

Pembina North Community School Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Dapp School

Attendees: Denise Boulerice, Gwen Brandl, Adam Budgen, Martin Cairns, Darcie Eamor, Gladys Foster, Karen Gabel, Wendy Morey Hood, Joanne Kaliel, Andrea Medcke, Ariana Montgomery, Hazel Schneider, Tammi Simpson, Laurie Walker

Meeting called to order by Chair, Tammi Simpson at 7:09 PM.

Tammi introduced a couple of new standard practices which we will follow at every meeting:

- 1) We will use name tags
- 2) We will use a sign in sheet, listing our name & email address
- 3) We will have meeting minutes distributed by email and / or posted on line for review before the meeting. The minutes will then be displayed & a few minutes given for us to read through to refresh our memory before they are passed.
- 4) Other correspondence will be kept in a folder and available for a glance at during the meeting. If anyone would like a copy of the correspondence, you can put your name on the post it that is on the front of the papers & either a copy will be emailed to you or a photocopy will be made for you before you leave the meeting that night.

Agenda was reviewed. Denise moved the agenda be accepted as presented, Hazel 2nd, All in favor, carried.

Minutes from our Establishment meeting held on Thursday, February 13 2014 were displayed and reviewed. Andrea moved the minutes be adopted as presented, 2nd by Laurie, AIFC.

From the minutes, it was evident that we still have a position to be filled, Vice-Chair. Karen nominated Adam Budgen for the position of Vice-Chair. Laurie 2nd. Adam accepted the nomination. No other nominations, so Denise moved nominations cease, 2nd by Ariana. AIFC. Welcome, Adam.

Our Trustee, Jackie Comeau sent her regrets along with an emailed Trustee's Report. It was displayed & read by the attendees.

Principal's Report was given by Darcie Eamor.

At this time, she presented a review of the Transition Team – who was on it & what they accomplished. She also explained why it seems that we have gone backwards or had to put on the brakes in our work to prepare for Pembina North Community School. Darcie presented a visual of how we have been “Forging a New Path”, displaying the “Old Way” of following regulations dictated by the School Act and the “New Way” of being proactive to explore our options while laying a new foundation, creating a new school identity and keeping our valued traditions & cultures. She clarified that currently, Pembina Hills must follow the School Closure regulations set out in the current School Act which is why the Board made the school closure motions and has been having community meetings with the final Board decision being made on May 14.

We also reviewed a list of the joining activities that have been ongoing – between both students & staff – to build this new school, should it happen.

Darcie then presented the School Calendar for next year. It will be an “Alternate Year” Calendar, and no matter the decision, be it Dapp School or Pembina North Community School, the presented calendar would be the same based on the bus arrival and departure times which dictate the length of day. At the Board Meeting, this calendar will be presented as the Dapp School Calendar, as this meeting will be prior to the decision meeting. Important to note is that there will only be six 5 day weeks in the 2014/15 School Year Calendar. Draft copy is attached.

Motion to accept the School Calendar as presented made by Adam, 2nd by Hazel, AIFC.

A Parent PD was presented by Darcie as well, describing the Curriculum Redesign and a shift from the PATs (Provincial Achievement Tests) to the SLAs (Student Learning Assessments).

Fundraising Reports were presented. As there was no information from the Dapp / Jarvie Fundraising Society to present, Joanne Kaliel did a summary from the WR Frose Fundraising Society with a tally of the amount raised from the C’est La Vie Dinner Theatre Production held on April 11 & 12. The profit so far is \$9729.91. These funds are marked to go directly to the Fine Arts program for the new school. There are still a few small amounts to pay out and come in. There will be a joint fundraising meeting to review this event & to discuss the amalgamation of the two entities on Monday, April 28 at 7 PM in Jarvie School. Everyone welcome to attend.

New business that was presented was:

There will be an Archery Course coming up very soon and it would be good to have a parent volunteer or two attend. This course is for certification to instruct the course to students. This is a want for next year. For more information, contact Joanne Kaliel & she will direct you to the right information.

Denise will contact Alberta School Council Association to book a facilitator for our next meeting which will establish our bylaws and regulations and get guidance on the dissolution of our old councils. We would prefer to have Lynda Akers again if possible. We will need both sets of bylaws from our existing School Councils / Parent Advisory Committees so we can develop a new set. Tammi & Gladys will look into getting these. We would prefer to have this meeting starting at 6 pm in Dapp on either Monday the 26th of May or Tuesday the 27th of May. We would like for it to be a potluck kind of supper meeting. Once Denise finds out when it will be held, more information will be sent out via email.

Next meeting to be held on either May 26th or May 27th.

Adjourned at 8:54 PM.