

NEERLANDIA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY BYLAWS

1. NAME

The name of the society shall be the Neerlandia Christian Education Society of Neerlandia, Alberta.

2. MISSION

The Neerlandia Christian Education Society provides advisory support to the principal to further our children's Christian education and understanding of God's presence in all aspects of life

3. VISION

Our vision as an education society is to:

- a. Encourage excellence in learning, holding the Bible as the infallible Word of God.
- b. Provide a strong support network of parents, guardians and community members who care about the students, staff and school.
- c. Actively participate in school life and discuss current issues pertaining to the school.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the school council are to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning through:

- a. Upholding Christian moral and religious values.
- b. The NCES will advise the principal on the knowledge, skills and attributes that they are looking for in a prospective teacher. In hiring a new principal, the Pembina Hills Public Schools Superintendent will have a face-to-face meeting with the NCES and any interested NCES parents or guardians so they can provide input into what knowledge, skills and attributes they would like to see in a new principal.
- c. Seeking the views of the school community and representing them accurately.
- d. Ensuring teachers have access to Christian curriculum resources and Christian education networking & training opportunities.
- e. Assisting the principal in assessing the future needs of the school and grounds.
- f. Informing the school community about committee work, meetings, news, and inviting them to be actively involved in the school.
- g. Providing volunteer service through helping with various school events.
- h. Encouraging and promoting parental involvement and support.
- i. Communication with the school board – in cooperation with the principal – on development of the school's foundation statement, policies, annual education plan & annual results report and budget.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- a. The society holds the Bible as the infallible Word of God, and believes that parents are responsible for the Christian Education of their children.
- b. Members of the society are those who actively subscribe to these bylaws and contribute monetary donations.
 - i. Membership in the society is based on a yearly donation, and is deemed to have lapsed if a contribution is not received during the current school year of September – August.
 - ii. Minimum donation required is to be set by the society board before the beginning of each school year. If no motion to set minimum donation is made before school year it will be assumed that it will be kept the same as the previous year.
- c. There are two types of membership.

- i. Associate Members - community persons who do not have children attending Neerlandia Public Christian School
- ii. Family Members - parents and/or guardians who have children attending Neerlandia Public Christian School.
- d. Members may withdraw from the society in writing which will be approved by the board of directors at their next general meeting.
 - i. A member that withdraws will not be reimbursed the donation made to become a member.
- e. The board of directors may expel or suspend any member for conduct deemed to be in violation of the principles set out in the society mission, vision and objectives or is likely to endanger the interests or reputation of the society.
 - i. A minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of board members must vote in favour of expulsion for member to be considered expelled.
 - ii. No member may be expelled or suspended before said member has received notice in writing prior to the vote and has had opportunity to speak to the board.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. At the annual meeting, a board consisting of seven members shall be elected from the membership.
 - i. The term of office shall be for three years, with two or three members retiring each year.
 - ii. Retiring officers are eligible for re-election for one term; after which a minimum one year break from the board of director is mandatory before being eligible for re-election.
 - iii. An eighth member of the board will be a community representative who is appointed by the present board.
- b. Board members who wish to resign must do so by notifying the board in writing 10 days prior to the next general meeting.
- c. In case a board member resigns or is unable to complete his/her term, the board has the right to appoint a qualified member to fill any vacancy until the end of the term or until the next annual meeting of the society.
- d. Any director or officer, upon a majority vote at a special meeting of the society called for this purpose, may be removed from their position on the board for any cause which the society may deem reasonable.
- e. Unless authorized at any meeting and after notice for the same shall have been given, no director, officer or member of the society shall receive any remuneration for his/her services.

7. OFFICERS

- a. The board members will divide the executive functions among themselves. These include the positions of: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - i. The Chairperson will preside, when present at all meetings of the society and the Board. In his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson will preside at any such meeting.
 - ii. It is the secretary's duty to ensure that the minutes are kept and to carry on the correspondence of the society. Minutes of meeting are of public record and available to the membership on the Neerlandia Public Christian School website or upon request.
 - iii. The Treasurer's duty is to ensure that an accurate account of the finances of the society is kept.

- The board will appoint a qualified accountant or two members to audit the books of the fiscal year, who will bring their report to the next annual meeting. The fiscal year of the society shall be from July 1 - June 30.
- The books and records of the society may be inspected by any member of the society at the Annual Meeting or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of the same.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. The board meets when required, approximately once a month during the school year for general meetings.
- b. Any four members of the board shall constitute a quorum provided however, that any business transactions at such meetings shall be ratified at the next regularly called general meeting of the board.

9. ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the board will be called when deemed necessary by the directors and officers, or when ten members in good standing of the society approach the board for an interim meeting.
- b. The board will call annual and special meetings by giving notice twenty-one days in advance through the school newsletter, posted announcements, written letter, local store flyer announcements, email, webpage, phone calls or other methods deemed necessary.
- c. At the annual meeting the members have the right to discuss the actions of the board and the annual report of the chairperson and treasurer.
- d. Voting shall be done by ballot in the case of persons and by raising of hands in case of business unless otherwise requested by majority of those present.
- e. Voting will be on vote per member.
- f. Ten percent of the membership will constitute a quorum.

10. PRE-SCHOOL

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11. BORROWING POWERS

- a. The society may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such a manner as it sees fit as authorized by the board at a general meeting.

12. SOCIETY DISSOLUTION

- a. Upon dissolution of the society and after all debts and obligations have been paid, any leftover funds will be donated to a charitable organization in Canada, such an organization to be decided upon at time of dissolution.

13. SOCIETY SEAL

- a. The Neerlandia Christian Education Society is not adopting a society seal.

14. AMENDING BYLAWS

- a. Bylaws may be changed by a Special Resolution of the members. A Special Resolution can be passed at an annual or special meeting of which not less than 21 days' notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given. The vote of not less than 75% of those members who, if entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy.