



SCC

October 6th, 2015

In Attendance: Lana Fahlman, Wanda Lorenz, Laurel Hall, Karen Boechler, Linda Wilcocks, Lance Elder, Lisa Allen

WELCOME and THANKS for coming!

Agenda:

- SCC Positions
 - Chair – Linda Wilcocks
 - Vice – Lana Fahlman
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Laurel Hall
 - Members at Large – Karen Boechler, Wanda Lorenz
- Martin Population – 560. We project 700 next year. 8 new teachers joined Martin staff.
- Program additions
 - New Courses - Drama, Choir, Band, Info Pro, Calculus, Accounting, History, French, Law, Creative Writing.
 - Extracurricular - senior sports back, jazz band, Aboriginal Leadership, a school store, and more to come.
- Attendance Strategy – RPS has a new attendance strategy. Attendance clarification.
 - Last year our average monthly perfect attendance awards were around 30. This September we had 117 students' perfect attenders!
 - Response from both students and community has been good. Students are being more responsible.
 - Community response has been agreeable regarding the importance of participating in Final assessments.
 - Some concern that School Related absences should not count against a student's incentive.
- Graduation – Regina Public Schools has decided to stop hosting a Graduation Banquet, but will, in collaboration with students and families host another celebratory event.
 - Concerns that this came out and parents did not have any say. The banquet was put to question considering the increase in cost to families and that numerous families in our communities were opting out of participating in these celebratory events because of

money. Also, our ability to keep these events safe is becoming more and more challenging.

- Awards Ceremony – Typically we have awards ceremony in the spring on the last day of school when students pick up their report cards. Last June this was poorly attended. It is suggested that we consider a night event and/or push this to September.
- Science Financial Request - Would you be willing to cover the cost of bus transportation (on Oct. 30th) for approx. 80 grade 9 students and staff to attend the screening of The Martian? We have been reading the book to our science 9 classes. Cost will be approx. \$200.00. - Passed
- Parent Questions/Ideas
 - Football Team Picture – Since we have many students playing for the Sheldon Football team, can we put the photo in the Yearbook? - Lisa Allen has forwarded this to the yearbook committee.
 - Cheer – Will Martin have a Cheer Team – If an approved club/sport, with appropriate supervision and a volunteer teacher, we are willing to create any program.
 - Peer Tutoring – We are beginning a peer tutoring program this year.

Next Meeting - November 24th 6:00. All are welcome!