

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

1. Welcome – Ms Laurie welcomed everyone and introduced Constable Scott Wilson, School Education Officer from the City of Winnipeg Police. The following notes were taken during the Internet Safety presentation:

**Social Networking Sites**

- set up your own personalized space, some examples of those sites are Facebook and MySpace.
- These sites are perfect for predators to browse and locate their next target
- They can get information regarding the kids school, city and photo information
- They can also find out the child's likes, dislikes, tastes etc.
- There is usually a lengthy questionnaire to create a detailed profile

In 2005 there were approximately 4.9 million users. That number rose to 67 million in 2006 and to date, MySpace has over 115 million users.

One thing to consider when setting up a profile and maintaining a Facebook or MySpace Account is that now all your information is accessible. Businesses and Corporations are now requesting access to Facebook Accounts when hiring new employees.

Other types of social networking sites are MSN (instant messaging), blogs, chat rooms and email accounts.

MSN was noted as one of the largest problem areas for bullying. If this should happen to your child, be sure to save any of the bullying threats to show to the Police. To be aware if there is an issue with your child being bullied, watch for sudden avoidance of email and other electronic communications. Your child may not want you to interfere, but if the abuse continues, you will have to step in.

## **Webcams – TURN THEM OFF WHEN NOT IN USE**

- if left on, the person at the other end has a view of what is going on in your home 24/7
- can broadcast live sex
- cyberpredators use them to post live sex
- quite often, girls are offered a job in modeling or acting and are asked to remove clothing or perform sexual acts and then they are posted online

## **Phishing**

- emails you receive that look legitimate
- they use company names
- then ask to confirm information usually say your account is about to close or information is lost, that they suspect you may be a victim of identity theft or that you have won a lottery and you must give them information or money to collect your prize

Protect yourself

- anti-viruses
- anti-spyware
- don't reply to emails or pop up messages
- don't email personal or financial information to a person you don't know
- be cautious about opening attachments

## **Cyberpredators**

- luring – use internet to communicate with kids to entice them from their home for sex
- they observe your child's dialogue to learn about them
- establish their trust and friendship
- they start talking about common interests with them
- demonstrate a genuine interest in the child's situations and problems to get in further with that child
- sex is introduced, but not right away
- adolescent kids may look at the predator as some kind of sexual mentor
- eventually they will get them to send sexually explicit pictures or arrange a meeting

## **Warning Signs**

- excessive use of chat rooms
- sudden change in behavior
- unknown phone charges
- unexplained gifts
- phone calls from strangers
- downloading of large files, usually pictures

## **Criminal Code**

- it is an offence to possess any child pornography
- it is an offence to make, print, publish or possess child pornography for the purpose of publication
- it is an offence to import, distribute, possess or sell child pornography for publication

## **Luring**

- it is an offence to communicate with any person believed to be a child
- depending on the offence, the requisite age, real or believed, of the intending victim varies from 14 to 18

## **Sexual Tourism**

- Canada allows prosecution of Canadians who exploit abroad

## **Why incidents are not reported**

- kids are afraid or embarrassed to tell their parents
- kids don't know if it is a crime
- they may not know where to report it

Constable Wilson advises kids to speak to their parents or other adults they trust like teachers or guidance councilors. If they are not available, there is Cybertips, Teen Touch, Kids Help Phone or your local Police Station.

## 10 Internet Safety Rules

1. Do not post personal information at all
2. Never send a picture of yourself to someone you know ONLY on the internet
3. Always respect other's privacy and feelings
4. Place your computer in a central, open location
5. Always keep an eye on those who desperately want to be your child's friend
6. Never give out personal information about yourself or anyone else
7. If you agree to meet someone, tell someone else and meet them in a public place
8. Always choose a password that is hard to guess
9. never open email attachments from someone you do not know
10. Always be extremely careful online

## 2. Reports

### Staff – Ms McConaghy

- Christmas dinners were sponsored this past December by both the ESA student council committee and Key Club. Key Club served dinner at the Crossroads Church in the inner city of Winnipeg and ESA held a dinner for 150 seniors in the community here at Miles Macdonnell
- The Bowling for Burma Project was held last Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Over \$3,700.00 was raised to support those affected by last year's cyclone.
- Our student council executive will be organizing the Grade 9 tours this February with our staff members

### Administration – Ms Laurie

- Feb 2 – Semester 2 start up
- Feb 10 – Semester 1 report card
- Grade 9 Open houses – IB, Feb. 18 Reg. Voc, Feb. 24
- Ski trip Feb. 24-28
- Grade 10 IB Parent Meeting, Feb. 26
- Grad Fashion Show – March 4
- Spring Break Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3
- New mission statement – At Miles Macdonnell Collegiate we value the development of inquiring, knowledgeable, creative and internationally-minded people who contribute to a better and more peaceful world. More details available on the website
- Assessment Policy regarding the Miles Macdonnell Assessment Beliefs, Strategies and Practices – more in depth details available on the website
- March 23 – 26 Musical – Leader of the Pack

- March 26 – Japan Trip leaves
- March 28 – France/Spain trip
- Interim Report Cards in Term 4 will be reporting without Grades, but with comments regarding Academic Indicating and Student Engagement. Reporting will return to percentage grades on remaining report cards. More details will be available on the website and sent home prior to report cards.
- Another lockdown will be held in February

Alumni – J. Smith

- Alumni members who joined in on the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ -  
and \_\_\_\_\_
- Will be working on the Alumni Wall at the school
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning underway for the event to be held June 30 – July 1, 2012
- Anyone interested in the Alumni can check out the website at [mmc.alumni.ca](http://mmc.alumni.ca)

**Next meeting Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**  
**Presentation – Divisional Policy – Pandemic Preparations**