**DEWBERRY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2023**

Members in attendance: Tyler Comeau, Laureena Kipps, Ethan Kipps, Lisa Bensmiller, Darlene Bensmiller, August Bensmiller, Darlene Goldsmith, Tatiana Lidstone, Kristen Rewuski, Tyson Lancaster, Stacey Nelson.

Laureena read the minutes from the last meeting and made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. A consensus was reached, and the minutes were adopted as read.

Tyler gave his principals report. He reviewed all the different events that have taken place over the last couple of months including PRIDE awards, staff meetings, Awards night, Remembrance Day Services, archery classes, staff learning, and parent teacher interviews. The school dance is coming up on December 15, 2023, and the DJ is booked, and the students been selling popcorn to cover the cost of the DJ. Next week, there will be a door decorating contest. The student union will go around and judge the different doors. There are plans for the week before Christmas including Grinch day, PJ Day, Ugly sweater day, Christmas Colors, and there will be an assembly in the gym where the students will be singing Christmas colors. On January 12,2024 the Jr/Sr high students will be going to the Marwayne School to see Chris Koch as he speaks about resilience as well as they will be going to Paradise Valley School in March to see Ryan Strachnitzki speak about resilience.

School dance is Friday December 15, 2023. The dance will run from 8-12pm with the doors being locked after 9pm unless prior arrangements are made. Tyler would like to have 6 chaperones for the duration of the dance. Lisa will make a schedule for chaperones. Laureena and Kristen will run the concession. All money raised through entry fee and concession will be donated to the student’s union to fund other events happening at the school.

School Christmas concert is Wednesday December 20 at 1pm (dress rehearsal) and 7pm. The Islay auxiliary will be attending the 1pm performance. The concert will be a tribute to Arnell Denill. Kristen is going to reach out to Ian Shaw to be Santa at the afternoon performance and will be handing out Santa bags. Kristen will reach out to KIDS to see if they would sponsor the refreshments and snacks. The jr high design class will have a table to sell crafts and leftover stuff from the craft fair at the afternoon and evening performance.

Ethan Kipps shared his student report. The student’s union has been selling popcorn to raise money for the dance. Thank you to the Clandonald Ag society for the use of their popcorn machine. Halloween was a success with all the activities that were planned. The student’s union is planning activities for the week before Christmas holidays.

Tyson Lancaster gave his teachers report. As a general consensus, the year is continuing to go well. We have our first round of parent teacher interviews and ISP case conferences completed (on schedule!).

A few highlights:

* The chickens are laying and the students are super excited to be responsible for the barn this year. Eggs are $5.00 per dozen or $6.00 for an 18 pack.
* The Design Class/Foods Class fundraiser went well at the Dewberry Hall Craft Sale. Approximately $750.00 was raised. This total is still climbing as there have been a few more sales and requests. There will be a table set up at the Christmas Concert.
* Christmas Concert is coming along nicely - 2 times: 1pm and 7pm on December 20, 2023.
* Mr. Comeau has been around providing supervision in all of our classrooms. We were each presented with notes of positive feedback and suggestions to deepen the learning that is happening in our rooms. This has been well received and staff were grateful for the feedback provided for continuous professional improvement.
* We had the opportunity to have both Superintendent Webb and Superintendent of Learning Trodden walk through the school and our classrooms since the last school council meeting.
* Professional Learning November 6:
  + Elementary Teachers:
    - Lana Lane - Literacy
    - Jackie Rotkovic - Numeracy
  + Junior/Senior High
    - Utilizing AI in the Classroom
    - Synchronous Learning Development
  + All: Optimal Learning Coaches - Focus on pedagogical practices with curricular outcomes
  + All: First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Learning- Focus on Metis Resources and planning of Metis Week Activities Collected data on current implementation of practices.
  + All: Inclusive Learning - general discussion of effective use of EAs and time to wrap around student needs by leaning on each other’s experiences.
* All teaching staff received a laptop!

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the school and Tyler has suggested that we reach out to the community to see if anyone is interested in sponsoring the school and helping the school out with purchasing different things.

The next meeting will be January 10 at 6:30pm.