

# Minutes

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Neerlandia Public Christian School Council  
Monday, August 24, 2020 @ 7:30PM

Attendance: Brett Seatter, Sheri Strydhorst, Charlene Fleming, Katherine Nanninga, Geraldine Wierenga, Amanda Batty, Annemiek Elzinga, Laura Braucht, Lorna Strydhorst, Jennifer Tuininga  
Absent: Kym Peters

## NPCS -Foyer - Please social distance

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Devotions – Charlene Fleming

### 3. Adopt Agenda

### 4. Review and Approve NPCSC Minutes – June 8, 2020

### 5. Appoint Laura Braucht as NPCSC board member

- a. *Katherine made a motion that we appoint Laura Braucht to the NPCSC board, Geraldine 2nd the motion. All in favour, carried.*

### 6. Business from Minutes

#### a. Leader of the Band Award and Art/Drama Awards

The school is considering a fall award ceremony (after harvest), due to COVID, things are still being figured out. Brett will talk with Mrs Ferster and Mr Gelderman and find out if there are students decided for this award. NCES would like to make our financial contributions to these student awards.

### 6. Reports

#### a. Principal/Student Council - Brett

- i. See attached
- ii. One of the COVID protocols is increased cleaning/disinfecting common areas. A concern was raised over chemical cleaners used in the school, the maintenance department found an eco-friendly cleaner that will be used.

#### b. School Trustee - Jennifer

- i. see attached

#### c. ASCA. School Council Engagement Task Force - Amanda

- i. nothing to report

### 7. New Business - none

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## **8. Adjournment**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- September 2 - 1st day of classes for students - Welcome Back Cookies
- September 28 @ 6:00pm
- October 5 @ 6:00pm - PCCE Governance training with Galye
- October 26 @ 6:00pm
- November 30 @ 6:00pm
- No meeting is planned for December

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## August 24, 2020 Principal Report

Enrollment - we are projecting around 230 students... need to see who actually comes in the door the first week. We're excited to have the increase in numbers!

- Purchasing of new items for COVID or enrollment
  - Had to buy new tables for kindergarten as the old ones wouldn't work
  - Purchased some plexiglass tri-fold screens so students can work together without masks. Should have about 5 per room. This allows more flexibility.
- Band/Music
  - Band is going to happen in the church to allow for extra spacing. The extra spacing is a "barrier" to keep students safe while playing wind instruments.
- PE
  - Will carry on fairly normal. Some sanitizing between use, but teachers will coordinate equipment use to keep it simple. Some interactive games will be done outside instead of inside. We want kids to play and have fun while being safe.
- Sports
  - Will follow AB government rules and guidelines. I will be meeting with the Pembina Hills PE committee to establish how we can run the leagues in compliance with the rules.
  - I am concerned about having enough coaches willing and about players who play hockey and want to do school sports. Students will have to choose or we'll have to do creative scheduling.
- Busing and Field Trips
  - This is not recommended at this point. I'm hoping to find creative solutions around this and see what can be done. This will be addressed after we get the regular school startup going smoothly.
- Assemblies
  - Working with staff to have a combination of some students in the gym and most in the classroom watching online. Will work with staff to make this possible.
  - Doesn't look like public assemblies with parents and community are possible at this point
  - Need to find solutions for awards ceremony
- Staggered/delayed start
  - PHSD sent out notification about this today. This is going to be helpful and should allow us the time to properly get students settled and comfortable.
- Questions?

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## School Council Trustee Report - August 24, 2020

### School Re-entry

Guidelines from Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services continue to change, and we are reporting updates on the Pembina Hills website as they are received. We rely on the guidelines provided by the experts and are tasked with implementation. Senior administration has continued to work diligently over the summer creating numerous spreadsheets, charts, administrative procedures and lists reflecting the directives given and how we will implement them. Please see the Pembina Hills website for the latest information [Returning to School - September 2020](#) and our re-entry plan. Bus drivers will be making contact with their families after August 26th. Visitors to our schools will require a mask and are to be healthy and symptom free. There will be no community use of school buildings.

Families are being asked to choose between attending our community schools, or learning online through Vista Virtual School. Families with children in elementary or junior high who register in Vista Virtual School will be committed to online schooling for the full school year - or it creates difficulties with staffing and curriculum alignment. High school students will be allowed to switch between Vista Virtual School and their community school at the semester break if they choose to.

### ADLC

ADLC will continue operations for the 2020-2021 school year and then will be closed. Alberta Education provided us with operating funding of 15 million last year, and 14 million this coming year to serve school divisions across the province. Alberta Education offered 7 million to operate for the 2021-2022 school year, but it is not possible to provide ADLC services at this level. This decision by the province to defund ADLC has a great impact on students across the province, as well as many Pembina Hills staff who have been caught off guard by this change in direction of the government. This change affects 79 teachers and 34 support staff.

### International travel suspended

The board of trustees voted unanimously to suspend international travel for the 2020-2021 school year due to the uncertainty of the duration of health measures around the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension will be reviewed in the summer of 2021. Proposals for trips that are to occur in the 2021-2022 school year can continue to be submitted for approval in principle.

### August 26 Board Organizational Meeting *(this meeting will be livestreamed)*

Items on the board agenda include:

- Elections of Board Chair, Vice Chair, and committee appointments
- The third reading of the Electoral Ward Bylaw
- Review of the Board Work Plan for the 2020-2021 school year
- Information reports on Communication Services and Internal Audit Procedures
- Review of administrative procedures that have been revised over the summer

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