

MINUTES

Neerlandia Public Christian School Council
Monday, August 27th, 2018 @7:30pm

Present: Brett Seatter, Steve DeVries, Jennifer Tuininga (school trustee), Annemiek Elzinga, Janice Wierenga, Amanda Batty, Sheri Strydhorst, Lee Anne Schmidt, Charlene Nanninga, Lorna Strydhorst (teacher rep.) Randy Strydhorst.
Absent: Adam Crabbe

1. Call to Order

2. Devotions- Randy Strydhorst

3. Adopt Agenda

4. Review and Approve Minutes— June 25th— Minutes approved with no changes

5. Business from Minutes —No business from minutes

6. Reports

a. Principal/Student Council—Brett reports that Meghan Furster has been hired as band teacher, and will work to build band program. She has band experience from St Mary's. Brett Wierenga has ideas for various clubs to run that school doesn't have currently. Brett S. reports that 181 students have registered currently, which is slightly down from anticipated number of 185/186. Numbers aren't firm until school actually starts.

b. School Trustee—As attached

7. New Business—No new business

8. Correspondence- No correspondence

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting—September 24, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Devotions—Annemiek Elzinga

Closing—Amanda Batty

School Trustee Report – August 27, 2018

PHPS Welcomes New Staff

This year we are excited to welcome 38 new staff members to Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) and 30 staff within our community schools and support services, with a few positions still open. Novice Teacher Orientation was held Thursday, August 23rd. The opening day for Staff Professional Development is Wednesday, August 29th with guest speaker Shelley Moore addressing the diversity of student needs within our classrooms.

Alberta School Boards Association Summer Leadership Academy

I attended a two day conference with sessions on: being a trusted advisor, the Alberta political climate, superintendent leadership certification, social media pitfalls, a tool for board chairs, new research and online learning opportunities through the provincial association.

It is important to note that we are entering a provincial election year, which most likely will occur in May 2019. This could result in significant changes to education in terms of funding, legislation and programs. The NDP government is entering the “red zone” in which they concentrate on getting re-elected and announcements are limited to good news that further their agenda. Both the United Conservative Party (UCP) and the NDP have significant funds to run their election campaigns.

Organizational Meeting

The Board of Trustees organizational meeting will take place Thursday, August 30th at which time committee representatives and executive positions are voted on. All of the Administrative Procedures that were revised or written over the summer will come before the board as information. For a current list of Board policies and Administrative Procedures please go to the Pembina Hills website www.phrd.ab.ca.

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Neerlandia Christian Education Society
Monday, August 27th, 2018 @ 9:00pm

Present: Brett Seatter, Steve DeVries, Jennifer Tuininga (school trustee), Annemiek Elzinga, Janice Wierenga, Amanda Batty, Sheri Strydhorst, Lee Anne Schmidt, Charlene Nanninga, Lorna Strydhorst (teacher rep.) Randy Strydhorst.
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1. Call to Order

2. Adopt Agenda

3. Review and Approve Minutes— June 25, 2018— Minutes approved with no changes

4. Business from Minutes

a. Pancake Breakfast—**ACTION—Steve and Barry** will set up stoves for breakfast. Annemiek suggested we have small business type cards on table at breakfast with info about

NCES and looking for new board members etc. **ACTION—Steve** will draft, and **Annemiek** will create.

b. Welcoming Committee—**ACTION—Charlene and Lee Anne** will call this week

c. New Board Members—Sheri has agreed to be on NCES board. Matt and Amy Driessen declined at this time. **ACTION-Steve** will ask Natasha Wierenga if she would join.

d. Transportation Fees—Steve and Randy report that one family NCES had paid for fees for has not yet registered on bus list, and bussing fees were paid for one family as per decision last meeting.

e. Bill 24—Discussed whether or not to draft letter for parents given that Bill 24 is specifically surrounding GSA's. The majority of the board did not think drafting letter at this time was necessary.

5. Reports

a. Financial—Randy reports that account is at \$20,000. Received \$4,000 from Student council/Grade 8/9 for money to go towards outdoor classroom. It was asked if we have any money left over from outdoor classroom budget. **ACTION-Randy** will have this information next meeting.

b. Preschool—Charlene reported that Jill informed her that she (Jill) will be teaching two classes starting in October. **ACTION—Need to get contract signed in October.**

c. Outdoor Classroom—Annemiek reports that classroom is finished. One bench left to install for library. Discussed opening celebration for same. Suggestion was made to have celebration on September 27th (Thursday) in conjunction with Terry Fox Run. **ACTION—Steve** will contact TD bank to see if this date works for them, as part of receiving grant was that we would include TD in opening ceremony.

6. New Business

a. School Newsletter—Discussed if any announcements need to be included in student newsletter. Determined to add looking for new board members.

7. Correspondence

8. Closing—Steve Devries

9. Adjournment

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