

**Minutes of the Pembina North Community School Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2016  
Pembina North Community School Library / Music Room**

**Attendance**

Darcie Eamor, Jason Wiks, Laurie Walker, Tammi Simpson, Jackie Comeau, Brandi Wolff, Karl & Jane Rottier, Michelle Cuthbertson, Cristy Paly, Gladys Foster, Hazel Schneider, Janice Tymkow, Karen Gabel

**Call to Order/ Welcome/ Introductions**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Agenda was reviewed. No additions.
- Jane moved the agenda be approved, Michelle seconded, carried.

**Adopting the Minutes from November 19, 2015**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Laurie moved the minutes be adopted as presented, Jane seconded, carried.

**Old Business**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Lord's Prayer surveys were distributed & we received a reply from 50 families. 46 were in favor of reciting the Lord's Prayer, 4 were against.
- The count was done by Principal Darcie Eamor, School Council Chair, Tammi Simpson plus two parents
- Thanks was passed on to parents for their help on Christmas events – the Christmas Dinner, the Craft Day, Santa Bags, and various help for the concert.

- **Darcie is now waiting for the board meeting on Jan 26 at 11:30 to present the results and get the board to motion for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer to be allowed at Pembina North Community School**

**Fundraising Report**

**Follow-up Action Recommended**

- Brandi did not have the report from their treasurer, however she reported that the Regal Fundraising made about \$740. The Bingo was much smoother to set up & organize and there was good attendance, however she was frustrated that she did not receive more auction items or monetary donations from community businesses. They took in \$1885 for the Bingo.

- **Fundraising Meeting follows school council tonight, but in future they may schedule a different meeting night. Watch email for notice.**

Trustee Report by Trustee Jackie Comeau	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boundary Review meeting November 26<sup>th</sup> was not as well attended here as it was in other locations. They are in step one of the review process which is gathering information. The minutes are posted online from each location. These are not decisions, just information and discussion from attendees. The goal for the division overall is to ensure all our schools remain viable schools and the attendance boundary is an important factor. There will be another community input meeting coming up where they will address bussing to a school of choice. What are the views of the population? Should they allow bussing to a school of choice to continue as it exists now or should they only allow bussing for the children attending their designated schools? Survey will be conducted online &amp; community input meetings will be hosted in Barrhead &amp; Westlock.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Watch Pembina Hills website for more information regarding Boundary Review</b></p>

Administration Report given by Darcie Eamor & Jason Wiks	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darcie reported on <b>LLI (Levelled Literacy Intervention)</b> which is a program that helps children with reading &amp; writing. Several staff have taken the training for this program &amp; they are using it daily. Staff are pleased with the results. It has helped make an improvement on the children's literacy development.</li> <li><b>Science Expo</b> is coming up February 23. The format has changed somewhat in that students can present a traditional science fair experiment project or they can also showcase a study (an analysis of data to explain a situation or a phenomenon of scientific interest) or an innovation (the development and improvement of devices, models, techniques or processes). All students (gr 1-9) can participate. It is not mandatory. It was advised that staff start "Science Fair" earlier next year.</li> <li><b>Grade 7's will have a team building day</b> hoping for February 19<sup>th</sup> at Teen Time. Team Building is about building empathy, listening, conflict resolution, relationship building. Next year the staff thought it would be better to do this near the beginning of the year. Suggestion from the floor is to inquire about using Pine Valley as a place to do it next year.</li> <li><b>Student Voice will be held on February 2.</b> It is a Pembina Hills Public Schools facilitated day in Barrhead. Mr. Chattargoan will be going with a selection of about 6 students from Grade 5 and up from our school.</li> <li><b>CTF will have some special events upcoming for Foods, Construction &amp; Technology.</b> More hands on than it was in the past. March will wind up with the Agricultural fair. Inviting local ag businesses to participate, alos looking for sponsorship. Contact Mr Wiks if you can contribute.</li> <li><b>Gathering ideas for future CTF</b> – part of grade 7 Social Studies and maybe can go along with Grade 8 &amp; 9 as well, an idea was to partner up with local museums to replicate or restore artifacts or also to design some quilts. Can be sold for money towards field trips...various ideas were discussed. Planning to try this in June – but June will have problems if gr 9 is involved due to Provincial Achievement Testing. Mr Wiks will be hosting a parent info night for CTF program information sometime soon.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming events:</b></p> <p>Jan 22 – Formal Friday  Jan 26 – Pizza Lunch  Jan 29 – No School  Feb 2 – Student Voice  Feb 3 – Ski Trip  Feb 4&amp;5 Teacher Convention No School  Feb 11 – Valentine Dance / Parties  Feb 12 &amp; 15 No School  Feb 18 – Twin Day  Feb 19 Formal Friday  Feb 23 – Science Expo  Feb 24 Early Dismissal  Feb 25 Pink Shirt Day  Feb 26 Gr 6 Hosting Basketball Tournament  Mar 4 – Gr 4-6 Ski Trip  Mar 11 Progress Reports  Mar 14 &amp; 15 Parent Teacher Interviews</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff Sports Committee</b> – includes Mrs Walker, Mrs Medcke, Mr Chattarsoon, Mrs Rau &amp; Mr Raymond. They are currently creating a Sports handbook for our school. Taking ideas from the RF Staples book and revising it to meet our needs and to address Elementary program. Watch for it on our website.</li> <li>• <b>Lots of sports in our school</b> – Junior High Archery starting soon, Curling team, Outdoor skating rink is being used daily in Phys Ed in various grades plus Junior High students can skate during lunch hour if supervisor is available. Skate-a-thon is upcoming. Elementary &amp; Junior High basketball is underway. Elementary Basketball tournament is end of February. Also grades 4-9 will be skiing in Tawatinaw Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Gr 1 – 3 will be doing their own thing – possibly swimming. Grade 4 swim lessons underway as well, part of curriculum during school day. As well, Junior Highs will be having a dance for Valentine’s Day party &amp; will be part of the Phys Ed Program social dance unit final.</li> <li>• <b>Construction Update</b> – countdown to February 10<sup>th</sup> – the date they say it should be ready to move in to our Junior High end. They will put the Junior High students to work when it is time to move. Next up will be a redo of the gym floors which means the gym will be unavailable for about 3 weeks. Hope to do it during Spring Break but it will still need time to cure, so that means an extended amount of time the gym will be off limits. There will be alternatives outside or in the classrooms when this happens.</li> <li>• <b>SGF (School Generated Fund) Report presented by Darcie.</b> Summary is that the magazine sales were down this year compared to last year so we don’t have as much money as we had last year and will be looking at ideas to generate Wmore funds so the end of year field trips can proceed as planned. Pizza sales generate about \$200 -\$250 each time and there is minimal work for them.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Notes coming home about various after school activities including Archery &amp; Curling</b></p> <p><b>Junior High wing Move in day should be Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b></p>
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<p><b>Next meeting date &amp; adjournment</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date of the next meeting will be Thursday April 7th at 7 PM</b></li> <li>• Janice made a motion that we host a Family Movie Night that night. Laurie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, carried. Interested parties will be in touch. Might co-operate with the Grade 4 class who is looking for money for their Drumheller trip. They will approach the fundraising association for some assistance as well.</li> <li>• Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.</li> </ul>	