

# Minutes

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Neerlandia Public Christian School Council

Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:30PM

**Attendance:** Sheri Strydhorst, Geraldine Wierenga, Laura Braucht, Nicole Wierenga, Charlene Fleming, Annemiek Elzinga, Brett Seatter, Rhonda Spitzer (teacher rep), Victoria Kane (School Trustee)

**Absent with notice:** Kym Peters, Amanda Batty

Location: NPCSC Science Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Devotions** – Creation-Enjoying (p35) – Nicole Wierenga
- 3. Adopt Agenda** – motion to approve agenda as circulated, all in favor.
- 4. Approve NPCSC Minutes** – January 17, 2022 – motion to approve as circulated, all in favor.
- 5. Business from Minutes**
  - a. Constructive feedback to the Ministry of Education about the new curriculum
    - At this present moment, Victoria let us know that nothing is nothing to provide feedback on yet. It has been publically announced that new curriculum will start for K-3 with math and LA; K-6 with PE. Timelines are a concern as generally there is a full year to prepare for a new curriculum.
  - b. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant \$500– Survey Monkey Annual Subscription
    - At the February 22, 2022 NCES meeting [Amanda made a motion that we purchase a one year subscription to Survey Monkey for a cost of \\$476.66. Laura second the motion. All in favor. Carried](#)
  - c. Alberta School Council – Annual Conference April 22-24
    - No one will be able to attend
- 6. Reports**
  - a. Principal/Student Council – Brett
    - See attached
  - b. School Trustee – Victoria Kane
    - see attached
  - c. ASCA. School Council Engagement Task Force – Amanda
    - Amanda was unable to attend tonight's meeting, nothing to report.

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## 7. New Business

- a. **PCCE Conference Fees (leader conference)** for Brett Seatter and Kim Sybesma \$600 + mileage (\$610) = \$1200. CRA mileage suggestion is now \$0.61/km.

Laura made a motion that we cover the costs of approximately \$1210, for Brett and Kim to attend the PCCE conference. Nicole second the motion.

All in favor. Carried

- b. **PCCE Truth and Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement for NPCSC input:**  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1apQSM83ViBp5\\_BVFcximRofWjCWkNJ1oNoj4c\\_boGIA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1apQSM83ViBp5_BVFcximRofWjCWkNJ1oNoj4c_boGIA/edit?usp=sharing)

- Brett presented us with this acknowledgement statement. We provided some suggested edits. Then we suggested that Brett do a write up about the statement in the April/May newsletter principal message. This will allow the community to read it and get an understanding of it.

- c. **PCCE AGM – April 23, 2022:**

- PCCE is hosting a Governance and Leadership conference in conjunction with their AGM.
- Leadership Conference (April 23) - one-day conference in Calgary for board members, school leaders and teachers who are interested in the topic. Registration is now open. The day will include workshops, structured and informal opportunities to connect with board members from other schools, and a chance to learn more about PCCE. Open to the whole board and leadership team!
- Annual General Meeting (April 23) – Required to have one board member and one staff member [sign up](#) to attend the AGM virtually.
- Geraldine Wierenga and Lorna Strydhorst are able to attend

- d. **Christian Education Week**

- Christian Education Week will be April 25-28.
- Brett will provide update from the NPCSC committee

- e. **Easter Assembly**

- There will be an Easter Assembly held on Thursday April 14
- Brett to provide an update from Kim Sybesma

- f. **NPCSC staff to possibly host a lunch for NCES board**

- Due to the unavailability of the board being able to come for lunch on the 29th, it was suggested that maybe the staff could host supper for us, before the AGM on May 24 (at 6:15pm). If that does not work for the staff, then could the staff bring coffee and squares for the AGM.
- Brett will discuss this with the staff and let us know.

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- **ACTION:** The board will host lunch for the staff on April 29th, from Reid's kitchen. Annemiek will figure out numbers with Debbie. Laura will get the menu. Nicole will deliver food.

## **8. Adjournment at 7:40 pm**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- April 19, 2022 7:30 pm – Update– Geraldine Wierenga
- May 9, 2022 6:30 pm – NPCSC & NCES – AGM Planning – Brett Seater
- May 10, 2022 – Council of School Council's Meeting
- May 24, 2022 7:00 pm – AGM – Amanda Batty
- June 13, 2022 6:30 pm– NCES - Sheri Strydhorst

### March 2022 Principal Report

- Things continue to feel back to normal with activities happening more and more each week
- Parent teacher interviews were a success, with around 95% attendance in k-7. Grades 8 and 9 were a little lower. Nice to have parents and kids come out and meet with teachers.
- Basketball is complete, with the elementary teams having a final tournament in Barrhead and the Junior High teams finishing Zones in the first weekend of March.
- Junior High badminton is starting this week and will continue through April
- Grade 9s went to Jasper on their ski trip and it was a very successful field trip.
- Grades 1 and 2 went to FCSS Foodbank for part of their 100th Day celebration, delivering cans of food (collected 100 cans per class = 470 cans sent) and getting a tour to see how the food bank operates.
- We will be having an afternoon Easter Assembly on April 14th, more details to follow (Kim Sybesma and Lisa Seatter will lead; it is not a full concert but a bigger assembly open to parents)
- Kindergarten registration/open house will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. At date of meeting 15 children were registered so far.
- It is planning season right now. Wish list for next year:
  - Lack of an associate principal has created a void and some holes
  - Classroom space is another need
  - Think about options for managing the large grade 3 class

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## ***Trustee Report***

***Neerlandia***

***March 21th, 2022 Meeting***

### **COVID REPORT:**

Data is collected on a weekly basis, and current trends show a significant decrease in absences for both staff and students – noticing that if a family member has covid, the family will stay home. This is what we want to see. Senior admin brought up how often the board wanted to hear these results if continuing at all. We decided it would be important to keep an eye on numbers at least until the end of this year.

### **LONG SERVICE AWARDS:**

The board is starting to look at other options for long service awards, in how we do them and what is provided in recognizing staff. No decisions have been made at this point, but it is changing.

### **3 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN:**

Each year Alberta Education requests that jurisdictions submit their Three-Year Capital Plan for new construction and major modernization by March 31. Funding for these projects is contingent on approval from Alberta Education.

Each year, facilities staff conduct a high-level review of each of school to evaluate the respective schools' ages, capacity and utilization, as well as any structural or significant maintenance concerns. Most importantly, projects are identified based on the needs of each school.

In order of priority, the recommended projects to be undertaken under the Three-Year Capital Plan consist of the following:

#### **1. Barrhead Composite High School – Full Modernization & Right-sizing**

This school requires a full modernization and right-sizing to achieve an operating capacity of 85%. This project also involves re-planning of the facility to improve instructional efficiencies along with a complete upgrade to the building infrastructure and physical plant. This project is expected to cost \$30 million.

2. Westlock Elementary School – Partial Modernization. This project will consist of modernization throughout this complex with an emphasis placed on the 1986 air handling unit, as well as replacement of intercom system and washroom upgrading. This project is expected to cost \$6.3 million.

#### **3. Barrhead Elementary School – Partial Modernization**

This project consists of modernization of this facility with the priority being the 1973 & 1975 east wing, and upgrading the 1983 section of the school including roofing, mechanical and classroom upgrading. This project is expected to cost \$9.0 million

### **LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES:**

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Schools or school divisions have the option to create their own courses to respond to student interests or local needs. These courses must be approved by Alberta Education, but once approved other schools or school divisions can apply to access these courses for their own students.

Pembina Hills has historically accessed a series of courses developed by the Calgary School Division in subject areas as Film and Media Art, System Scaffolding, Musical Theatre, and Social Literacy. The permission to use these courses must be renewed on a three-year basis, and the request to use these courses must be approved by the board.

The board considered and authorized the renewal of the [courses](#) acquired from the Calgary School Division

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