**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – EGM SPC OCTOBER 15TH 2024**

SCHOOL BASED CLASSROOM INITIATIVES

1. Science Curriculum Pilot

Manitoba Education has recently revised the science curriculum, and McDowell was given the opportunity to get a first look at it. All grade 6, 7 and 8 science teachers are piloting the new science curriculum this year!

1. Numeracy

Our math teachers in grades 6-8 are involved in the divisional numeracy project. The project is designed to help increase student success, confidence and engagement in math.

1. Responsive Classroom

Teachers are using strategies from Responsive Classroom to create safe, inclusive, responsive and engaging classrooms. As a staff, we worked on establishing common routines and expectations in the first four weeks of school. All homerooms participate in regular advisory meetings. This is a time to build community through conversation and sharing ideas and opinions while building a safe space. We also have worked on harnessing the Power of Our Words. This resource speaks to the language we use with students and the impact that language has on engagement, motivation and self-esteem.

UNIVERSAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

We have continued to provide snacks to students throughout the day and are responding to the changing needs. Last week, we started providing bagged lunches to students who need lunch. The lunches include a sandwich, a muffin, veggies and dip, a granola bar, apple sauce, goldfish crackers and milk.

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

The Cross-country team brought home the first placed banner this season. Volleyball is underway with the season starting last week. EGM has 9 teams participating in the league.

NATURAL HELPERS

Selected Grade 7/8 students will participate in our Natural Helpers Training Dec 1, 2, 3 at the Monterey Board Office. This is a training retreat that encourages empathy and peer support among youth. Students are nominated by their peers and identified as natural helpers. The training serves to enhance the natural skills identified in these young people by their peers.

REMEMBRANCE DAY/INDIGENOUS VETERAN’S DAY CEREMONY

Our ceremony will be held on November 8th with an optional smudge during JAG. We are asking families to share photos of family members who are active in service or are a veteran.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

To raise money to offset the cost of the grade 7 ski trip, we are hosting a Halloween Dance on October 24th. The cost of the dance is 5$.

OUTDOOR STRUCTURE UPDATE

The cost to add 2 basketball nets and 1 GaGa Ball court is 16,832.48. Installation costs for these 3 items is an additional 13,755.00. The SPC raised 5,000$ and I can match that 5,000$ to a total of 10,000$. Thoughts on next steps?