

Pembina North Community School Council
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2014

Attendance: Denise Boulerice, Joanne Kaliel, Gladys Foster, Hazel Schneider, Fern Doke, Tammi Simpson, Karen Gabel, Darcie Eamor, Jason Wiks, Jackie Comeau.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Joanne moved to approve the agenda, Hazel seconded, All In Favor, Carried
Minutes were reviewed on the screen. It was noted for future to have the minutes posted online & reviewed ahead of the meeting. Denise moved the minutes as presented, Gladys seconded, All In Favor, Carried

Business Arising:

- Denise is heading up a food committee.
- Tuesday Pizza Day: there are 201 orders, includes staff. Denise has helpers lined up including herself, Gladys, Hazel, Vanessa Boulerice, and Lisa Tymkow.
- The forms will be tallied by each classroom teacher & handed into the office. If you need to change the order, tell the teacher.
- Update from the Rotary Club was given by Denise. They donated \$1250 to the school already & will apply for us again in Spring / Summer for another \$1250. Denise will clarify with Dean Wiegand if there needs to be a reapplication by us or if they are applying on our behalf. The first \$1250 came from the local chapter, the next portion would be a regional donation.
- Joanne also mentioned that the Elks and Legion would be other associations we could ask for donations from. The Elks donated the tv screen that was in Jarvie, and we should make sure that gets brought over at some point. On that note, Darcie mentioned there will be another moving day in the near future to bring over some more items from both buildings.
- Christmas Dinner was discussed. The proposed date for this is Tuesday December 16th. Denise will book the hall. Darcie has spoken to Sheila Trueblood who is in charge of bookings and the Community Association has agreed to give us a discounted rate of \$50 for the full facility. There is a key at the school for the hall. To clarify any confusion, it is a dinner for students and staff put on by volunteers and students. Junior Highs will be helping to prepare and clean up thus having a hands-on experience in hosting an event such as this. Hazel agreed to help the students with the food prep.
- Leftover subs will be sold on December 4th and it is being offered to the whole school. Order forms sent out with a deadline so they know if they need to get more. Discussion was held. Joanne will come to the school to handle the money for this for the fundraising association.
- New event idea was discussed – a Family Dance on the February 14th weekend for Valentines Day & Family Day. Will need to work out the details later such as the cost per family, a concession, decorations, and possibility of getting the Westlock radio station, 97.9 The Range involved.

New Business:

- Discussion was held that in January we would like to have an information session for parents on digital technology in our school – like a “social media: the good, the bad & the ugly”. Also something telling parents about Pembina Hills policies & expectations. Parents were keen to have something like this.
- Fundraising Society will have a meeting hosted by ASCA to develop some by-laws on January 8th & are asking for people to attend.

Reports:

Trustee Report:

Jackie Comeau reported on highlights from the Alberta School Board Association Fall Convention. She said it was a great opportunity for some collaboration with other school boards. At this convention, they also passed a resolution to make a recommendation to the government to change the weight of the diploma exams. PHRD’s main topic of concern, however, was the high cost of transportation and they have approached our MLA, Maureen Kubinec about this. At the convention, Pembina Hills School Division was the recipient of a Public Engagement Award for the work done on the Westlock North process. There has also been a contract offer for ADLC (Alberta Distance Learning Centre) which has been extended from 2 year to 5 years. Another big topic of discussion at the board is around a SRO Officer and the fact that PHRD will pay for half of the wage, along with portions paid by Westlock County & the Village of Clyde, however, the Town of Westlock is not on board. Jackie then passed around copies of the PHRD Administrative Procedure for Communication Protocol.

Principal Report:

Darcie Eamor presented her report. First was a summary of events since our last meeting: Agriculture Showcase by Junior High CTF students, moving into the new band room, our new School Song, My Pembina, Halloween, Remembrance Day, Volleyball, Fall break. Next was upcoming events. The big thing was the dinner which we already discussed, the Christmas Concert with 2 performances on December 11, and then Jerky Making Day on the 12th. There will have to be a meeting for parents of extra curricular basketball on a cost recovery system. Jason is heading a committee with teachers regarding school awards – surveys compiled from students, parents & teachers. Discussion was held. Darcie went through the next items for the school handbook about co & extra curricular sports plus a social media policy.

We then completed the Parent Input for Parent Voice from the PHRD survey on Success For All Students. The questions were displayed on the board, discussion was held, and Darcie noted our comments.

Fundraising Society Report:

As presented by Joanne Kaliel, the Casino account is unchanged. There is a new Casino slated for early January and the by-laws meeting on January 8th. Some

discussion was held as to what the funds can be spent on but no new decisions were made.

There will not be a meeting in December. We will wait to figure out a new date for January and let everyone know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.