**PNCS School Council Meeting** 

June 9, 2014 Dapp School

#### Attendance:

Tammi Simpson, Adam Budgen, Mary Kaliel, Jane Rottier, Jackie Comeau, Gladys Foster, Hazel Schneider, Joanne Kaliel, Kendra Seatter, Daryl Chattargoon, Wendy Morey Hood, Michelle Caouette, Michelle Rau, Karen Gabel, Martin Cairns, Jason Wiks, Darcie Eamor

Jason Wiks, the Associate Principal of Pembina North Community School introduced himself to the group of attendees and shared his thoughts and enthusiasm for the future of building the PNCS. Attendees then introduced themselves to him.

Tammi Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The agenda was displayed & read. Jane moved the agenda be adopted as presented, Michelle C. Seconded, AIFC.

Since the last meeting was the formation of ByLaws, there were no new minutes to review. At this time, we discussed that most of the same attendees were present at that ByLaw meeting and a copy of the ByLaws that were developed was sent out for review via email prior to this meeting to all Executive Members. Karen highlighted that there will always be an opportunity to amend or edit the ByLaws as we go through our first year. Joanne moved the ByLaws be accepted as presented. Hazel seconded, AIFC.

Jackie Comeau, our School Trustee then presented her report. She shared highlights of her recent attendance at the Alberta School Board Association Conference & AGM as well as the Public School Board Association Conference. Other things the School Board has been involved with recently is Inspiring Education, Curriculum Redesign, plus a meeting with representatives of all of PHRD Supports Systems – transportation, administrative & office staff, Program Assistants, and outside supports. Jackie encouraged us to look at the Alberta Education Website. As always, she welcomes your questions, comments & concerns.

Principal Report – as presented by Darcie Eamor

- School Highlights getting ready for September schools are busy purging
  - Each school has some sample hoodies for students to try on before they buy. Trying on
    is highly recommended as the hoodies are "Athletic Fit". Orders need to be submitted
    before the end of June. Forms available at each school.
  - Staffing & Schedules are still being worked on. There is an announcement that will arrive tomorrow describing the assignments that have been figured out already.
  - Needed to make a decision about Photographer for next year Dapp & Jarvie used
     Smart Photography & WR Frose used Lifetouch last year. Since Smart contacted us first,
     we decided to go with them for the 2014/15 school year.

- Our school will host the READY program this fall. READY is an Early Entry program similar to SPICE at Westlock Elementary School & CPREP in Clyde School. It is Government funded.
- Daryl shared a presentation on the switch from PAT (Provincial Achievement Exams)
   exams to SLAs (Student Learning Assessments). An impressive website was shared with
   us that demonstrates an example of what the new SLAs will look like. The first of these
   will be for Grade 3 starting early fall 2014.

# • New Items coming up for the school:

- Team Clothing & Hoodies are being ordered now. Parents should receive an order form.
   This is to allow our students to have something to wear at the start of the school year as some sports activities start right away.
- The Junior High students are concerned about wearing inside shoes next year. The
  expectation will be that so long as shoes are clean, they may be worn inside; however,
  proper athletic (gym) shoes must be worn for phys ed.
- There is some tweeking to be done with the band program for Junior High as not all students have had band experience.
- Swimming lessons were discussed. We discussed dropping them for Junior High and the school will confirm expenses and the viability for offering swimming lessons to Grades 2, 4 and 6.
- A discussion was held about the hot lunch program and a breakfast grab & go program.
   Some sponsorship is being seeked out. Once we have a better idea on what the construction process will look like, we can better decide what hot lunch will look like.
   Tabled for the fall.
- The Skate-A-Thon will continue in Dapp to raise money for the upkeep of the outdoor rink owned by Dapp Community Council. Last year all students participated during classroom phys ed time & optional pledges were took by participants.
- The students in Junior High should all have a ChromeBook added to their list of requirements. Students that do not already own one will be given a cost-shared program where the school pays a portion (\$100) & the student pays a portion (\$179).
   The ChromeBooks cost \$279. They will be purchased by the school for students in the fall. Payment plans can start now if parents wish.
- Volunteers are needed for the Flatbush Rocks concert in Fawcett on July 18, the Jarvie Centennial on August 2 & 3 weekend, and in August for the school move in day.
   Possibility of a parade float as well. More details will follow shortly.

### **New Business:**

### **Points Program**

This program was discussed. It was decided to try it but as a School Council Initiative, working with Student's Union. Joanne moved that we proceed with a modified points program for the 2014-15 school year to be run by school council pending staff discussion. Seconded by Adam, carried.

# **Heroes Program**

Question was asked if this was going to continue. Both Florence Schultz & Lisa Seatter have said they would be available for it, so yes.

Next meeting date & time – Adam suggested we set a regular meeting date and modify it as the need arises. Discussion was held & Adam moved we hold the meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month next school year. Michelle seconded, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM