

School Council Meeting Minutes

May 2nd, 2022- Virtual meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to Order at 7:02 PM
2. **Attendance:** Lisa Lawrence, Daryl Chattaroon, Sherry Allen, Keeara King, Eveline Terlouw, Angela Boelman, Jessica Seatter, Jan Borst, Leah Breckenridge, Sofia Sheridan (10 people)
3. **Review of the Agenda.** No additions or changes.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Feb. 7th.** Minutes were read by Keeara. Angela approved minutes as presented. Eveline seconded.
5. **Trustee Report:** presented by Sherry Allen

As a new board we have continued to make connections. Meeting with local MLAs Getson and VanDyken. As well as Evergreen School division, we do their bussing to St Mary school in Westlock. We have an appointment with Aspenview school division coming up as they are our nearest neighbor.

The whole board attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium and 2 of us went to the National Rural Education Congress. Trustee Hann traveled to Saskatoon for that, one I attended virtually as I developed Covid. These were great opportunities' for both PD and networking. Rural divisions face unique challenges that do not impact urban areas in the same way and it is useful to exchange information how different organizations are addressing those challenges.

There is a Public School Board Association (PSBA) in Alberta. Our division is not a member at this time but trustees do receive a digital copy of the newsletter. I have noticed there is always a section on grants, from various sources, available to schools. Most recently there was information on one for solar projects/education and another on TRC projects/education. I'm sure the information will be posted on their website so it might be worth checking out to see if there is anything that your school might access. We always hear that there is grant money out there that never gets used but it's a lot of work to do the research. It would appear that PSBA has been doing some of that leg work.

Finally just a staffing note at the regional level. Both the secretary treasurer and the transportation lead will soon be going on maternity leave. The division has been fortunate to find very competent temporary replacements for both.

Now that we are no longer restricted by Covid mandates I am looking forward to an opportunity to participate in a school event that will give me a chance to meet parents, students and staff.

6. **Admin Report:** presented by Daryl Chattaroon

We've had lots of past events and celebrations at Pembina North including:

- skate-a-thon (\$7900 raised)
- pink shirt/ kindness day
- cosmetology jr. High students were able to interact with elementary students and do their hair
- skiing
- junior high dance
- lots of sporting events!
- Exemplary Teaching Award presented to Laurie Walker
- the school had its first gym assembly in 2 years

Future Projects: Daryl has been researching different classroom technology updates including the replacement of smartboards. There are several options that other schools are using including LOFT technology (screen is a computer and interactive) or replacing smartboards with large screens. This is an ongoing discussion and Daryl is hoping that we could pilot some of this new technology in our school come fall.

Open House: We are all very excited to have the open house again this year. There will be hot dogs for the families, a petting zoo and book fair in the library.

Review of 2022-2023 School Fee Schedule: The only changes for the school fee would be swimming fees up \$1.50 and chromebooks up \$10. Daryl asked for parents input and everyone agreed it looked great.

7. **Volunteers:** Presented by Lisa Lawrence

-At Open House there will be a parent council info table set up with a description of positions available on council, a volunteer signup sheet and the date of our AGM meeting in the fall.

-We will be having a free spaghetti lunch on May 5th and have a handful of volunteers for it. Hot dog lunches are also a hit for students and always looking for volunteers to help with these hot lunches.

8. **School Council Workshop:** presented by Lisa Lawrence- initial workshop was cancelled due to change in workshop facilitator. It is rescheduled for June 3rd starting at 10:00 AM. There will be two 1hr workshops. Topic 1: Responding to Internet Exploitation. Topic 2: Disclosure Training. The workshop will be online for those that are unable to attend in person. This workshop will be paid for by our \$500 grant from the government.
9. **Fundraising Report:** Presented by Keeara King- Field trips are a go this year and fundraising committee will be contributing some fees for that. Rubber exercise mats or flooring will be going into the fitness side of the modular. We will be asking for an extension for the use of our casino money due to covid restrictions.
10. **Next Meeting** will be the AGM and is set for Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 4:30 in person. It will overlap with meet the teacher night.
11. **Adjourned** at 7:55 pm