

PNCS School Council Meeting

November 1, 2022 – PNCS School Library at 4:00

1. Call To Order

Lisa called the meeting to order at 4:06. Lisa Lawrence, Darla Durand, Janice Tymkow, Leah Breckenridge, Michelle Rau, Daryl Chattaroon, Sherry Allen, Amber Buniak, Diana Hunt, Keeara King and Jessica Seatter were in attendance.

2. Review The Agenda

Leah moved to accept the agenda as presented. Keeara seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes as presented (or as amended) a. Sept 13, 2022

Leah moved to approve the minutes as read. Janice seconded.

4. Trustee Report - Sherry Allen

- Sherry noted our large school council. She also recommended we review the guidelines set out by Alberta Ed concerning the role of school councils.
- It was noted that Powerschool has been well received across the division as it attempts to work towards a greener solution.
- A Pembina Hills Council of School Councils meeting will be held on Dec. 13 at 5:00 and one of us is encouraged to attend.
- As Sherry is on the Transportation Liaison Committee, there has been a lot of discussion regarding how to address the spare bus driver shortage. Things like sharing routes and paying drivers during training have been brought up. She encouraged us to spread the word that there is a need for drivers and that even those who thought in the past that it wasn't a doable option might find changes that make it a more viable choice now. This shortage is a national concern and it was noted that Pembina Hills is managing relatively well.
- The School Board hopes to visit our school in May. The board would like to hear whatever our school community wishes to share: celebrations, special things unique to our school, suggestions and requests.
- Sherry reminded us she will be away from Nov. 6- Dec. 8 and we are to contact any of the other trustees with our questions or concerns.

5. Administrative Report - Daryl Chattaroon

a. Past events & Celebrations:

Daryl noted the events that have occurred since the beginning of the school year:

- Pep rally (Sept. 14) was a huge hit
- Jr. High Awards (Sept. 15)
- Terry Fox Run (Sept. 20)
- Cross Country Run (Sept. 22)
- Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 30)
- October has been busy for those involved in volleyball.
- Halloween Assembly (Oct. 31) along with the Pie-A-Teacher for the food bank was also a highlight. \$4 727.85 was raised for the food bank.

b. Data Analysis Day:

Daryl shared about how our Elementary and Jr. High students, when surveyed, ranked a little higher than the division on questions regarding their sense of belonging, safety, fairness, etc.... at their school. One of the questions seemed to point to how the students in our school may not be so aware of their mental health. Daryl has encouraged teachers to have some kind of Mental Health checklist with their students so that the kids learn to be mindful of their health. He plans to address this again on the Nov. 10 P.D. day.

c. Progress Reports

K-6 Progress Reports (completed in November and March of every year) will be the same across the school division this year. Prior to this, every school was doing their own unique reporting. Much of the report will use the same language of assessment as before however, for each desired outcome there will be the stated final outcome as well as how much progress in that area is expected at the month of reporting. Hopefully this helps those students who have moved from one school to another within a school year.

6. Fundraising Report - Keeara King

Keeara shared that there will be a BINGO fundraiser at the Dapp Hall on Nov. 24 to support Jr. High Athletics. Volunteers are needed. Discussion followed including the idea of purchasing a school van. Daryl said he would talk with Brett Seatter about this topic and Sherry also noted that the Transportation unit of our school division would likely provide an excellent rate with regards to maintenance. Decisions to be made about the BINGO will be determined at the Fundraising Meeting to follow.

7. Updates on Upcoming Events – Lisa Lawrence

- a. Remembrance Day Service will be held on Nov. 9 at 10:45. All parents are welcome to attend.
- b. Free Pancake Lunch will happen Nov 29. Anyone who would like to help can show up on that day. Janice noted that we are well stocked for the pancake lunch and Lisa was going to look into getting sausages.
- c. Christmas Dinner in Jarvie is expected to happen on Dec. 15 at the Jarvie Community Center. Lisa mentioned that Andrea Gibson has reached out and is willing to head this up. Lisa will be in contact with Jan to let parents know about the opportunity to help with this meal and sign-up.
- d. Christmas Concert will show on Dec. 8. There will be 2 performances.
- e. Staff lunch pot-luck will occur on Dec. 19. School council parents and Sherry Allen will provide supervision for the noon hour. Jr. High's will also be recruited to help with supervising students eating lunch.

8. Next School Council Meeting Feb 13th, 2023-School library

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:05