

Minutes NPCSC Sept 18,2023

Neerlandia Public Christian School Council

September 18, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Location: NPCSC Staff Room

Present: Laura Braucht, Diane Thiessen, Sandra Olthuis, Kirstie Schatz. Shawna Sotnikow, Sandra Olthuis, Jill Olthuis, Brett Seatter, Victoria Kane, Char Nanninga, Charlene Fleming

Absent: Sheri Strydhorst

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions – Diane Thiessen
3. Adopt Agenda - Approved
4. Approve NPCSC Minutes – August 22, 2023 - Approved
5. Business from Minutes -Nothing to report
6. Reports
 - a. Principal Report – Brett - see attached
 - b. School Trustee – Victoria Kane- see attached
7. New Business
 - a. Volunteer for submitting ASCA surveys - Diane will present to committee and will submit the surveys.
 - b. Other
8. Adjournment

September 2023 Principal Report

- The first few weeks of school have gone fairly smooth for start up. Our new teachers are fitting in very well and we are excited to have them on board
- We are aware there were some issues with some of the bathroom locks not working properly. Maintenance came and fixed the worst locks and have ordered new ones to replace all of the locks so we can be assured they're all working properly.
- Grade 7 Band attended Jump Start in Edmonton, which is a Band workshop designed to help kickstart the musicians with their new instruments.
- We have a couple of staff who are trying to start a Junior High choir based on expressed interest from students last year. Whether or not it proceeds will be determined based on how many sign up.
- The gr 8s will once again go to Frontier Lodge for their field trip in May. With Mr. B Wierenga taking over the gr 8 homeroom this year, we looked at the costs and structure of the field trip and have decided to go from a 4 day down to a 3 day trip, which lowers the cost/student from \$432 to approximately \$310. With the saved time and cost (and not losing too much for activities on the trip), it was determined that this would be good to try this school year.
- Truth and Reconciliation week is coming up next week and teachers will once again discuss why we do orange shirt day. Teachers are reminded to keep the topic age appropriate. As a school, we simply invite parents to ask: As Christians, what is our role in reconciliation in this country?
- Elementary soccer (gr 5-6) is well underway and games are now scheduled for playing against other schools. Mrs. Lisa Seatter and Mrs. Vanderwekken are the coaches for these athletes.
- Junior high volleyball is underway with many new coaches in the school. We appreciate Steve De Vries coming back to work with the 8/9 girls team, along with Emily Greilach. Mrs. Smith and Shawna Sotnikow are coaching the gr 7/8 girls team. Shelley Dykstra and Vanessa Duerr are coaching the 8/9 boys team, with Mrs. Kerckhoff and Laura Braucht coaching the gr 7 boys.
- Cross country running is doing very well with 61 participants from elementary grades and 25 participants from junior high!
- Terry Fox run went really well with CCRS joining us. We had well over 500 runners in the event!

School Trustee Report – Victoria Kane

No changes to the board, we have serving as Chair, Trustee Judy Lefevre and Vice Chair, Trustee Sheri Allen.

We had a big change of representation on external and internal committees. I'm now in TEBA, Transportation, FNMI, and CARES.

From time to time, new positions are created to serve the changing needs of the Division. The Board approved the creation of two new positions: a Senior Driver Instructor to train bus drivers internally and a School Lunch Provider.