

PNCS School Parent Council Meeting Minutes-April 27, 2020-Virtual Meeting

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:03pm.
2. Attendance: Lisa Lawrence, Andrea Gibson, Dana Callihoo, Daryl Chattergoon, Raime Drake, Jackie Comeau, Janice Tymko, Angela Boelman, Jessica Seatter, Keera King, Lesley Foster, Dani Sawchuk, Vangie Wolff, Karen Gabel. (I hope I didn't miss anyone as I was trying to keep track of those joining meeting throughout the evening!!)
3. Review of Agenda: Add School Fees to the Admin Report
4. Approval of the Feb 2020 Meeting Minutes. Presented by Lisa Lawrence. Lesley adopted minutes as presented. Dani seconded. All in favor. Passed.
5. Trustee Report: Presented by Jackie Comeau.
 - a. Ward Review: There is a 4th option which is 6 wards instead of the current 7. Vote will take place in a year from now. If there is a tie, chairs' vote will not count.
 - b. General Updates: The online school survey vs the usual phone survey was a success. There is a 93% satisfaction rate which has been a consistent rate for the past 10 years now. Trustees haven't heard anything re: pandemic affecting the upcoming school year in the fall. There is a council of school councils' virtual meeting on May 12th. The board has been having virtual meetings which makes it hard to have deep discussions. The upcoming 20/21 school year will have 5% less funds than the last year.
6. Administrative Report: Raime Drake and Daryl Chattergoon
 - a. How is learning from home-Feedback from meeting attendees reported great teacher involvement with their students and an overall smooth transition.
 - b. Pembina Hills Funding Allocation Formula: The current formula does not align with the principles of fairness and equity. Alberta Ed originally wanted to cut 8% to budget but mid April that was reduced to a 5% in reduction. With huge cuts to PUFF funding. Some vice principle positions were dissolved including Mr. Chattergoon's VP position. However, he will remain the grade 6 home room full time teacher. Reginal Office also did some re-structuring.
 - c. Funding Cut- Impact on PNCS: The money included for funding include 3 areas: Staffing, Discretionary and Contingency. Staffing Changes include a reduction in 0.94FTE for teachers. Wanda Bakker has reigned from her kindergarten position and there will be some reduction in hours for some part-time teachers. Shirley Craig also retired. The preschool program will look quite different next year. Program Assistants/Success Coach/PA mentor-a reduction in 97hrs. And this doesn't account for the previous PUFF support. School Office Support (secretary)-A decrease in 24hrs. Which converts to 120 hrs of reduced time since PNCS only has Jan Borst. Discretionary Funds (photocopying, furnishings, equipment etc). This fund went up \$32,204. So PNCS would like this funding to be transferred to the staffing fund for more staffing hours-a request has to be made to the superintendent. Contingency Fund: This is specific funding for community schools regarding students that move in and need a 1-1 PA.

So now that PNCS has their budget templates that were released last week, they will be presented to the superintendent and returned May 8th. Then the final budget template will be sent to Alberta Ed on May 31st. Any major decisions for the school will be released after May 8th.

d) Survey Results: There were 3 groups of people including parents, students and teachers. 112 surveys completed. All comments were reviewed. Celebrations were great! A couple areas of concerns that will be addressed for next year. There were many highs and lows this year. And a temporary good-bye to some staff. The Education Plan for the school is on the right path and Raime Drake is hopeful for the future. 20/21 school year-nothing will be added to the staff's plates!! Continue to do what is being done!

e) School Fees: Won't change for upcoming 20/21 year. However there will be some increases to supply fees: (grades K, 1, 2-increase in \$5 for each grade and the teacher will continue to do the supply shopping. CTF-construction and Foods Fees –increase of \$5 each.

6. Fundraising Report- meeting to follow at 7pm-nothing to report now, stay tuned for details.

7. Next Meeting: The AGM-Admin will discuss offline and send out an email! It will be another virtual meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.