

Brunswick SCC Minutes
March 4, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order 5:35pm
2. **Present:** Rob Unruh, Diane Cote, Taylor Eastcott, Erica Markwart, Rikki Jones, Lisa Burke, Scott Hermus, Virginia Zimmer, Andre DuToit
3. Welcome, Introductions, Land Acknowledgement and Attendance
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.
4. Approval of February 3, 2026 Minutes
 - a. Approved by Scott Hermus
 - b. Seconded by Virginia Zimmer
5. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by Virginia Zimmer
 - b. Seconded by Scott Hermus
6. Staff Introductions:
 - a. Diane Cote-Grade 4 Rikki Jones-Gr 3/4 (School Culture)
 - Diane and Rikki are the School's Indigenous Leads with support of Penny Moore the Indigenous Education Learning Coordinator.
 - Kokums Scattering Education Tools-teaching bundles, Treaty education/resource bundles, Legends
 - February is Indigenous storytelling month. Treaty Commissioner arranged for Cort Dante to come and share legends and story's with Brunswick Div 1 &2
 - Red River Park-Grades 3/4 went on a field trip to Prince Albert Red River Park in February. Students enjoyed Land Based Living and Teachings through various activities including snowshoeing, Bannock cooking and eating, sliding on the hills.
 - Grandfather 7 Sacred Teachings-February teaching is Love.
 - Continuing with Orange shirt day end of every month
 - Land based learning-students spending time with school yard fort building and Gr 3 walking to Winter Wonderland at the Melfort Golf Course. Students are learning about school culture and responsibilities in society.
 - b. Erica Markwart Gr 5, Tayler Eastcott-Kindergarten (Self Regulation)
 - Continue with body breaks in class, journaling, coloring displayed through slideshows,color pages, posters.
 - Using the fidget toys and objects in each classroom. They will reach out to SCC if they require more to support their students.
 - Teaching and supporting students to understand why they are practicing self-regulation in their day. Using these skills help to teach a calm mindset and in turn use them effectively as they grow.
 - Monthly self-regulation plans Mar-meditation, Apr-stretching, May-bodybreaks

7. Old Business/Followup

- a. Movie night for families (Andre)-each theatre can be rented in full by school. One holds 157 the other holds 79. We decided not to pursue this option as we could not tie it into school learning or bring the community back to the school.
- b. Spirit Days - be released for March and in future ahead of time.

8. New Business

- a. Set AGM date for May 5. Further details to be released once Chandra is available to help facilitate the nomination and voting process.
- b. Spirit Days to continue. Release the dates sooner for parents. March dates to be released soon. March 11-Manie Musicale theme/Chapeau day, March 17-green day, March 27-orange shirt day.
- c. Discussed possibility of a school pancake breakfast/classroom visit for families or family school picnic day closer to the beginning of 2026-2027 school year.
- d. Discussed asking if the supplied snacks can be alternating so that kindergarten students can share in all options.

9. Treasurer's Report -nothing new to report. Treasurer not in attendance.

10. School Report

- a. Chandra on leave - she is available through Edsby messages and email. Planning to return to work March 19.
- b. Val Bittman retirement after 2026 school year. Stacey Mamer transferring from Nipawin school. Class assignments to be determined.
- c. Lockers/Cubby's-we are unable to set rows of lockers on both sides of the hallway, prevents use of electrical outlets and halls are too narrow. Review option to place lockers elsewhere along one side. Hopefully can find a suitable spot so that the change can happen over the summer.
- d. Telemiracle Carnival-success. Students and Parents that attended enjoyed it. Raised **\$3xxx (the total was removed from the river)**
- e. Austin Shepard \$1000 Donation - Thank You posted on the river.
- f. Track Committee-what support can SCC provide? Requested track schedules are posted with the volunteer request form so parents can review them at the same time. Date set for Thursday rather than Friday to encourage a regular school day attendance. Requested extra high school student runners for each leader group. Requested students eat lunch with their group to stay together. Discussed using the point and Pride group medal awards again rather than ribbons. NESPCA will do the concession again.
- g. Gr 5 math assessment platform exploration and field testing Apr 20- May 1 with June 8-19 field testing.
- h. Library renovation-students enjoying new design. The LED fish tube is a hit.
- i. New staff hired-Heather Pater-PreK EA, Agapita Damaano-EA, Kylee Farber-Gr 6 AM. Mrs Staples has returned.
- j. Report cards sent out in March with Building Bridges being set for Oct. 16th and 19th.
- k. Next meeting Staff introduction: Darren Grabill, Alexa Staples, Kylie Farber

11. Next Meeting - March 31, 2026 - 5:30pm
12. Adjournment 6:23pm