

# Minutes

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Neerlandia Christian Education Society  
Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 7:00PM

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

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Adopt Agenda** - Approved as circulated

## **3. Review and Approve NCES Minutes** – September 28, 2020 - Approved as circulated

## **4. Business from Minutes**

### **a. Adventure Bibles - Stamp and 30 Reimbursements** (valued at \$1170)

- all bibles reimbursed, stamp is purchased

[Action: Annemiek will stamp back of bibles](#)

Future agenda item: Purchase bibles for the 2021/2022 school year

### **b. Correspondence report - Bussing and Membership Letters**

- We have reimbursed 19 families out of 49 for bussing, we will put one more reminder in the November Newsletter. We will not make phone calls to remind families.
- [ACTION: Membership letters will be sent home this week. Annemiek will also review and update the associate member list and put these membership request forms in NCRC church mailboxes](#)

### **c. Financial report**

- Last financial binder has been tracked down
- Art award gift cannot be purchased by the school due to changes in Pembina Hills financial practices.  
[ACTION: Annemiek will send Sheri the info to make an online purchase of the Art award for the winning student.](#)
- Hot lunch went well, not sure the revenue, because nuggets were purchased in March
- November 17 Hot Dog hot lunch with ice tea. Charlene, Geraldine and Laura to help. Laura will purchase supplies.
- Individual foil bags will be used for all future hot lunches as they worked so well.
- Annemiek will purchase individual ketchup packets for the hot lunch to meet COVID guidelines.
- Sheri to put volunteer request in Nov Eagle Express newsletter. Charlene will be the contact to gather a list of volunteers for future hot lunches. Emphasis to recruit associate members to assist with hot lunches.

### **d. Spring Fundraiser**

- We will be doing our spring fundraiser online. People will be able to bid between Feb 15 to March 15. Katherine will set up a website (cost of \$30/month) where

we can do an online auction. People can pledge money if they don't wish to purchase anything in the auction. We will not be soliciting people or businesses for donations. We will request items from the community by put it on facebook and in the newsletter that we are looking for donations. People will send photos or videos of items directly to Katherine. We will ask all the grades to make a basket that we can auction off.

- Amanda will confirm if we need a licence from Alberta liquor and gaming.
- Depending on COVID we might do something in the community before school ends. Maybe a year end wrap up for the school.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. PCCE Governance Training Action Items**

- Devotion and Closing Prayer Schedule - we will be using "See the Story - Live the Story" that was given to us by Gayle Monsma at the board governance workshop
- Board Expectations: Meetings will start at 6:30pm, we will end them around 8:30 pm (2hrs max) by prioritizing items on the agenda. Uncovered items will be moved to future meetings. If board members are not able to make the meeting they should let the chair person know. Sheri will stop using meeting time to review previous meeting minutes and board members are expected to have read all meeting materials prior to the meetings.
- NCES parent volunteer list:
  - We will develop a group text list containing the names of people who volunteer for helping with hot lunches. Charlene will be the contact to gather a list of hot lunch volunteers.
  - Phone calls will be needed when we are short volunteers

### **b. Preschool**

- We will be forming a sub committee to plan the 2021/2022 preschool year. Due to the time and the increase of paperwork, we feel that a sub-committee would be best. They will be responsible for hiring, licensing, registrations and anything else that it might involve. We will have one board member (Kym Peters) on this committee. If we do not get 4 volunteers, serious discussion and thought is needed about the future of NCES preschool.
- Discussion was held about possibly holding preschool in NPCS on non-school Fridays. Sheri to contact Brett about this possibility.
- Board reviewed the previous history and pros and cons about moving preschool to Pembina Hills.

[ACTION: Sheri will put a notice in the November newsletter calling for volunteers for the pre-school subcommittee.](#)

### **c. Update NCES family email list following FOIP guidelines**

[ACTION: Sheri will update the NCES mailing list once the membership renewal forms come in.](#) This will be important for contacting associate members with NCES updates and AGM meeting notices who cannot be reached through Debbie's list.

- Debbie's list will still be critical for reaching families in the school.

**d. School council group photo with masks**

- Next meeting

**6. Future Items**

- a. Follow up with personalized letters in Jan 2020 if memberships have not been paid
- b. Board development plan (succession planning, self promotion of NCES)
- c. Invite Gayle to August meetings to set group norms and establish the difference between NCES and NPCSC

**7. Closing Prayer – Servant-Working - Sheri**

**8. Adjournment @ 8pm**

MISSION - The Neerlandia Public Christian School Council and 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.

**VISION**

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