

Minutes

Neerlandia Public Christian School Council
Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance: Sheri Strydhorst, Annemiek Elzinga, Amanda Batty, Nicole Wierenga, Laura Braucht, Geraldine Wierenga, Charlene Fleming, Brett Seatter, Victoria Kane (school trustee)

1. Call to Order

2. Devotions – Beauty Creating (p23)

3. Adopt Agenda – motion to approve agenda as circulated, all in favor.

4. Approve NPCSC Minutes – October 18, 2021– motion to approve as circulated, all in favor.

5. Business from Minutes

a. Council of School Council Meeting – Nov 30 Update

- i. Annemiek attended the virtual meeting, a small number of schools attended. We were encouraged to give constructive feedback to the Ministry of Education about the new curriculum. Victoria will send us more information and explanation on how to do that.
- ii. Action: Annemiek give Charlene AP 70-1 regarding playground information
- iii. Next meeting May 10, 2022

b. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – no ideas yet from the board

c. Alberta School Council – Annual Conference April 22-24

Action: Everyone to think if they are wanting to attend this event, and we'll discuss it next meeting

6. Reports

a. Principal/Student Council – Brett – see attached report

i. 2022-23 Calendar Review and Approval.

We discussed various calendar options that the staff had proposed, we felt that having a teacher directed day for PCCE conference is important, and discussion around Christmas Break if it should start mid-week. The board felt that having a two day school week (Dec 19 and 20, 2022) before the break, would not be a very productive week, kids are usually feeling done at that time. Ultimately the calendar is the board's decision.

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ii. **NPCS 2022-23 registration** and open house usually happens in April.

iii. **Division Ed Plan goals & key strategies**

The board received this information and had a chance to review it. There was some discussion on what staff members had some of the rolls in our school. Success coach for the division is Kat Friesen she comes to Neerlandia on Wednesday mornings

b. **School Trustee – Victoria Kane**

- PHPS board approved BCHS national tour
- At this point there is nothing that can be shared about the new curriculum, but once it is approved, Victoria will share
- Victoria encourages us to reach out to her if we ever have any questions or concerns.

c. **ASCA. School Council Engagement Task Force – Amanda**

- No survey was received

7. New Business

a. n/a

8. Adjournment at 7:26 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 22, 2022 – NCES – Charlene Fleming
 - Update NCES and NPCSC Vision, Mission, Bylaws;
 - Brainstorm new Board members
 - Playground planning
- March 21, 2022 – NPCSC & NCES – Nicole Wierenga
- April 19, 2022 – Update– Geraldine Wierenga
- May 9, 2022 – NPCSC & NCES – AGM Planning – Brett Seater
- May 10, 2022 – Council of School Council’s Meeting
- May 24, 2022 – AGM – Kym Peters
- June 13, 2022 – NCES - Sheri Strydhorst

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January 2022 Principal Report

- Chapel has been modified to reduce the number of students in the gym, without eliminating them altogether. Too hard to do it all virtually as the sound is problematic for the livestream and recording. Able to mitigate the numbers and keep plenty of space between elementary cohorts.
- Rapid tests and masks haven't arrived yet
- Elementary and Junior High basketball are continuing for now. Games and tournaments have been spaced out to ensure time between games to make sure no spread of the virus happened during an event.
- Elementary running team has a very short season this year with only one event – which was unfortunately cancelled on Jan 17, 2022
- Jr. highs are planning to ski at Misty ridge on the 20th and we've been able to book the facility exclusively to ourselves.
- Have ordered some books and literature on Indigenous topics. The books are being screened to ensure they are age appropriate for our school setting. Teachers continue to meet monthly to further their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous education topics.
 - Planning to bring in a guest speaker
- Three staff members are working on getting their bus license to be able to help with school activities in the future. Hopefully they've completed their training and testing by the end of summer. Takes 63 hours of training plus the exam and driving test.
- New cross country ski equipment was ordered last spring and it's starting to arrive. Hoping to have all the same type of equipment as we had three different styles of boots and bindings, making it a lengthy process to find appropriate skis for each child.

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