

**Minutes of the Pembina North Community School Council Meeting  
Tuesday April 11, 2017  
PNCS School Conference Room**

**Attendance**

Darcie Eamor, Daryl Chattaroon, Dana Callihoo, Jackie Comeau, Anna Marie Kochan, Karen Gabel

**Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM
- Agenda was reviewed, no changes made
- Due to the absence of a Chair and Vice-Chair and not enough people to form a quorum, the meeting proceeded as information only and no motions were made.

**Adopting the Minutes from last meeting**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Minutes from January meeting were reviewed

**Minutes are on our website.**

**Fundraising Report  
Outdoor Spaces Report**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- No fundraising report
- Darcie & Karen reminded others of the upcoming Casino June 20 and 21 and that Gladys Foster is actively seeking volunteers. We discussed different roles and what a fun time it can be volunteering at a Casino.
- Outdoor Spaces report was shared. There are no decisions to be made until we start. The work will be happening later this spring and during summer.

**Casino June 20 & 21**

**Trustee Report  
Jackie Comeau**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Trustee Comeau reported that she wanted to let us know of the appointment of David Garbutt as Acting Superintendent of Schools for Pembina Hills Regional Division and that they will be hiring for that position.
- Jackie attended the Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton in March. She discussed some highlights from the conference including keynote speakers Education Minister David Eggen, author, speaker and former MLA and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffiths – 13 ways to kill your community, and Todd Hirsch – a Chief Economist from ATB Financial. The Rural Education symposium is another chance to meet with Rural Divisions and the emphasis is on the Rural Schools and Communities really are partners and need to work together to keep small schools viable.
- Trustee Comeau discussed future board agenda items including Bill 1 which, if enacted, will result in no Alberta family being required to pay instructional materials fees. To compensate for the lost revenue of this, the government is giving a grant to the school divisions. More details are

<p>coming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustee Comeau discussed the recently announced Nutrition Program initiative by the Alberta Government. Again, she has heard that school boards are receiving a grant to help pay for either a nutritional meal program or nutritional education program but more details coming later.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Administrative Report</b> <b>Darcie Eamor &amp; Daryl Chattargoan</b>	<b>Follow-up Action</b> <b>Recommended</b>
<p>We discussed the PD planning day held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We were all in attendance so we reviewed results and our thoughts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We reviewed the school Education Plan, the Student/Staff/Parent Satisfaction Surveys, the alignment between the Transition Team recommendations and the school's belief statements, and recommendations for School Council</li> <li>QUOTE from Dana: "I like how the staff and parents intermingled to come up with ideas at the various stations on PD day. I really learned a lot and had fun." QUOTE from Anna-Marie: "It was nice to put a face to the names of staff at the school, especially ones my children haven't had yet. We had great conversations and we got to know each other. I went to a big city school when I was young and I really appreciate this small school." QUOTE from Karen: "I liked that parents were totally involved in all aspects of the planning day. It is an excellent way to be involved in our school and feel that our voice mattered and that we accomplished a lot."</li> <li>We looked at volunteer opportunities and noted that parents are keen to volunteer in different ways. We know that parents of Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 volunteer in different ways than Junior High parents and that less volunteering is happening at the Grade 3-6 levels. In the older grades, we get parents coming in to help with CTF and to help coach the school sports teams. We would like to implement a parent team manager for teams next year. For grades 3-6 we discussed the opportunity to take advantage of our community members and welcome them into our school. Perhaps we can start a "Reading Grandmas" group or a Crib Tournament with senior groups and other adults in our communities. We would like to emphasize them coming into classrooms in the school. We realize that purposeful volunteerism is preferred and will be asking the teachers to make requests to us so we can seek out help.</li> <li>We realize the lack of attendance at our School Council meetings and feel that if we can move the meetings around to be more accommodating, we might have better turn outs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Open House Darcie Eamor & Daryl Chattargoan	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House is scheduled for Friday May 26. We want teachers to be able to be set up in their classrooms to meet and greet parents, grandparents and community members so they will not be able to supervise children outside. Not sure if it is best to keep children here after school, or send them home and invite everyone back later.</li> <li>• The Grade 9 class will run the concession and use the funds raised for their Prom. Carling Montgomery will take the lead on this.</li> <li>• The Funny Farm Petting Zoo is booked. We want parent volunteers to supervise children as it is too much to ask the Junior High students to take the lead on. They can help, but we need parents to be in charge.</li> </ul>	

Council of School Councils and Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) AGM and Conference	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen shared that the Council of School Councils is on May 2 and that they are meeting in Barrhead Regional Office. It is an opportunity that comes twice a year for the different school councils in PHRD to get together along with the School Board and Trustees to share their ideas and experiences. You do not need to be the School Council Chair to attend. You often get the news first and straight from the source if there is anything new coming from the division.</li> <li>• The ASCA Conference is April 28, 29 and 30 in Edmonton. Karen has a list of all the breakout sessions and everything is on the ASCA website. Any of our council members can attend and Karen shared that there is a lot of valuable information available that weekend. Registration deadline is 12 noon on Monday April 24 and Pembina Hills has an amount set aside to help pay for the registration. Jackie offered to check into seeing instead of you paying up front and getting reimbursed, PHRD could probably register for you, but she will need to know.</li> </ul>	

Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment	Follow up Action Recommended
<p>Next school council meeting is the AGM. We will meet prior to the Family Fitness night on April 27 at 6:00 PM. We are looking for new executive.</p> <p>Ended at 8:30 PM</p>	