



# Minnedosa Collegiate Community Report June 2005



## Principal's Message - Martin Ingenmey

At the end of each school year, the Department of Education requires all schools in Manitoba to report to their communities a reflection on the school year as it pertains to their school plan.

Our school year was very good, as it was comprised of the following highlights:

- 0.95% dropout rate (24% national average)
- 18% drop in disciplinary incidents and suspensions
- 12% decrease in truancy incidents
- 100% Senior 4 Graduation rate
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Gym Blast
- Band Trip April 14-17 - Banff
- Champions Workshop - February 4th
- P.A.R.T.Y. - Mock drinking and driving
- Numerous Student Council activities
  - Music Trivia
  - Freshie Week
  - Dances
  - Spirit Week
- Band Concerts
- Career Preparation & Exploration
- Survival Tactics for Teens Symposium – May 6th
- T.A.D.D. Presentation - October 26th
- Manitoba Moose Game - December 17th
- Athletics - Boys' Golf Zone 7 Champions
  - Girls' Soccer Zone 7 Champions
  - Boys Rugby Westman Champions and second at provincials
  - MCI were hosts to many invitational tournaments in soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey and badminton
  - 20% increase in intra-mural participation

Our success is a direct result of an excellent student body, supportive parents, and a committed staff.

## Mission Statement:

Minnedosa Collegiate is committed to providing quality learning opportunities for our community within a safe environment.

## 2004-2005 School Plan

### **1. Academic Excellence**

Student literacy was the area of focus for this year. Literacy levels were assessed from S1-S4 and consequently a committee was struck to address the instructional direction all classroom teachers would take to improve these levels.

Incorporating literacy in all subject areas is a school-wide priority for professional development and this goal will be included in our 2005-2006 school plan with greater emphasis on teaching strategies and follow up assessment.

### **2. Improve School Climate**

It was our intent to improve school climate for all students and staff this year. Although this goal is very difficult to measure, we feel that it has improved as we have been able to promote M.C.I. as a more positive light through the publication of our newsletters, positive student council activities, the implementation of an intra-mural home system, the delivery of another Survival Tactics for Teens Symposium and the consistent implementation of our code of conduct.

An important component to this goal has been the level of respect within the school. The following pieces are measurable and I feel that they are a positive commentary that our school climate is very good:

- Discipline/Incident Reports—18% decrease from 2003-2004

- 2 out of school suspensions
- 12 in-school suspensions

- Dance attendance increased by approximately 35%.
- 12% decrease in incidents of truancy (class lateness and absences). 15% increase in parental advance communication regarding absences and lateness.
- Student survey on bullying at MCI:
  - A. 131/134 student said they felt safe at MCI
  - B. 1/134 felt MCI has a high level of bullying, 15/134 felt MCI has a medium level of bullying, 50/134 felt MCI has a low level of bullying.
  - C. 121/134 felt comfortable approaching an adult if they needed help dealing with a bully, 13/134 did not.

### **3. Improve School Communication**

This is an area that we are always working on to improve as it is very important. To this end, we have focused on the following:

- A. Newsletters - It was our intent to publish a more regular newsletter with greater student involvement. We successfully circulated four issues with some very good student articles, and relevant information. We know that newsletters do not always make it home so we made them available at some of our local retail outlets. One of our goals for next year is to resurrect the "Eye on MCI" article in the Minnedosa Tribune, which will be a summary of the newsletters.
- B. School Web Page – We were very successful in regularly updating our web page with current information. This page has postings for our newsletters, course descriptions, athletics, student groups, and much more. If you have not yet seen it you can do so at [www.rrsd.mb.ca](http://www.rrsd.mb.ca).
- C. School Sign – It was a goal this year to utilize our school sign on Main Street more effectively. In order to do this, we first had to have the sign repaired, as it was not functional in the fall. We were able to keep the information current and relevant to our school activities.

### **Staff Changes**

MCI would like to say "Happy Retirement" to Mrs. Taylor and welcome to Mrs. Roche. Mrs. Roche will be teaching primarily English.

We would also like to say farewell to Mr. Choy and welcome to Ms. Hamel who will be teaching Science, Chemistry and computer courses next year.

### **Fall Dates to Remember:**

Aug. 29th	Office opens
Sept. 7th	School resumes
Sept. 8th	Picture Day
Sept. 30th	Divisional Inservice – No School

The 2005-2006 School Planning process has been completed and will be sent home in September. The office will re-open on August 29th. Please make an appointment if you would like to discuss your son/daughter's timetable for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your support and have a great summer!

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