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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2011-2012, Prairie Valley had 35 School Community Councils in operation representing all 38 schools. Board Policy on School Community Councils indicates that, *“To facilitate communication the Board and the Director will develop procedures that allow for all School Community Councils to communicate with the Board at least twice each year.”* During the 2011-2012 school year, the Board provided three formal opportunities to meet with School Community Council members.

- On Saturday, October 15, 2011, the Board was pleased to host an SCC Workshop at Indian Head High School. This workshop provided training and development opportunities for SCC members in a number of areas including: new member orientation; the role of the chair and treasurer; supporting Learning Improvement Planning; engaging the public; and, First Nations and Métis Education.
- On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, the Board hosted their third annual Board-SCC Appreciation Supper. At this supper, Board members and SCC members were able to meet and engage in dialogue with one another prior to attending the Annual Meeting of Electors at Balcarres Community School.
- A third opportunity to meet occurred when the Board hosted Regional School Community Council Meetings in January and February of 2012. At these Regional meetings, Board members and SCC members engaged in a focused conversation where SCC members were able to discuss SCC issues with the Board and provide input to the Board. Issues discussed included school and community engagement, fundraising in schools and open questions and discussion. The Board and SCC members also used the occasion to dialogue, share ideas and network with one another at these regional meetings.

School Community Councils communicate and work with families, businesses, community members and other educational stakeholders in their school community to develop a shared responsibility for the learning success and well-being of their children and youth. One of their primary areas of responsibility is to assist with and support the school’s learning improvement plan. School Community Council members understand the needs and goals that their communities have for student learning, so they can offer valuable perspectives and supports.

School Community Councils also have responsibilities that are outlined in legislation. They communicate to the larger community about their role, actions and goals. They must account for the SCC funds that are acquired and spent to support the school’s learning plan or other initiatives or programs that are deemed to assist students in any way. Finally, School Community Council members are also asked to communicate with the PVSD Board to reinforce the Board’s role, division protocols, procedures, directions or initiatives. The Board also engages School Community Council members in their Strategic Planning and Public consultations. Clearly School Community Council members are a crucial support for student learning and achievement, for school based administrators to learn about their community’s

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expectations for their youth, and for the Board to understand the unique communities within Prairie Valley School Division.

As a part of their responsibilities, as outlined on the Prairie Valley School Division School Community Council Work Plan for 2012-2013, which can be found on the Prairie Valley School Division website under [SCC Member Information](#), School Community Council volunteers were asked to submit their Annual Activities Report and are required to submit their 2011-2012 Year End Financial Report to the Division by October 1, 2012. On the following pages, those Councils that completed their Annual Summary of Activities and their Year End Financial Reports are represented. The activity summary is also on the PVSD website under [2011-2012 School Community Council Activity Reports](#)

### **ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERVIEW**

- To date, 19 of 35 SCCs have provided a summary of their activities for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the same as last year.
- 2011-2012 was the third year of implementation of Prairie Valley's Learning Improvement Plans (LIP). The majority of SCCs identify that they are supporting the school's LIP goals.
- SCCs have worked diligently to promote and encourage parent and community involvement in schools.
- SCCs have participated in and supported activities that promote student learning and student initiative.
- SCCs have been active in communicating with their school's parents and community members. They communicate about their decisions and actions and they promote activities and events in the schools.
- SCCs have actively organized and supported staff and student appreciation events.
- SCCs have used their funds to support school and SCC initiatives, programs and goals.

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### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERVIEW**

- During the 2011-2012 school year, 32 of 35 SCCs submitted their Annual Financial Report in time for the results to be incorporated into the School Division's 2011-2012 Financial Statements. Those that were late are highlighted.
- All SCCs have now submitted their 2011-2012 Year End Financial reports and have received their \$2000 operating grant for the 2012-2013 school year.
- The opening balance of all SCCs combined was \$198,228 on September 1, 2011; the ending balance as of August 31, 2012 was \$212,265, an increase of \$14,037.

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### Arm River Colony School

**Member Writing Report:** Jamie Scheller

**Number of Meetings:** 5

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 28-February-2012

#### **Activities:**

Swimming lessons and Science Centre field trip to the Titanic display.

#### **Supporting LIP:**

Purchased books, games, manipulatives to support Math and ELA LIP initiatives, as well as magazine and website subscriptions for community members and students to support literacy in our ELA community.

#### **Literacy Initiative:**

Books, magazines, manipulatives, websites, kindergarten literacy packs. Awards were purchased for school and students.

#### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Rewards for achievement and success, birthday recognition, swimming lessons for all students, Science Centre field trip to see the Titanic Display, Eye Health presentation.

#### **Other Initiatives:**

Holiday art projects and gifts for parents and the community, appreciation gifts for school volunteers.

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### Balcarres Community School

**Member Writing Report:** Jill Currie-Noble

**Number of Meetings:** 9

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 16-April-2012

#### **Activities:**

Set up a booth at Parent Teacher interview night. Encouraged visitors about joining the SCC and making them aware what the committee does. The SCC had crafts for kids and served popcorn, coffee and tea to visitors.

#### **Supporting LIP:**

The SCC supported the Math LIP goal by supporting each class room from K-12 with suggestions provided by each classroom/math teacher.

#### **Literacy Initiative:**

SCC selection committee was formed and selections of writings from students were selected to submit to the Fort Times news paper.

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### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Award was presented to a deserving Grade 12 student in the top five academic, they had to show leadership, and demonstrate community or coaching involvement.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Welcome wagon at the beginning of the year for any new teacher or teacher's assistant. A basket of little goodies was presented to the new staff and was personally welcomed to our school. Meet and greet with the teachers in January veggie and fruit tray brought in over the lunch break and discussions with the teachers and SCC members about supporting the LIP math goal.

Lunch provided to the teachers and support staff the last day of school for the staff.

### **Other Initiatives:**

Invited the Bus Drivers into the school for coffee, cinnamon buns and fruit. Each bus driver left with a go cup. Fundraiser served hot dogs and hamburgers to the K-6 on JR. activity day in June.

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### **Balgonie Elementary School**

**Member Writing Report:** Kimberly Kiel-Reynolds

**Number of Meetings:** 9

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 27-September-2011

### **Activities:**

Put on BBQ for School Open house in the fall. Fundraising: Christmas Concert - 'Reserved Seating' raffle

### **Supporting LIP:**

Community promotion of the significance of parental and community involvement in educational experiences. Achieved in various ways including communications in community newsletter; use of Synervoice system; requesting and receiving financial support from community groups interested in supporting Math and Literacy education.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Literacy support has been a focal point in past years. It has been supported this year (i.e. involvement in DEAR week) but in a less specific manner than Math as the 'Math Survivor Night' was a large scale undertaking. 'Birthday Books' initiative (providing a book - along with parental literacy information - to 4 and 5 year olds) was undertaken and set up for fall 2012 implementation.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Community promotion of significance of daily physical activity. Purchase and construction of the new BES play structure.

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### **Other Initiatives:**

Provided appreciation meals/treats for staff several times throughout the year. For example: lunch provided the day after Christmas concert and during Teacher Appreciation Week in February

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### **Broadview School**

**Member Writing Report:** Astrid Van't Westeinde

**Number of Meetings:** 7

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 29-May-2012

### **Activities:**

Poinsettia fundraiser in fall, bulb fundraiser in spring, we organized BBQ's during Broadview Football home games.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

SCC invited the Marvelous Munch tour for the students, each month at the assembly, the birthday students (elementary) receive a book, and the SCC donated an amount towards the Accelerated Reader Program.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

SCC handed out Certificates in June for students who demonstrated best the 3 school values: Respect, Responsibility and Caring, SCC provided agenda's and fridge magnets for students.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Asked school staff for a wish-list and purchased item from those lists

SCC served hot lunch for students and staff, During Teacher Appreciation Week we offered them pizza-lunch and bakery certificates.

### **Other Initiatives:**

First day of school - SCC supplied coffee and muffins for parents, staff and students during assembly, Broadview SCC donated money toward the purchase of a sound system in the school, Invited Broadview RCMP for Bullying Awareness, Invited Norbert Georget for a Bully Presentation, the SCC helped during Christmas Concert with coffee, tea and juice, we offered a sub lunch for students and staff.

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### **Clive Draycott School**

**Member Writing Report:** Reila Bird-Duesing

**Number of Meetings:** 6

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 20-September-2011

### **Activities:**

Organized Open House Family BBQ and Family Day Turkey Dinner for families and community members.

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### **Comments:**

The Clive Draycott School Community Council (CDSCC) was an active council, with eight parent/community reps and two school staff members. Many great things happened this past year at CDS for our children and the community, all thanks to the support and involvement of the CDS staff, our committed parents and our active community members!

This year the council fundraised money for CDS at the annual Family Day Turkey Dinner and through Dieleman Fundraising Sales. The council also accepted generous donations from our parents and community. All funds received are very much appreciated and used to help fund many initiatives and support CDS school goals

### **Supporting LIP:**

Grades K-3 "In Motion" field trips, Organized a BE FIT Olympic Challenge where home and school worked together to promote fitness skills which showcased a variety of fitness activities in the form of a bingo card with families to complete a row and then return; K to 2, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 formats. Funded the "In Motion" equipment for student use, funded the year end K-8 CDS Activity Day.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Purchased Santa books for Pre-K to grade 8 and arranged for Santa to personally deliver at the Christmas event in December, Purchased birthday books for all students k to 8; presented on their birthday or an alternated "close to" date, Purchased book bags, reading incentives, and guided reading literacy resources for K-8, Provided funding for "100 day of school" activities, Providing funding for several library literacy initiatives: Library Week activities, prizes for literacy day, Book Club, Family Literacy Day, and Dear Challenge activities. Along with the "Muffins for Mom" and "Donuts for Dad" program, and two author visits.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Bought t-shirts for the whole school for Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Awareness Day, Provided funded for the Saskatchewan Rough Rider Bullying presentation, and Anti-Bullying and Empathy Presenter.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Donating money to each classroom teacher to purchase supplies and resources, Provided "special" treats for the CDS staff for Teacher Appreciation Week and Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

### **Other Initiatives:**

Organized a Red Cross Babysitting Course for CDS students, Grade 4-8 Science Center and IMAX Theatre, Provided funding for Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day, Volunteered services for the Bethune's Centennial Celebration.

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### **Cupar School**

**Member Writing Report:** Hema Harrison

**Number of Meetings:** 10

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 20-June-2012

### **Activities:**

The SCC held hot lunches and did a major fundraising activity by selling Vesey's flower bulbs. We participated in various school activities (Remembrance Day, Science Fair, December Variety Night, etc.) and provided babysitting for major school events.

### **Comments:**

The Cupar School Community Council continues to be actively involved in supporting student activities and achievement in conjunction with the students, staff, and families of Cupar School. We greatly appreciate the support of our local communities, as well as the volunteer efforts of all members of the CSCC.

### **Supporting LIP:**

The CSCC supported the LIP goals of improving literacy, math improvement, and school wide behavior improvement.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

The CSCC provided literacy bags to kindergarten students, sponsored a guest author for the middle years, organized a K-4 guest reader program, purchased reading resources for the library, and held a Halloween reading event for grades 4-6.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

The CSCC hosted 2 pizza parties for 20 students whose names were randomly selected via golden tickets (names entered for exhibiting positive school values); we provided monthly "treats" (cupcakes, ice cream, etc) for a 7-12 grade with the fewest office discipline referrals for the month; a pizza party was held for all students in grades 7-12 who did not have an office discipline referral for the year; a graduate award was presented to a grade 12 student who exemplified the school values in their school and community life.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

The SCC paid for a sub lunch for teachers and provided noon hour supervision during teacher appreciation week.

### **Other Initiatives:**

To support the math improvement goal, the SCC purchased math items for individual elementary classrooms (games, white boards, etc.); a set of high school calculators was provided for the school to assist in teaching advanced math.

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### **Fort Qu'Appelle Schools**

**Member Writing Report:** Valda Dohlen

**Number of Meetings:** 10

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 5-October-2011

### **Activities:**

*Open House BBQ:* The SCC sponsored and helped serve at the Open House BBQ in September.

*Family Photos:* The SCC hired a local photographer to take family photos for any Bert Fox or FQ Elementary School family.

*"Pretenda-coloda":* The SCC prepared and served Hawaiian slushy drinks to the students and families who participated in the Hawaiian family picnic at FQECS.

*Christmas Garage Sale:* The SCC provided donations for the Adopt a Family Christmas Garage Sale, including items for sale and gift wrapping supplies. As well, SCC members volunteered at the sale. The sale was organized by the Peer Mentors from Bert Fox, and in addition to raising funds to support a local family in need during Christmas, it also provided elementary school students with an opportunity to buy affordable Christmas gifts for their family members. Elementary school leadership students worked at the sale wrapping gifts. This was a great partnership between Fort Qu'Appelle schools, staff and the SCC.

*Fine Arts Festival:* The SCC assembled approximately 70 welcome bags which were given to registered participants at the Fine Arts Festival. The bags included purchased items, such as drinks and snacks, as well as donations obtained by the SCC from local businesses. Thanks to all the local businesses for their support for this initiative. As well, the SCC organized a volunteer group to supervise the art gallery during the festival.

### **Supporting LIP:**

*Birthday books:* In support of literacy, the SCC purchased a book for every elementary school student which they receive on their birthday.

*Aboriginal Shield Parent Information Night:* The SCC hosted an information night on the Aboriginal Shield Program for all parents and guardians of students in grade 5 through 8. Aboriginal Shield uses a 5 step decision making model to help students make healthy decisions in areas of substance abuse and the Canadian Law. Because this is a new program to our school and we are one of only a few communities in the province to have both an RCMP Officer and school staff trained to deliver, the SCC wanted parents to have an opportunity to be involved.

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*Wacky Snack:* Every month the SCC, with the help of parent volunteers, prepares a healthy snack of unusual food items for every student in the elementary school. The goal is to introduce our students to new healthy snack ideas, such as pomegranate seeds, hummus, couscous and kale.

*Monthly Pizza Lunches for Best Attendance Classes at FQ ECS:* In partnership with Prairie Coop, the SCC hosts a pizza lunch for the class with best attendance each month.

*Bert Fox Student Group Pizza Lunches:* To celebrate the accomplishments of several student groups at Bert Fox, the SCC hosted Coop pizza lunches for the Student Leadership Council, Students Against Dangerous Decisions and the BF Drama Club. Thanks to the students and staff involved in these groups for making such a positive contribution to Bert Fox Community High School.

*Spelling Bee:* The SCC was invited by FQ ECS to support the grade 6 spelling bee. An SCC member served as a judge during the spell-off. As well, the SCC provided prizes to the participants and purchased a plaque for display at the school.

*Zumba Night:* The SCC hosted two Zumbatomic Party events. Much fun was had by everyone who came out to dance and move. This initiation is part of SCC's commitment to family fitness

### **Literacy Initiative:**

*Spelling Bee:* The SCC was invited by FQ ECS to support the grade 6 spelling bee. An SCC member served as a judge during the spell-off. As well, the SCC provided prizes to the participants and purchased a plaque for display at the school.

*Birthday books:* In support of literacy, the SCC purchased a book for every elementary school student which they receive on their birthday.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

*Summer Job Fair:* To support the goal of smooth transitions, the SCC partnered with the Fort Qu'Appelle Chamber of Commerce and Bert Fox High School to host a job fair. The goal was to provide employers within our community a chance to meet those students interested in finding summer employment. The High School Liaison helped students prepare their resumes, outlining their skills, abilities and experience. As an opportunity to connect employers and students, the job fair supported the development of skills and self-confidence students require in securing employment now and in their future.

*Lice Shampoo:* The SCC established a \$60 credit at each pharmacy to help supply lice shampoos and preventative treatments for families who need financial aid. Families will be referred as needed by the school social worker.

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### **Teacher Appreciation:**

*Teacher appreciation:* The SCC organized a chili lunch at both schools during staff appreciation week,

*Bus Driver Appreciation:* The SCC presented all bus drivers with a thank you card and gift certificate to DQ.

### **Other Initiatives:**

*Professional Development:* Four SCC members attended the PVSD PD day at Indian Head. Members attended the following sessions:

- What can SCCs do to engage the public?
- How can SCCs support Learning Improvement Plans?
- SCC Member orientation
- Tips and tricks for SCC chairs
- Engaging First Nations and Métis partners.

*Professional Development Sponsorship:* The SCC sponsored a parent to attend the APRINTS literacy training program in Saskatoon.

*Bus Route Review:* An SCC member attended the local PVSD bus route review meeting to gather information on proposed changes and consider what, if any input would be beneficial from the FQSCC.

*Community Planning Focus Groups:* SCC members participated in the Fort Qu'Appelle visioning and planning focus groups hosted by Chamber of Commerce. Our goal was to ensure the voices of the school community were represented at this planning stage.

*"Joint Task Force" on Increasing Outcomes for FN and Métis Education and Employment:* An SCC representative attended the community meeting hosted by the Joint Task Force to discuss education and employment successes and ways to build on these successes. The goal is to recommend policy changes, programs and practical approaches to improve education and employment outcomes for First Nations and Métis People.

*Welcome Letter to Kindergarten Families:* The SCC prepared a welcome letter to distribute to all 2012-13 Kindergarten families in an effort to raise awareness of the SCC and its mandate and to encourage increased parental involvement in SCC activities.

*Bert Fox Yearbook Ad:* The SCC sponsored an ad in the BF yearbook to congratulate all 2011 graduates.

*Adopt a Grad:* In recognition of the considerable expense that graduation presents for families, the SCC sponsored a graduating student from Bert Fox High School. A grant of \$300 was provided to a family of a graduating student, as chosen by high school staff, to help defray the expenses associated with participating in grad ceremonies.

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*Graduation Scholarship:* The SCC sponsored a \$300 Scholarship to a grade 12 student who has attended Bert Fox for their entire education and has demonstrated an active role in the school community.

*Gift Card Fundraiser:* The SCC completed its second gift card fundraiser. In addition to the national program, we expanded the list of local businesses participating in our program. In total we rose over \$700 and sold more than \$6,000 worth of cards to local businesses.

*Safe Walk:* SCC members made a presentation to Town Council to share their concerns and ideas for improving safe walking conditions for town students who walk to and from school. The SCC partnered with the RCMP, Town Council, Bert Fox, and FQECs for a grant to engage in safe walking education and incentives for walking or biking to school.

*Criminal Record Check Fees:* The SCC prepared and submitted a letter of support for the FQECs proposal to town council to waive criminal record check fees for school volunteers.

*Communications:* The SCC created a poster display board and brochure to use at various activities and events to promote our mandate and work. The brochure was sent out to all Kindergarten families.

*Donations:* Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival - The SCC made a financial donation to the QVMF in support of our band students.

*Truth and Reconciliation Commission:* The SCC provided a donation to purchase healthy snacks for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings held in Fort Qu'Appelle.

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### **Greenall High School**

**Member Writing Report:** Dawn Blaus

**Number of Meetings:** 7

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 19-April-2011

#### **Comments:**

We revised our constitution during the year, simplifying membership and other information and moving our annual meeting from spring to fall, to ensure incoming Grade 9 parents can be a part of the year's SCC.

#### **Supporting LIP:**

Book drive in support of the school's literacy goal: We advertised a book drop-off during parent-student-teacher interview night and invited people to drop off books of any type. The books were provided to the school library and those that were unsuitable were donated elsewhere.

Parent brochure in support of the school's attendance goal: We planned a parent brochure that would accomplish two purposes: outline the importance of good attendance and the direct link between

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attendance and achievement; and explain how to use Home Logic to stay informed about their child's school attendance and marks. We did not have time to complete this, but now that all the planning in place, we will finish it up next year.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Book drive - book drop-off during parent-teacher-student interviews. All books donated to library. Those that were unsuitable were donated elsewhere.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Donation to the student lunch program - provides healthy snacks/food for students in need  
Teacher Appreciation: Tim Horton's coffee and homemade treats for teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Week.

### **Other Initiatives:**

Participation in the division's Public Awareness and Engagement pilot project.  
Support for student activities including We Day (Winnipeg) attendance and Christmas lunch.

### **Grenfell Elementary Community**

**Member Writing Report:** Jana Wolfe

**Number of Meetings:** 9

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 7-May-2012

### **Activities:**

SCC assisted with the Skate-a-thon which raised money for our local pool renovations.  
SCC Phoning Tree assisted in the phoning of parents when assistance was needed in the school. i.e. Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser, Bike Rodeo, Play Day.

SCC members attended:

- a. PVSD Regional Workshop in Indian Head, October 15/12
- b. PVSD supper for SCCs which was followed by the PVSD Annual Meeting (January 2012 in Balcarres)
- c. PVSD Regional Meeting in Kipling, (February 1/12)

### **Comments:**

We have a very active and committed group of parents working with the Grenfell Elementary Staff.

### **Supporting LIP:**

*Reading Goal:*

Ninety percent of GECS students below/meeting grade level in September, 2011 will show one year's growth of reading improvement according to the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment by May 30, 2012.

One hundred percent of GECS students exceeding grade level in September, 2011 will improve at least one reading level according to the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment by May 30,

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### *Math Goal:*

Eighty percent of GECS students will score adequate or above on the post-test score according to the PVSD Math Number Strand Assessment.

Math – The SCC supported our Math goal by offering financial assistance with our Math Night. They helped with the purchase of a Math Goody Bag (cards, dice and a collection of game ideas) for each participating family.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Literacy – The SCC purchased books for preschoolers and mailed books out three times. The SCC supported our Reading Goal and purchased books that were used for prizes when students completed Home Reading Logs. The SCC also sponsored a Reading Celebration in each classroom each reporting period in honour of those students that improved the most with their reading. i.e. Pizza Celebration for fall term, Popcorn Celebration for Winter Term, Freezie Celebration for Spring Term.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

SCC members were always willing to offer support with our hot lunch program.

SCC was very supportive of Virtue Program and one member of SCC donated seven copies of the book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*, which initiated an entire school and community awareness on how to be kind to others.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

SCC provided goodies during Staff Appreciation week in February.

### **Other Initiatives:**

SCC participated in a PVSD Pilot in regards to Community Engagement. Two formal meetings were required with additional meetings for the committee to work on a Community Profile.

SCC worked to increase parental involvement by supporting our Family Picnic during Education Week (also gave book prizes at this event), Parent/Student/Teacher conferences with a Hamburger supper, working at our Book Fair.

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### **Indian Head Elementary School**

**Member Writing Report:** Tara-Leigh Heslip

**Number of Meetings:** 8

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 19-October -2012

### **Activities:**

*Pancake Breakfast* - host a Welcome back to school pancake breakfast in conjunction staff - entire community invited

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*School Open House* - provide cake and coffee for families to enjoy while visiting the school in October

*Christmas Concert* - host a coffee station for evening performance - so parents who watched concert in the afternoon have a place to sit and visit while waiting for child to finish

*Movie Day* - treat entire student body to a movie at our local theatre on the last day of school before holidays.

### **Comments:**

Conferences and training opportunities are wonderful and essential to the stability and the ability for the SCC to give high level of support to the schools, but the fact that the majority of the large conferences are held in Saskatoon, make it impossible to attend two years in a row...due to high costs associated with mileage and hotels.

### **Supporting LIP:**

*Star Store* - helps to support LIP through a reward system, used at teachers' discretion.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

*Literacy Day* - an amazing day at school celebrating literacy, where we supported the schools initiative by being hands on where we they needed us.

*Be A Reader Book Bag* - an effort to encourage early literacy in which we work with the Public Health office and the Library. Public Health hands out a coupon for a book bag at 18 month immunization, which is redeemed at the Library for a great book bag with a couple of books.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

*Muffin Program* - organize a volunteer program to ensure kids have a morning snack if they do not have one.

*Hot Lunch* - organize a hot lunch program two to three times a year

*Track and Field* – run canteen

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

*Meet and Greet* - an informal gathering for staff and SCC members to meet and start to build a relationship

*Appreciation Lunch* - May - cater and serve lunch to staff

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### **Other Initiatives:**

*Clothing Sale* - increase school spirit and provide opportunity for students and families to gear up in school colours!

*National Rural Congress on Rural Education* - two members attended and participated in conference

*Training Conference* held at Indian Head high school - two members attended

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### **Lajord Colony School**

**Member Writing Report:** Cheryl Blomquist

**Number of Meetings:** 2

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 5-December-2011

### **Activities:**

Students participated in a couple of cooking days - At Christmas we had a Taco in A Bag meal and at the end of the year we did a meal with foods that are found in Saskatchewan.

Parents were invited to come to the school and play games that the students had made, while they were at the school they were provided with Coffee and a snack.

Christmas Concert and Social – The whole community gathered together in the Kitchen for the concert and then stayed afterwards for a snack and socializing.

### **Supporting LIP:**

During this school year we decided to support the Math goal by purchasing memberships to the Mathletics website for all the students in the school. It was felt that if students had access to this website at school and at home they would have opportunities to practice their skills in math in a fun and interactive way. Teachers are able to track the progress of the students and match activities to concepts that are being taught in the classroom.

The school was working on encouraging students to come to school on time and any students that were on time for a whole month had their names put into a draw for a book, there were 2 books drawn for each month.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

The SCC decided to support Literacy by purchasing books for students at Christmas Time, End of the Year, and for student Birthdays; it was felt that having books available in the home for children to read would encourage them to read outside of school time.

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### **Other Initiatives:**

During a Science lesson the elementary students were learning about the environment and how to take care of our space so they wrote letters to the SCC asking them to provide Garbage bins around the school so they could keep their environment clean. We thought this proposal was an excellent idea and are in the process of finding something appropriate to purchase.

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### **Lipton School**

**Member Writing Report:** Jeannine Bruce

**Number of Meetings:** 9

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 8-November-2011

### **Activities:**

#### *Fundraising Activities*

Prairie CO-OP Lipton Appreciation days, catered the barbeque, Provided a soup and a bun supper for school open house silver collection, Community Calendar fundraising, Archery Program, provided funding for repairs and up keep of equipment, Funding the development of a billboard sign for outside the school to promote school activities, Support of the school snack program provided as required, Provided labour and supplies for the installation of picnic tables and leveling of gravel on the school grounds, Provided the goodies for the elementary Christmas concert goody bags, Provided the graduate class with a small token of appreciation on behalf of Lipton School Council.

### **Supporting LIP:**

Hosted a literacy evening promoting reading with a presentation of the teaching staff and Erin Kolish PVSD.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Hosted a literacy evening for parents and community members to attend and learn about literacy. Provided funding for prizes for the elementary classroom for the literacy program.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Fund the first aid trading program for grades 10's

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Provided fruit trays cinnamon buns for the faculty and staff of the school.

### **Other Initiatives:**

Provided a community learning opportunities for parents and interested community members including a computer awareness night and social media and your kids

SCC Executive members attended the PVSD PD Day in Indian Head

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### **McLean School**

**Member Writing Report:** Kimberley Gorniak

**Number of Meetings:** 7

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 17-October-2012

### **Comments:**

*Hot Lunch Day:* School Council holds a hot lunch day every month. The children are charged minimal costs. The hot lunches consist of everything from hamburgers and taco in a bag to subs and pizza.

*Treat Day:* Council provides a treat for special days that usually correspond to the holiday that is in that month. These treats can vary from carrots and dip for Easter to glow sticks at Halloween. With the addition of a few children with allergies to our school we try to provide non food items when allowed.

*Year End BBQ:* Council provides a free yearly BBQ to all students and staff on the last day of school. At that time we also give gifts to any teachers that are retiring or transferring to another school.

*Funding:* Provide funding for school activities which have been used for various field trips, activities and important items. As an example, our SCC teamed up with our recreation board and purchased an amp.

*McLean School Clothing:* We provide various items of McLean school clothing samples for families to order to show their school spirit.

*McLean Track shirts:* Along with some generous donations from parents, our SCC purchased new track shirts for the students.

*50/50:* We have on occasion held 50/50 raffles at different events or on its own for a fundraiser.

*Drake Meat fundraiser:* One of our most popular and profitable fundraisers is Drake Meats.

*PVSD Meetings:* SCC members attended the regional meeting and various other meetings held by PVSD.

*Volunteering:* Council volunteers their time for our teachers where ever the help is needed whether it is in the classroom or on a field trip, we are always available

### **Literacy Initiative:**

*Literacy Books:* On their birthday, each child in school is able to pick a book of their choice from a selection of Scholastic books as a gift to them from the SCC. The child is called down to the office over the intercom, for a "good" reason, taken to the library by the principal where they are able to choose their book.

*Literacy Program:* Every school day school council has a community volunteer or parent come into the school to have the grade one children read books to them outside the classroom. The quality one on one time that the children endure makes it a special and fun event for them to look forward to. The teacher

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has noticed a vast improvement in the reading skills of these children. We finished up the year with providing each literacy program child a backpack and a certificate of achievement.

*Funding:* The council also gave the school \$1500.00 for literacy resources which included guided reading/magazine subscriptions.

*Open House books:* We provided funds to our librarian who purchased and raffled off books at our open house which focused on literacy. An area was set up for families to sit and read with and to their child/children.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

*Grade 8 Grad Gift:* Council gives a gift to our graduating grade 8's at their farewell night.

*Century Celebration Scholarship Award:* Council awards \$250.00 each to 2 graduating grade 12's from the McLean area. The recipients receive the amounts after they have completed a semester of secondary school. They also receive a pen/pencil set at their grad night.

*Mathletics:* The children participated in a Mathletics challenge this year where they logged onto the Mathletics website and would compete mathletically with other kids from different schools everywhere. School council funded this initiative.

*Cross Country Run:* The SCC hosts a cross country run that started at the school and carried on to the surrounding area of town. The SCC supplied water, oranges, and ribbons and held a prize draw for 2 participants/school. This event is attended by many schools and continues to be a huge success!

*Track and Field:* McLean school hosts a track and field meet for our division in which the SCC runs the canteen and helps at the events. This tract meet is held on rotation each year between Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle and McLean

*Recycling:* We recycle ink jet, phonebooks, cell phone and Campbell's soup labels.

*Babysitting Course:* Council has held a babysitting courses at a minimal charge. The students receive marks and a certificate at the end.

*Zumba Classes:* School Council funded Zumba classes to promote a healthy lifestyle.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

*Teachers Appreciation Lunch:* We hold a teacher's appreciation lunch every year. We provide a home cooked meal for the staff and supervise the children on lunch hour. We also sent a letter and special stationary home asking the parents to have their children write their thoughts, memories and stories about their teacher. These notes randomly came back in the kids agendas and were a nice surprise for the teachers.

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*Secretary Day:* A special gift was provided for the secretary.

*Token of Appreciation:* We provide tokens of appreciation to teachers/interns/principals who continue their career in elsewhere or retire.

*Bus Driver Appreciation Day:* Tim Horton's gift certificates were purchased and given to the bus drivers.

### **Other Initiatives:**

*Christmas Cookie Walk:* Parents are asked to donate four dozen nut free cookies. Council then provides a cookie tin varying in size which is then purchased and filled. This event is held at our Christmas Concert and is a very profitable one.

*Christmas Raffle:* Parents are asked to donate a "Christmas themed" item varying from wrapping paper to non-perishable items. Raffle tickets are sold for the hamper and the winner is revealed at the concert.  
*Santa's Anonymous:* Parents are asked to donate an unwrapped toy. Council then hands the toys in at the Salvation Army or to Santa's Anonymous. Depending on how many "Christmas" fundraisers we have this is not done every year.

*Kindergarten Memory Books:* Council provides a memory book for each kindergarten student. We charge a minimal fee for supplies. The book consists of kindergarten interviews, a few funny stories and photos of each child provided by their family.

*Outdoor rink project:* The basketball nets and back boards were installed in our outdoor rink. After many years of fundraising and hard work our rink project is now complete!

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### **North Valley Schools**

**Member Writing Report:** Michele Ruecker

**Number of Meetings:** 5

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 2-April-2012

### **Activities:**

We helped plan, organize and pay for the SADD initiatives. We sat on the planning committee and assisted in hosting our first annual P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth). It was a huge success.

### **Supporting LIP:**

We continue to provide ideas and moral support to our administrators. We have also provided manpower and volunteer hours to help our schools achieve their goals. We provided financial support to NVH for the Year End Attendance Award and took part in the Awards ceremony by presenting the awards to the students.

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### **Literacy Initiative:**

We provided ideas and financial support for yearend awards.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

We financially supported NVE Behavior goal with a financial contribution to the awards program. We financially supported NVE Welcome Back BBQ at the beginning of the school year to welcome new students and families into our school. We supported NVH by helping organize behaviour/team building events such as the Community Clean up and donated funds to NVH Christmas Dinner.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

We provided fruit and vegetable trays throughout the week and presented all staff with a motivational gift along with a letter of appreciation. We also provided all bus drivers with a small gift and a letter of appreciation.

### **Other Initiatives:**

We provided financial support for the cost of having Sask Express come to our school. We paid for a sports banner at NVH and provided a plaque for NVH track participation and high achievement. We also purchased a tree at NVE in memory of Pat Mass, a support staff who lost her life to cancer. We helped plan a retirement party for Sharon Stoll and presented her with a gift of appreciation. The SCC pays for all sign rental which is used to advertise upcoming school events in our two communities.

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### **Pense School**

**Member Writing Report:** Bonny Grainger

**Number of Meetings:** 10

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 2-April-2012

### **Activities:**

*Parent Open House* - provided pizza for all.

*Fund raising initiatives* - Mom's pantry orders, bottle drive

### **Comments:**

The Pense SCC has been a tremendous support throughout 2011-12.

### **Supporting LIP:**

The SCC contributed by supporting our initiatives as well as providing feedback and suggestions. They received clear information on testing results and the relationship to our LIPs

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### **Literacy Initiative:**

They were supportive of our projects and provided insight from a parent's perspective how to approach certain initiatives. Our main project was a reading around the world campaign which saw children read numerous hours.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

This was supported through the incentive programs and initiatives we provided. The SCC was not actively involved in a program regarding well being but it was certainly indirectly addressed in all the activities we had.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Provided teachers with meals for both sets of parent-teacher interviews.

### **Other Initiatives:**

Contributed baking, flowers, etc to the Grade 8 farewell.

Sponsored and assisted with the community unveiling of the Joe Fafard Art smart project.

Assisted with bottle drive, community barbecue and community school yard clean up, painting, development of the square foot gardening project (financial and physical support)

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### **Robert Southey School**

**Member Writing Report:** Paddi Mohr

**Number of Meetings:** 7

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 9-November-2011

### **Activities:**

End of Year lunch was held for students and staff.

Thank you lunch and treats were provided students who assist with recycling.

### **Supporting LIP:**

The SCC supports the school's literacy goal

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Birthday Books to students from Grade K-8

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

A book is provided to one student per grade each month. Draw made from students with no ODR's.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Staff supper provided during PTI

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### **Other Initiatives:**

K Orientation Package

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### **Sedley School**

**Member Writing Report:** Brenda Brick

**Number of Meetings:** 7

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 3-October-2012

### **Activities:**

Terry Fox Run support, SCC dedication to participating in PVSD events, Highest Academic Grade Eight award, Farewell gifts for Grade eight students, New sandbox and fill, Supplementary school supplies and lunch supplies, Continued sales of Cookbook. Bus Drivers' appreciation gift, Participation in PVSD Public Awareness and Engagement Pilot, Joint co-ordination with Sedley Parks and Rec, Christmas Concert Goodie bags, Sponsorship of Pizza Lunch in April, Sponsorship of Muffins for Mom and Donuts for dad, Support for Teacher-Librarian literacy activities

### **Supporting LIP:**

Reading Goal - Leap into Literacy Program

### **Literacy Initiative:**

Leap into Literacy program - all children in our school community baby - Grade 8 are provided with a birthday book and a coupon to be used during our Scholastic Book Fair.

Literacy Sacks were created and handed out to students in Kindergarten to grade 3 on a rotating basis, they were taken home and activities involved parents and students.

### **Promoting Students Well Being:**

Persephone Theatre and Focus on the Environment.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

Breakfast was provided to staff during teacher Appreciation.

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### **Whitewood School**

**Member Writing Report:** Crystal Schaan

**Number of Meetings:** 8

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 27-May-2012

### **Supporting LIP:**

We promote Literacy in our school in a number of ways.

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### **Literacy Initiative:**

In support of Literacy in our school, we provide books to every child in our community from birth - 5 years. They pick up the books at their Health Nurse visit. We help with the Literacy Day held at the school, by handing out cookies and juice, and doing a draw for free books. At the School open house, we also do a free book draw for an elementary student, as well as a high school student. We give the graduates a gift of a book from the SCC. We also work with the school on their Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies and provide funds for prizes.

### **Other Initiatives:**

We work with the teachers of the school in promoting attendance. For the Elementary grades we provide a free canteen voucher for perfect attendance in each of the grades. For the High School grades it goes by term. The class with the most perfect attendance for the term gets a pizza party sponsored by the SCC.

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### **Wolseley Schools**

**Member Writing Report:** Sandra Taylor

**Number of Meetings:** 8

**Date of Annual Meeting:** 12-March-2012

### **Activities:**

The SCC organized and ran a food booth for the Wolseley High School Garage Sale fundraiser with the proceeds going to the High School.

### **Comments:**

Wolseley SCC members faithfully attended our local SCC monthly meetings. Some SCC members went to the PVSD meetings for the SCC throughout the year. The SCC also completed PVSD surveys and reports that were required by the division. Member

### **Supporting LIP:**

The SCC sponsored a Family Fun Math night at Dr. Isman Elementary. We began the night with a supper for students and their families. The supper was provided, organized and served by the SCC. The SCC also purchased several Math games which were left at the school for the teachers and students to use throughout the school year. We also gave out Math related gifts to participants. In addition, we handed out a booklet with Math related games in it and a package of dice to all students in the school whether they attended the evening or not. Members of the SCC helped with the Math related activities throughout the night.

### **Literacy Initiative:**

The Birthday Book Program was continued at Dr. Isman Elementary. We collect gently used books that are suitable for the children in the Elementary School plus we buy new books from Scholastic to top up

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the number of books needed. The children are able to pick the book they want from the selection offered.

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

To show our appreciation for the teachers/staff of both schools and the bus drivers, the SCC treated them to a supper at the end of the school year.

### **Other Initiatives:**

The SCC produces and publishes "The Link" newsletter which contains news and information from the staff at Dr. Isman Elementary and Wolseley High School and also from the Wolseley SCC. The newsletter is sent out to every mail box in the communities of Glenavon and Wolseley at the expense of the SCC. Approximately five newsletters are sent out every year.

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SCC	Opening Bank Balance September 1, 2011	Total Deposits	Total Cheques	Ending Bank Balance August 31, 2012	
Arm River	1,276.24	10,997.01	11,922.45	350.80	
Balcarres Community School	3,761.93	2,002.61	758.77	5,005.77	A
Balgonie Elementary	8,300.93	5,675.86	9,582.16	4,394.63	
Broadview	2,441.71	7,988.25	7,182.20	3,247.76	
Clive Draycott	14,119.43	2,000.00	0.00	16,119.43	A
Cupar	1,962.99	7,318.71	5,916.95	3,364.75	
Edenwold	1,779.52	2,000.17	2,955.33	824.36	
Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary/Bert Fox Community High	3,144.88	12,294.00	13,895.74	1,543.14	
Greenall	3,751.71	2,000.00	0.00	5,751.71	A
Grenfell Elementary/Grenfell High Schools	4,796.98	8,525.60	9,964.93	3,357.65	
Indian Head Elementary	2,121.33	4,008.62	5,629.13	500.82	
Indian Head High School	3,272.55	2,000.00	2,112.91	3,159.64	
James Hamblin School	1,222.01	3,525.35	4,137.46	609.90	
Kelliher School	7,560.47	14,447.53	14,931.34	7,076.66	
Kennedy Langbank	1,814.97	2,000.00	800.52	3,014.45	
Kipling School	1,825.19	2,000.00	2,684.42	1,140.77	
Lajord	3,752.49	2,014.78	1,171.42	4,595.85	
Lipton	5,134.20	5,918.52	5,904.00	5,148.72	

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Lumsden Elementary	21,321.55	6,956.57	7,754.18	<b>20,523.94</b>
Lumsden High School	5,308.47	2,005.74	1,632.00	<b>5,682.21</b>
McLean School	9,287.72	5,660.85	4,463.79	<b>10,484.78</b>
Milestone School	3,843.95	3,513.32	4,115.75	<b>3,241.52</b>
Montmartre School	3,362.59	4,445.32	5,646.51	<b>2,161.40</b>
North Valley Elementary/High School	4,491.66	2,200.00	2,925.84	<b>3,765.82</b>
Pense	1,194.30	11,229.21	10,991.50	<b>1,432.01</b>
Pilot Butte School	844.29	16,713.28	11,759.42	<b>5,798.15</b>
Robert Southey	3,508.42	3,091.09	2,070.70	<b>4,528.81</b>
Sedley School	5,424.23	3,659.13	4,361.08	<b>4,722.28</b>
South Shore School	20,197.42	7,530.28	6,098.03	<b>21,629.67</b>
Stewart Nicks	14,763.76	16,586.45	12,376.24	<b>18,973.97</b>
Vibank School	2,435.73	3,046.18	1,933.85	<b>3,548.06</b>
White City School	24,831.69	50,835.62	41,461.86	<b>34,205.45</b>
Whitewood School	4,171.46	5,315.36	7,308.79	<b>2,178.03</b>
Dr. Isman/Wolseley High School	1,201.57	2,410.39	3,429.43	<b>182.53</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>198,228.34</b>	<b>241,915.80</b>	<b>227,878.70</b>	<b>212,265.44</b>

**A** Reporting for August 31, 2012 was not received