

PNCS School Council Meeting
February 12,2024 at PNCS Library

Lisa Lawrence called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm

Attendance: Leah Breckenridge, Sherry Allen (School Trustee), Daryl Chattargoon, Brett Cooper (Pembina Hills Superintendent), Andrea Gibson, Diana Hunt, Nick McCann (representing PACO), Lisa Lawrence, Michelle Olson

Approval of the agenda: Leah approved the agenda and Diana seconded

Approval of the minutes: Lisa Lawrence read the meeting minutes from November 27th. Leah approved the minutes and Diana seconded.

Trustee Report from Sherry Allen – Sherry has donated a book that she won at the Alberta School Boards Conference titled “Weaving Hearts Together”. The book will be available at the PNCS Library.

- A balanced budget was approved by the school board after many years of deficit budgets.

- Pembina Hills welcomes our new Superintendent Brett Cooper, who was already internal to Pembina Hills School Division.

- Pembina Hills School Board has funds available for anyone who would like to attend the Alberta School Council Association Conference. This will be an opportunity to learn and network with other school councils outside of our division. Check out the ASCA website for more information. If anyone is interested in attending, apply to Pembina Hills School division for partial funding.

- School Councils within Pembina Hills School Division have the opportunity to meet twice a year at Pembina Hills School Councils meetings.

- Pembina Hills School Division has been part of a power conglomerate for many years. The impact on Pembina Hills School Division power bills over the years has been significant and the division is paying reduced rates because of it. Plans are in the works for batteries to store power in the future.

Administrative Report from Daryl Chattargoon – Mr Chattargoon would like to express a huge thankyou to all the parent volunteers who have been helping out at the school for lunches and other activities.

- Some elementary classes have had an opportunity to buddy up with elderly people from Westlock for visits at the school.

- School staff and Junior High students did a fantastic job with the Christmas concert.

- The annual Christmas Dinner in Jarvie was a success. New PNCS staff had the opportunity to see what an endeavor cooking for all the children really was. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to help out.

- The Christmas Bake sale raised \$940. Westlock Motors donated \$500 to the school for healthy living. The skate-a-thon raised \$7750 for Dapp Council and much of the money raised goes to maintaining the rink and

heating the skate shack. It would be helpful for a parent or member of parent council to attend the Dapp Community Council meetings in the future.

-Our PNCS Bus is making a massive impact on reducing the costs of transportation. It costs about 1/5th of the price of a rental bus through Pembina Hills Transportation. Our bus may need maintenance in the future. PNCS is looking for a mechanic who may be open to checking it out or doing work on the bus as a donation or at a reduced rate. There may be an issue with the air conditioning unit.

-PNCS welcomes our New Kindergarten Teacher Lori Schmidt to the school

-the 2024/2025 Pembina North school calendar is still in draft form awaiting approval.

-Digital Safety Information sessions are coming to the school in April. All grades will have to opportunity to attend age appropriate sessions and parents will also be invited to attend. Presenters are from the Dragonfly Center.

Future events: PACO Bingo in Feb 29th, K-3 Fun Day, Track Meet, PNCS Open House, and possibly a back to school breakfast in September 2024.

New business: Nick McCann (representing PACO) PACO is hosting a Bingo with all proceeds to PNCS Fundraising Association once the association is up and running again. All AGLC licences have been approved by AGLC for bingo cards, Nevada and 50/50. The hall rental will be \$100 and deducted from the proceeds of the bingo. The cost of Turkeys is a bit high. We may do chicken instead. 10 hams, 10 chickens, 10 bacon pkgs are planned as prizes with no prize valued over \$50. PACO is looking for Raffle item donations or families who may want to sponsor a ham or turkey. Fawcett hall can hold up to 300 people.

-Nick McCann (PACO) met with Clay D. who works on obtaining Grant funding for non-profits. PACO is currently working with him and if the school has a wish list we may be able to tap into some grant funding as well. Send ideas to Nick McCann if you can think of something the school needs. One idea that came up was an outdoor greenhouse which could be connected to a CTF class in the future.

-Rocks and Rings is planned to be hosted by PACO in Fawcett and PNCS will plan to send kids for this fantastic experience. PACO will pay for Rocks and Rings to come out to Fawcett. A hot lunch will be provided at Rocks and Rings.

-PACO has plans to host a school Soccer Tournament once again.

- Family day skating at the Fawcett rink

-School Council plans to help with school lunches March, April and May

Other new business: Lisa has reached out to Alberta Student Councils about operating procedures and bylaws. Other Pembina Hills School Division student councils may also want to attend.

Next meeting: May 6, 2024 at 4:45 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm at PNCS School Library