

PNCS School Council Meeting

May 1, 2023 – PNCS School Library at 4:00

1. Call To Order

Lisa called the meeting to order at 4:10. Lisa Lawrence, Leah Breckenridge, Michelle Rau, Janice Tymkow, Daryl Chattaroon, Diana Hunt, Jessica Seatter, Keeara King and Lindsey Jimmo were in attendance.

2. Review The Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes as presented (or as amended) a. Feb. 13, 2023

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

4. Old Business:

Lisa reported on the ASCA Workshop that was held in March. It was noted that we have a very strong school council that is well attended. It helped clarify our efforts and was reassuring.

Discussion followed ideas that came up from the workshop like hosting themed meetings or what could be included as far as recruitment/awareness of school council during our school's upcoming Open House. Decisions to be made during New Business.

5. Trustee Report:

In Sherry's absence, Lisa read her trustee report that was sent via email. The main points were:

- They have received reports from Pembina Hills RAP and Dual Credit programs along with the provincial Career Education Task Force Recommendations and will look forward to seeing how they can encourage future opportunities for our students.
- There is an Election Tool Kit through PSBA that is posted on the Pembina Hills School Division website. Parents and community members are encouraged to take a look when considering who to vote for.
- Four new liaisons (social workers) have been hired by the division to address the needs of families. Attendance and mental health are the top two priorities.
- Bus drivers will no longer be required to take MELT training and hopefully this relaxes possible hurdles for those interested in driving bus. The government has also lowered the distance from the school for town students that they will fund.
- Trustees will visit PNCS next week.

6. Administrative Report - Daryl Chattaroon

Past Events:

February:

- Pink shirt day/kindness poster contest
- Skate-A-Thon – raised over \$9000
- Science Expo
- Art and baking showcase
- Leadership Visit to PNCS

March:

- David Bouchard Presentation
- Elementary Basketball
- Junior High Dance

April:

- Slippers, Stuffies and Snack Day
- Junior High Badminton
- Ralph Leriger presentation
- School Spirit Team – Easter Egg Hunt

Planning Day:

Div 1 – the main goal is Literacy, to include multiple levels of literacy

Div 2 – With upcoming changes to the Math Curriculum, there are challenges in finding good resources. Raime Drake was able to locate Mathology and it's an excellent resource that Ms. E and Mr. McCann have utilized really well already.

Div 3 – the main goal regards Student-Staff relationships

The parent survey results were overwhelmingly positive regarding the Safe or Caring nature of our school. The only notable concern was that 74% were satisfied with the communication of their child's learning. Daryl mentioned how he would love all of the parents to feel comfortable to reach out if there is ever a question or concern.

The student survey results were consistently positive as well. When asked if students feel that they get recognized for the good things they do at school - 83% of students replied with a yes. Daryl would like that to be a little higher.

Daryl also shared the proposed school fees for the upcoming year. All of the fees remained the same except for a slight increase in the Jr. High Basketball uniform replacement fee and the Shared Cost Program for Chromebooks.

Staffing Update:

Mary Kaliel will be retiring

Laurie Walker will be retiring

Nicholas McCann will be moving into a different career path.

Our FTE Allotment for teachers went down from 11.65 to 11.25 (We're down 11 students). Daryl has gotten really creative in how to fill the various positions and is hoping to post new temporary positions in the very near future. EA hours will drastically go down next year from this current year. There will only be 2 different CTF classes offered.

7. New Business:

After some discussion, Lisa Lawrence offered to set up a table and provide an “info booth” about School Council at the upcoming Open House. Jessica Seatter and Linsey Jimmo will create a survey for parents concerning their current/upcoming involvement with school council. This will be shared with Jan Borst as a paper survey, a google form, that can be returned to the school, submitted online, or placed in the box at Open House.

Daryl will check in with the staff to see if a supervised lunch is beneficial or desirable and get back to us.

8. Fundraising Report – Keeara King

- Keeara will send information about the two upcoming fundraisers – the Hollywood Jamboree concession and Casino in September – to Jan so that parents can sign up.
- The general account balance is \$10 657.85 and the casino account is at \$6 881.35.
- Daryl shared that the bus in Manitoba is getting inspected and a purchase order will be put in after inspection. There is money in a contingency fund that can go towards the purchase of a bus.

9. AGM - will be held on September 11:00 at 4:00 or 7:00 in school library to be aligned with Meet-the-teacher night.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:35