

## School Council Meeting Minutes Sept 5/ 2019

1. **Welcome and Introductions**-saying name followed by name and grade kids are in at the school

2. **Those in Attendance:** Dana Callihoo, Jennifer Spearin, Jackie Comeau, Angela Boelman, Keeara King, Michelle Rau, Raime Drake, Daryl Chattaroon, Jessica Seatter, Julia Luchka, Kevin Luchka, Kirstin Boelman, Leah Breckenridge, Lesley Foster, Coralee Borst, Dani Sawchuk, Lisa Lawrence, Michelle Olson, Jan Borst, Eveline Terlouw, Paula Auger, Andrea Gibson, Vangie Wolff, Janice Tymkow, Michelle Madson, Vanessa Boulerice. (26 people)

3. **Reviewed the Agenda.** –no changes or additions

4. **Approval of Minutes** from April 2019-Andrea Gibson made a motion to adopt minutes as presented. Lesley seconded the motion. All in favor. Passed.

5. **Trustee Report**-by Jackie Comeau:

-Citizenship Awards- nomination forms can be found on the Pembina Hills School Website for nominating students, teachers, and volunteers and she encouraged people to do this throughout the year rather than at the end.

- School Fees: waiting until government budget gets presented in Oct 2019. Usually school budget is done in May before school end. In the past the government has subsidized \$400 000 and school fees have been waived. There is a possibility that school fees may have to be paid later in the year.

-The very long standing secretary treasurer of Pembina Hills recently retired and they have hired a new person that is currently working along-side her to learn the new role.

-Heather Beaver (grade 3 teacher) did a fantastic presentation on the acknowledgment statement on opening day for the teachers and support staff last week. Along with an excellent speaker Jody Carrington who spoke on multiple topics including the importance of teacher/student relationships.

-The School Act was recently replaced by the Education Act; this seems to always be changing based on which government is in power. The trustees will be meeting with the MLA's regarding current concerns etc.

6. **Fundraising Report:** Dani Sawchuk. There is a Fundraising meeting to follow this one tonight. Any new ideas are always welcome. There will be the annual November Bingo as well as a Casino Fundraiser in Feb 2020.

7. **Administrative Report:** Raime Drake and Daryl Chattaroon.

-Enrollment numbers (student numbers decreased slightly from last year-total students this year is 194. Large grade 9 class left with a few smaller classes in elementary. As for funding-state of unknown waiting for new government budget to pass in Oct/19. School receives funding for students with identified needs. The previous classroom improvement funding is now gone. School will be using reserves for CTF etc. to fund this year which was due to careful planning. Parents will be informed with upcoming changes once government budget is presented.

-Staffing; new teacher hired to cover Ms.Montgomery until she is back from mat leave. Mrs. Hood was able to accommodate with late notice.

-Education Plan Priorities: as always includes literacy and numeracy. There will also be a focus on teacher/student relationships in regards to mental health and attendance; Raime mentioned how they want to increase attendance rates in all grades-students who miss lots of school have increased anxiety. As well as a focus on First Nations Metis and Inuit.

-Inclusion: Shelley Moore will be collaborating with grades 2, 4 &6 and working with the students and staff regarding academic and social inclusion. 3 days have been planned-Oct 23, Nov 6, & Dec 2. She is a well-recognized, expert in this area and we are very lucky to have her at PNCS. This will be a great learning opportunity for everyone involved as well as others in our school division. There have been some concerns and questions from the parents regarding the paperwork on FOIP etc. any questions/concerns can be directed to Raime and/or Daryl.

-**Facilities Update:** The sensory space is complete and located off stage in the gym. It's a purpose for kids to calm down, relax and has a ball pit, tepee, etc. The outdoor skating rink has been dismantled and unfortunately no supplies were salvaged as the wood was mostly rotten. The rink is leased from Dapp Community Council and the plan is to rebuild the rink with a steel frame and puck board which will be floating to hopefully prevent the problem that occurred with the last one. Lots of volunteers will be needed to get it rebuilt before the snow flies, look for an email regarding info on this.

-**Dates for the Year** can be found on the Website. Goal setting will be Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in the evening and Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm (no school this Friday). Teachers will then want feedback on how these dates worked out for booking appts before setting dates for the March goal setting.

-**Events:** Parent Volunteers will need to complete the volunteer registration form sent home in the pkg the first week of school, a criminal record check and a child welfare check (vulnerable sector check). This will be kept on file and only needs to be completed one time. It is then the parent's responsibility to report any changes. Parent volunteers are needed for the junior high soccer tournament Sept 26<sup>th</sup> in Fawcett. Money earned at the concession goes towards junior high events throughout the year.

**8. Next Meeting** will be Nov 4<sup>th</sup> At 4:15pm. Childcare will be provided; advance notice that you require childcare would be appreciated.

Meetings will vary between afterschool or in the evening. Helpful to have minutes from the last meeting posted on the website, have the agenda available before meeting, as well as another event happening at the school the same evening!

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.**