# MBSCC October agenda (October 15-22nd)

- 1) Approve A3's as presented
  - a) <u>Early Years goal</u> (similar to last year, focus on early years assessment, environmental set up of room to support early learning)
  - b) FNM engagement goal (focus on First Nation students building relationships)
  - c) Holistic well being goal (focus on screen time, focus on Trauma Informed practices many students have Trauma induced challenges that can be barriers staff PD to learn how to support, focus on Covid Safety practices while keeping anxiety to a minimum. SCC -we will share and if you can support Trauma induced understandings and support, and covid anxiety support and anxiety support in general)
  - d) Reading Writing math goal (similar to the past, focus on reading scores and support) Any support the SCC can provide to reading is appreciated.

i) Motion to approve: Jill Gendallii) Seconder: Candace Kaminski

Thank you! RS

2) Playground equipment...promote that for our next elections that this will be a priority of SCC (fundraising this year is at a halt due to covid...hopefully won't be next year....grants will be a big part)

Does anyone have a rich uncle that owns a playground equipment store that wants to donate to our school LOL I wish! Lol RS

This undertaking scares me! EW

My cousin owns a company but I don't think that will help us any lol TK

I agree, Erin, this is a huge undertaking... maybe it would be good to start with a small, manageable step. Brandi and I are starting to make some phone calls and look into what grants may be available towards our playground improvements. It would be great if we could receive enough for one small piece of equipment, and then hopefully receive more next year through grants and fundraising. Maybe someone would be able to help fill in grant applications once we find some? -Jill

I will message the ones that had worked on Brunswick and Reynolds playgrounds and see if they have any tips. I only know of a couple people though. Maybe the schools have kept the information on grants etc and will share with us?? Randy, could you send an email perhaps asking about that? EW Yes, I can check RS

Brandi has contacted Naomi at Reynolds, and Naomi has shared her binder of grants. So at least we now have a starting point! -Jill

3) Clothing Store - link has been added to our web page...will send info out in the next email family update.

### 4) Hotdog lunch check in

Would it be allowed to do a drive by sale? I know some of the churches are doing take out meals for fundraising or could we bring something just for the students, like a pizza sale? Maybe have a pizza for each classroom or something? We could use the funds raised for the one school, one book if needed. EW

Someone would have to check with public health - maybe Ryan P.? RS

And is the thought that parents would take kids home for lunch? TK

Maybe sit in their cars outside the school! Just kidding. A family lunch isn't going to work but maybe a lunch just for students? EW

This is only my opinion - but personally i think we might want to stay away from serving food at this time. There are so many guidelines around food safety and Covid right now. Brandi

### 5) One school one book check in

Brandi and I would be willing to work on the family engagement part of this. We're thinking <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> would be a great book for this project. My boys loved the book and the movie has been quite popular. I haven't seen the movie but the reviews are good. Any other feedback on this or suggestions for other books?

I think in order for us to have time to put it together and do it well, we would start after Christmas. Either mid Jan-Feb break, or after Feb break- mid March. Thoughts?

Since we wouldn't be able to have a family movie event in the gym this year, maybe instead teachers could show it in their classroom one afternoon? And we send home a few bags of microwave popcorn to each family and encourage them to have a family movie night (If they have Disney+ they could watch <u>The One...</u> and if not, they watch something else together as a family.) -Jill

Wow - that is a huge undertaking!! But sounds amazing!!! RS

This sounds like the perfect family event during covid! I love everything you have mentioned! I will help out anyway I can. Do we have an idea of the book cost?? Or should we make a motion to spend X amount to get the ball rolling?? EW Additional note- Brandi checked with Kendra, and we have 122 families. Brandi has begun looking into where we could purchase the book. If there is agreement from the SCC, we could purchase them and begin planning... but if you have other ideas, please let us know- we're open to feedback! -Jill

Definitely a great school initiative...people loved it last time. TK

Do we have a certain amount of money in mind that we could budget toward this project if we go ahead with it? -Brandi

I just checked amazon.ca- paperback copy is 12.86. Suggesting we buy 135 copies (122 families, plus one for each classroom, and a few extras), we would be looking at close to 2000. Scholastic.ca doesn't have it but maybe with a phone call, we could find

it. It would be nice to support Scholastic, as some money goes back to the school for books.

If we are also thinking of sending home popcorn or other treats for a family movie night (plus maybe prizes for answering questions like last time,) I think it's reasonable to round up to \$1000. So I would like to suggest a \$3000 budget for this project. -Jill

\*I will make a motion that we allocate \$3000 for the 'One School One Book' family engagement and literacy project, pending budget approval. (Carey?) -Brandi Moskal

#### I will second that motion. I love this idea! EW

At the end of last year we had \$2300 remaining from prior years, it seems that our students are down from the prior year so I am expecting that our annual grant will decrease. To be conservative I'm going to say about \$500 (may be less, not sure). That means that we will receive approx \$1200 this year.

This would give us a total of \$3,500 for activities. It all depends on what other activities that we may want to do. When we did this project last time, the book cost was approx \$1500 in total and I think we purchased from Mcnally Robinson (or some bookstore). I went and found the invoice and they gave us a 30% discount on the purchase. May be worth trying there.

If you are looking at doing something for the book fair this year, (similar to the coupons that we did last year), you may want to decrease the overall budget for the one book. Just a thought. However, I would propose that whatever budget is chosen that we leave approx \$400-\$500 as an opening balance for next year. Simply, because if student number drops as does our grant. To be honest, its hard to say where funding may or may not be cut in terms of this grant. I can't see it being taken away but I have seen stranger things happen.

Therefore \$3000 is reasonable budget, however, that does not allow for additional projects to take place. I won't know the new grant money coming in until likely mid November - CN.

Thanks for weighing in Carey! It's good to know what we've spent on the books in the past, and where we got them from. Whoever purchases them will definitely want to shop around, and ask places to give us a good deal, since it's for a school family engagement/ literacy project!!

I'm in favour of the motion. - Jill

## 6) Other

Is there anything that the school needs that we can help with? EW Right now we have some COVID funding for items, that we are still sorting out provincially, so we will see how that falls and can then let you know....so can't think of anything in specific right now. RS