

**BIRTLE MINIOTA & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CORP**  
**STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING w/ CDC Reps**  
**June 2 2023 12:15pm Foods Lab**



Steve and Eleanor attended the BCI Student Council meeting on behalf of the Birtle Miniota & District Development Corporation, which was held at Birtle Collegiate. We met with Bill Bowley and approximately 15 students.

We explained what the CDC was and that we were looking for input from youth regarding the Prairie View municipality as a whole. We talked in general about some projects we have and what the direction from Council was regarding housing and business development / growth. We also advised them that there was a place on our board if anyone wanted to join or attend on a casual or per project basis.

The group was quite engaged. We asked them what specifically they felt that the community needed or could use.

1. To rent out tourism items like kayaks. We of course do this (kayaks, paddle boards, snowshoes) but are not hitting this market to let them know. They said that we need to flood social media with these things – they are mostly on tic toc but also Instagram. They said they respond favourably to contests. They also said to put up posters around towns and in schools.
2. They really focused on the need for more Community Festivals / Events. Ones that are not only specific for a certain thing but to incorporate different activities.
  - a. Bouncy castles, pumpkin carving. Fall Festival. Perhaps we can share some of these ideas with Miniota Shirtsleeve classic and the Birtle Ag Fair.
  - b. Cancer Memorial walk – was done in Miniota one year. We can approach the group from Foxwarren who head the cancer care fundraiser and see if they would like to run a local event. (they do it yearly in Russell). Maybe a similar event at the Birtle Ag Fair to raise money for Addy.
  - c. Expand on the Tobogan Run / Bobcat run in Miniota. Students don't think that it was used this year.
  - d. Expand the beach activities in Birtle. Research a water slide at the beach. Beach Volleyball.
  - e. Walking Bridge – Youth asked when it will be installed and miss that it is not there. Is there another option to have something replace it?
  - f. Color run – Miniota ran this event last yr.
  - g. MUDRUN – Many students felt that his would be a great area to run this type of event and would be willing to sit on a organizing committee. Dauphin used to have one. We could ask Dauphin about their climbing equipment or incorporate bales into the course.

**These can all be discussed at our next CDC Meeting**