and Family Yoga. A snack was prepared and served by members of the



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council: healthy oatmeal cookies, fruit and fruit infused water. Families received take home items including newsletters, links to websites, brochures and print material- all to promote family wellness. Draw prizes included recipe books, other books on wellness topics, aroma and yoga materials. Approximately 80% of our families attended the event.

## **Looking ahead to 2017-2018:**

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

## **Suggested priorities for the 2017- 2018 year include:**

1. Continue to 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.
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.