

Brunswick SCC Minutes
March 6, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement

At Brunswick School, we acknowledge that we are Treaty 6 people and that we live, work and play in Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota, and the homeland of the Métis. It is a privilege to live on this land as it allows us to learn, to educate, to earn a living, and to engage in recreation in its vast beauty and peacefulness. We acknowledge that this land enriches the lives of all who reside here in every way.

As caretakers of the land, we pledge to learn, understand, and show respect for the interconnectedness of all living things in the spirit of Reconciliation.

3. Attendance
 - a. Lisa B, Chandra G, Laurel K, Andre D, Alison, Melissa, R Jones (Gr 3), Taylor (Gr 1), Jenna (K parent), Kent (K parent),
4. Approval of Feb. 5, 2025 Minutes (moved Andre, Second Alison), Approved.
5. Approval of Agenda - approved by unanimous consent.
6. Staff Intro - Taylor Reimer (Literacy leadership group member) & Rikki Jones (cultural leadership group member)
7. Old Business/Follow Up
 - a. Basic Needs
 - i. Food - Support emergency lunches - budget exists for that. Helpful things would be to bake in the servery, notifying if stock at school is low, ensure record used food. Frozen items can keep a long time. Fresh fruit won't keep (canned fruit, dried fruit, apple sauce).
 1. Not a use for SCC budget.
 2. Human resources would be helpful. Monthly workbees to put packages together for non-perishable items, premade sandwiches to freeze. Grade 6 volunteers during lunches to run lunches from servery?
 - ii. Clothes - Chandra update on clothing needed?
 1. Lost & found not inventoried yet
 2. Will definitely need underwear up to grade 2 sizes new. Socks also.
 3. Winter gear is in stock, not needed.
 4. Motion: Alison: moves that up to \$400 be spent on new underwear for preK-2 sizes, socks for all ages, and wet wipes. Andre seconds. Passed by unanimous consent.
 - iii. Cleaning Carpets - responsibility of the caretakers in school. Vacuumed regularly, shampooed over breaks. Don't always have staff at school. Can SCC shampoo lower grades more often? Buy a carpet cleaner?

Linen companies. Health & wellness solution allows kids to be present to learn.

1. ACTION ITEM: Chandra will confirm this is possible & who to ask.
2. ACTION ITEM: Alison will find cost of carpet cleaner.
3. ACTION ITEM: Andre to investigate how much a linen service to bring in & change out new clean rugs regularly.
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Admin provide - How many, What are the specifications for these rugs? Must be fire rated. Need specifications from Admin.

iv. Staff Wishlists - Chandra

1. ACTION: Admin to provide list with # needed and cost for next meeting.
 - a. Carpets
 - b. Decodable books - need 100s. Comes in packs of 36 (6 copies of 6 books). Option to buy books or buy copies that are reproducible (photocopy rights)
 - c. Tunnel, chair, tents
 - d. Sewing machines
 - e. Xylophones for music ed
 - f. Chair cushions
 - g. Wipeable Floor cushions & other alternate seating options
 - h. Snowshoes - with some traditional pairs (and other outdoor education items)

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b. Communication

i. Follow up with Stacey's emails

1. Communication from community
 - a. List from Stacey of scc questions we can address on newsletter. What goes to admin or teachers, what goes to SCC.
 - i. Contact office for SCC members' contact info to talk to them.
 - ii. Forward info through admin
 - b. Language around this - feedback and questions we have?

ii. Are we doing a newsletter?

1. Can go out on edsby, for those not using edsby how to get to them
2. What 2 way line of communication can be advertised on edsby
3. What subjects to cover in newsletter?
4. Feedback loop from newsletter - put information out there, also get feedback from the community.
 - a. FAQs like: why are building bridges student led? Division Policy.
 - b. Ask - what does community want in the newsletter? What q's do you have?

- c. Watch for LAFOIP and Conflict of Interest.
 - i. Reason for Admin to be in charge of this.
 - ii. Reason to use google forms. All of SCC would have access to it.
 - 1. Best option we have at this time.
 - d. First q on first edition of newsletter - here's possible purposes, what information do you want? Google form and a paper form.
 - 5. Printed off copies will be at the Office if they wish to fill out paper versions of it.
 - 6. Newsletters outside of just edsby? Printed off? Teachers could send paper copies out? Who pays for printing.
 - 7. SCC group on google, can create forms on google to collect feedback. Then SCC and admin can review it.
 - 8. ACTION ITEM: Post on river and posters/survey at building bridges in the office.
 - a. Did you know students are invited to Building Bridges because it is division policy? You can schedule one-on-one with your students' teachers any time through the year.
 - b. We are currently planning a regular newsletter.
 - c. What other information do you want to see in a newsletter?
 - i. Google form & paper copies. - link, what do you want to see in a newsletter,
 - ii. Paper forms at the office to fill out.
- 8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Determine where to spend money (see discussion point from staff wishlist above)
 - i. Library prize funding - e.g. bookmark contests. \$150 budget.
 - 1. Andre moves to spend \$150 for library contest. Laurel seconds.
 - ii. Hot lunch funding? Next is hot dogs in april, pizza in May.
 - 1. How to support learning & community engagement (in May?)
 - 2. Community engagement event with food? Pride group activities?
 - 3. ACTION ITEM: determine the nature & cost of this event by next meeting to approve funding.
- 9. School Report
 - a. Admin Report:
 - i. Strategic plan
 - 1. Teachers sharing with each other their edsby homeroom to see what's possible.
 - 2. Adaptive aquatics - some students and EAs go each week, 10 week program. Program had not been active for a few years. Occupational therapist, DET there.
 - ii. Parent concerns re: traffic, parking. U-turns, double parking, student safety. Call city and police if this is seen. SCC can support by encouraging contacting city and police. Priority is student safety.

1. Snow removal - city responsibility.
 2. Put info on this on newsletters?
 - iii. Attendance - some significant absences excused by parents. Some missing 30% of a month (\geq day per week). One day per week = 40 days/year = 8 weeks/year, over 13 years missing months/years of schooling.
 1. Under 80% attendance at all grades (pre-K even) can lower graduation ages.
 2. Significant unexcused absences would send letters to families.
 3. Q: Are there attendance concerns conversations between parents?
 - a. Bullying or mental health days?
 - b. Should parents put reason in comments?
 - iv. Staffing Changes
 1. Jodi on leave thru april
 2. Melissa accepting a job in White Fox next school year.
 - b. Qs
 - i. Bullying? Anxiety?
 1. Can SCC find or communicate supports that are there about Mental health in youth. What information is out there? Related to absences potentially? Proactive actions?
 - c. Building Bridges - SCC help with anything?
 - i. No need this time.
10. New Business
- a. NESD SCC Parent Connect Event - May 1st, 7-9pm community presentation, SCC portion 5-7pm.
 - i. Some SCC members will help host
 - ii. ACTION ITEM: Qs to Stacy: Who is invited to event, what info to send to community?
 - b. Track & Field - date and SCC help with anything?
 - i. Lunch - need volunteers. Ask other groups, spca to fundraise?
 - c. AGM Plan
 - i. Put date on April newsletter. Google doc for nominations.
 - d. Volunteer list - standing list of people interested in helping out with different types of opportunities? Also who has record checks on file.
11. Next Meeting - Scheduled for April 8th @ 5:30
12. Adjournment