

Parent Council Minutes: November 13, 2012

- Called meeting to order at 7:04. There were 8 people in attendance.
- Ms. McKinnon gave Vice-Principal's report.
 - A \$250 grant has come through for Healthy Snacking. HMK has partnered with Blake Roe at Neepawa Shop Easy to provide a healthy snack every Wednesday afternoon using local Manitoba produce. Ms. McKinnon asked if parent council would consider adding funds to this program or provide prizes for students seen eating healthy – to be discussed further at a later date.
 - On December 5, Heart & Stroke Foundation will do a 30 minute presentation to the school about active living, healthy eating and avoiding smoking.
- Jamie reviewed the Secretary's report. We have correspondence in regards to Manitoba Association of Parent Council meeting in Winnipeg May 3-4, 2013. We will discuss closer to the date whether any of our council members will be able to attend.
- Twyla gave the Treasurer's report. We made just under \$5000 with Scoop-a-lot.
- Mr. Hanke gave his Principal's report.
 - A pamphlet was sent home about the new report cards. November reports are the first time staff will be using the new format. Comments/feedback on the new report cards are welcome.
 - Mr. Hanke was given a number of samples of WOW butter – a nut & peanut free substitute for peanut butter. Contact Mr. Hanke if you would like some samples.
 - There was a public meeting November 5 in regards to increasing enrolment and the effects on school space in Neepawa schools. Hylife gives estimates of potential students – approximately half of these children come to Neepawa. HMK capacity is 425 students. There is currently 421 students enrolled. The Manitoba government has legislated that future Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes be limited to 20 students or less. Possible solutions to accommodate increased enrolment are: new middle years school, portables for Grade 6 students at Neepawa Collegiate, busing students to Eden or Brookdale schools or speciality schools for different streams like sports, arts or French.
 - Parent workers are needed for juice and jackets at the upcoming Spring Fling.
- Scoop-a-lot orders will be available for pick-up during Parent/teacher interview times on November 21 & 22.
- Staff appreciation week is hosted by Parent council the last week of February. Food provided to staff was well liked previous years so will be provided again this year. Noon hour recess supervision on Friday that week, will also be covered. If you are available for supervision or would like to provide a food item, please contact the school.
- A clothing swap or a donation box at the school was discussed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.