

# PNCS School Council Meeting

February 13, 2023 – PNCS School Library at 4:00

## 1. Call To Order

Lisa called the meeting to order at 4:09. Lisa Lawrence, Michelle Rau, Janice Tymkow, Daryl Chattargoon, Sherry Allen, Diana Hunt, Jessica Seatter and Brett Cooper were in attendance.

## 2. Review The Agenda

Janice moved to accept the agenda as presented. Diana seconded.

## 3. Approval of Minutes as presented (or as amended) a. Nov. 1, 2022

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

## 4. Trustee Report - Sherry Allen

- Public School Boards Association of Alberta is having a photo contest. Jessica will be in contact with Jan to let the school community know.
- In light of the COVID disruption of the past few years the division will be using PATs and Diploma results to help identify areas of academic strengths and weaknesses within our division.
- The division applied for funding and was selected in piloting a project that has hired four new family support workers for our division.
- The trustees have decided to keep their business meetings in the board room. They will no longer hold a meeting during their school visits. They have started to engage the students in a new way when they visit schools.
- To address the bus driver shortage, the Transportation Unit of the division is planning to hire two permanent sub drivers.
- In light of a provincial election this spring, Sherry encouraged us to ask the candidates who are running about their positions/plans for education.
- Sherry also shared a community service idea: Her senior brother-in-law in Fairview received a Christmas dinner hamper from the Jr. High students in his town. They made sure every senior received a basket. He was thrilled to receive his.

## 5. Administrative Report - Daryl Chattargoon

a. Past events & Celebrations:

- Remembrance Day Assembly
- ATA Induction – Ashley Wolfe
- Free Pancake Lunch
- Grade 2&3 – Matilda at RF Staples
- Volleyball
- o December:
  - Christmas Concert
  - Staff lunch with supervision covered by parents
  - Grade 5&6 – Colony Concert
  - Christmas Dinner
  - Carols at Smithfield Lodge

- January:
- Basketball Season
- Farm Safety
- New Jr. High Options
- Ag field trips
- Cinnamon Bun Day – Assembly – Citizenship Award
- Free Spaghetti Lunch

- February:
- Grade 4-9 Ski trip
- And more events coming up:
- Pink shirt day/kindness poster contest
- Science expo
- Pep Rally
- Skate-A-Thon

b. Staffing Update:

- Arlana Kaliel has been an excellent fit in Grade 1.
- Ashley Wolfe will start her maternity leave on Mar. 7. Ariana Montgomery is feeling well and will cover for her.
- Erica Sorensen will start her maternity leave on Mar. 29. This position is still being advertised.

c. Calendar:

Daryl presented the calendar which will be presented to the Board for the upcoming year. The students' first day will be August 30 (28 for teachers) and we will have a fall break the first full week of November. Classes will resume right up until Christmas and the school year wraps up at the end of June.

**6. Fundraising Report** – no fundraising report presented.

**7. Updates on Upcoming Events** – Lisa Lawrence

- Lisa attended the larger Alberta School Council Association school council meeting on Dec. 13. The ASCA AGM is on April 23 and there is a virtual option to attend. She mentioned that everyone at the meeting was encouraged to make sure that school council information is shared clearly on their school's website. It is very evident to all of us that Jan does a tremendous job of posting clear updates with regards to school council, not to mention that the **WHOLE SCHOOL WEBSITE** is outstanding. Brett Cooper mentioned that our school's website has been featured as an example of excellence for other schools in the division.
- Even though many involved parents were not in attendance tonight, Lisa wanted to give a shout-out and thank all of those parents who have volunteered their time to make our school community stronger.

- Lisa brought up the \$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant money that is available to our School Council. Jessica mentioned we could use some of those funds to invite parents who would consider being on school council to a workshop that defines a school council's purpose. Lisa noted that she saw a workshop that helped with applying for grant money. Discussion followed. Amber moved to host an ASCA workshop called "The Work of School Council: It's NOT about the Meeting" on Mar. 9 at 7:00 at the school library. Janice seconded. Lisa will look into the details and information will be included on our school website. Invite a friend and pass it along 😊

**8. Next School Council Meeting - May 1, 2023 - School library**

**9. Meeting adjourned** at 5:02