

MINUTES

Neerlandia Public Christian School Council
Monday, January 16th, 2023

In attendance: Amanda Batty, Nicole Wierenga, Laura Braucht, Charlene Fleming, Shawna Sotnikow, Sheri Strydhorst, Geraldine Wierenga, Brett Seater, Kim Sybesma, Victoria Kane (virtual)

Regrets: Kirstie Schatz

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm

2. Devotions—Laura - Beauty Creating-pg 23

3. Adopt Agenda - MSC

4. Approve NPCSC Minutes (from October 17th) **MSC**

5. Business from Minutes

6. Reports

a. Principal Report – Brett – See attached

- PATs will be discussed at the next meeting

- i. School Calendar 2023-2024

- 2 options were presented

- The Christian Education Conference will be Oct 19-20, 2023 in Leduc, all NPCSC staff will plan to attend; NPCSC supports these 2 days as being 'no student days'

- NPCSC supports 5 day week October 30-Nov 3; No school on June 14, 2024 as that could be grade 9 grad; 5 day week on Dec 1st which will be St Nick's day

- ii. Blanket Exercise

- with Audrey Dagmar – a Christian Indigenous lady

- first a night session with parents then with junior high students

- would like to have 10+ parents attend the evening session

- NPCSC suggested March 21, 2023 – or sometime during the week prior to spring break

b. School Trustee—Victoria

- new calendar is very different, based on feedback from Pembina Hills survey

- NPCSC Christmas Concert was excellent

- 12 casual drivers were added which seems to be helping

- Curriculum – learning outcomes have changed; PHSD is trying to fill the gaps

- Wed, Jan 18 will be the board meeting – lots of news after that meeting

c. ASCA- Sheri

- No survey

- Newsletter highlighted: workshop "Creating School Council Plans to Engage the School Community" Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27; Resolutions for the AGM can be submitted; looking for nominations for the ASCA Board.

7. Adjournment at 7:10pm

Future Meetings/Important Dates

February 13th--NCES--7:30pm--Review Bylaws/Future Planning

March 18th--PCCE Governance/Leadership Conference (1 board rep/1 educator rep)

March 20th--NPCSC/NCES--6:30pm

April 17th--NCES--7:30pm--AGM planning/New Board Members

May 15th--NPCSC/NCES--6:30pm

May 23rd--AGM

June 12th--NCES--7:30pm

Principal's Report January 16, 2023

- Christmas concert was a great success! We were so thankful to be able to host it in person this year. Barrhead Victim Services received \$712. in donations.
-
- Seven of our teachers attended the Christian Teachers Convention in Calgary on October 20/21 and shared their learning with staff when they came back. Again, thank you to NCES for supporting this convention.
-
- As mentioned at the last meeting, PAT results were not yet available due to security issues last spring when the tests were written. The results were made available in late November and we will be analyzing them on our January 30th PD day.
- We had our new progress reports rolled out in November. Although this was a different format, it seemed to go over fairly well with parents and students. Although lengthy in format, they're necessary to meet the new requirements for progress reports and report cards, as per AB Ed.
-
- We finally had our new online store opened, which closes the first sale tonight. Hopefully people are able to find items they enjoy as we have several options and derivatives of the new logo. We didn't go with Entripy as first planned as we weren't able to get the customer service and support we were hoping for. Going with Sportfactor was more "local" and they've been a great partner in the past.
-
- We hired Mrs. Katie Blum as our Educational Assistant to fill a need in elementary grades. Thanks to God for providing us with a great individual to fill this role! Ms. Lisa Gehring has replaced Mrs. Laura Mast as the Gr. 2/ 3 teacher.

Sports:

- JH Volleyball finished successfully as the boys won zones and the girls won regionals. Thanks to the coaches for their dedication & time.
- Elementary volleyball had a short but fun season, ending with the big tournament at the spirit centre in Westlock.
- JH basketball is in full swing again as we have 2 girls teams and 1 boys team. Elementary basketball will start soon.
- Running club is about to start as well, with the elementary teams having several running events and the JH team will have one main event.