

PNCS Parent Council Minutes September 10, 2024

Attendance: Lisa Lawrence, Angela Boelman, Darryl Chattaroon, Jan Borst, Ariana Montgomery, Caylene Royea, Diana Hunt, David Truckey, Donelle Young, Shayna Sinclair, Andrea Gibson, Jamie Boelman

Review of Agenda, all in favor

Approval of minutes as presented, all in favor

Trustee Report attached (David attended for Sherry)

- Next council of school council meeting is Dec 10 in Barrhead, public is welcome to attend school meetings once a month at 9:30 am Wednesdays. Divisional office in Barrhead. (see schedule on website)

Parent council discussed option of getting bussing from Westlock to Dapp as an option for families and to possibly increase our attendance. Parent Council can write a letter of proposal for this and send a delegate to board meeting.

Principle Darryl Chattaroon Report

1.) Staffing Updates and changes

-Christina Braben - New to Kindergarten and Music

-Brookelyn Felske - New to Grade 1 - Grade 1&2 are combined for until the end of the day

-All other staffing remained the same

- We have 5 EAs supporting the school, which is a reduction from last year.

2.) We discussed enrollment changes - down 20 students from last year

3.) We introduced our leadership crew (Junior high students) which will provide a variety of activities and events for our students throughout the year.

4.) Briefly displayed events for September and October

5.) Discussed cell phone policy at our school:

2024-2025 - PNCS Cell Phone Policy

At Pembina North Community School, our primary goal is to establish a positive learning environment where students can fully participate and benefit from their educational experiences. In line with this, Alberta Education has issued a [Ministerial Order](#) to limit students' use of personal mobile devices and social media. As we move into the new year and following the Ministerial Order, we will be immediately implementing stronger guidelines on cell phone use. These guidelines are aimed at helping students stay more engaged in classroom activities, reducing disruptions, and promoting better concentration on learning tasks. These measures will significantly contribute to creating a more conducive learning environment.

New Measures:

Restricted Access to Cell Phone Use: Students are not permitted to carry their phones with them into classrooms or other instructional areas. This helps prevent classroom disruptions and encourages students to engage fully in learning activities.

Storage of Cell Phones: Students must keep their phones locked and powered off in their lockers throughout the school day. By doing so, the school aims to minimize distractions and maintain a focused learning environment by preventing students from accessing their phones during instructional time.

Exceptions: There may be exceptions to the policy, such as allowing students to access their phones during designated break times to check for family messages or in emergency situations. As always, if you need to contact your child during the day please contact the office. Your message will.

(Please Note: School office staff prioritize answering all office phone calls directly, however as this may not always be possible, parents are asked to please leave a voicemail message if they are not able to speak to someone directly. The school office voicemail is checked continuously throughout the day and these messages also automatically forward to our office staff's email. Parents can be confident that any message left on the school office voicemail will be heard and dealt with in a timely manner.)

6.) Concluded with some ideas for the school council to support our students:

- Back to School Breakfast
- Bingo
- Winter Carnival
- Staff Lunch
- PHSSAM
- Track Meet

New Business

Lisa requests that we review procedures for council, write out purpose of parent council. Also figure out what monthly activities we could participate in. Best option would be to piggyback on school events and have a presence there.

Parents inquired about childcare during meetings, was suggested to give a 'donation' of a toonie per parent to a teen to watch them, will bring back to discussion at next meeting.

Request to do a combo meeting, part virtual to encourage more parents to join and make it accommodating for them.

Fundraising committee - can fundraise once again. Up and running we have bingo & casino thus far.

Elections:

Chair: Lisa Lawrence

Vice Chair: Donelle Young

Secretary: Angela Boelman

K-3 rep: Diana Hunt

4-6 rep: Keeara King

7-9 rep: will call Amber Buniak to ask

All candidates were nominated, seconded and voted all in favor

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm

Next Meeting November 4, 2024 at 4:00 pm