

**Minutes of the Pembina North Community School Council
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2015
Pembina North Community School Library / Music Room**

Attendance

Darcie Eamor, Jason Wiks, Andrea Medcke, Tammi Simpson, Charlotte & Reece Woloshyn, Jackie Comeau, Karl & Jane Rottier, Lisa Lawrence, Denise Boulerville, Jim & Karen Perryman, Nichole Stadnyk, Anna-Marie & Les Kochan, Ron & Coralee Borst, Janice Tymkow, Dani Sawchuk, Kirsten Boelman, Carol Pritchard, Michelle Cuthbertson, Karen Gabel

Call to Order/ Welcome/ Introductions

Follow-up Action Recommended

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Adopting the Minutes from September 14, 2015

Follow-up Action Recommended

- Charlie Woloshyn moved the minutes be adopted as shown. Jane Rottier seconded.
- No additions to the agenda were presented at this time

New Business:

AP20-04 Recitation of The Lord's Prayer – David Garbutt

Follow-up Action Recommended

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Garbutt presented an explanation as to why we need to review the policy and have a decision on record. He went through the Constitution under the School Act and then reviewed the policy AP20-04 drawn up by Pembina Hills. • Tonight we need to decide how to proceed: Two options – vote tonight with the attendees representing the popular vote or take it to all parents to vote by a deadline. From there, the Principal can have the information as rationale to request the Board to approve the recitation of The Lord's Prayer as part of the school day's opening. • Michelle Cuthbertson made a motion for "<u>continuing the recitation of The Lord's Prayer at Pembina North Community School</u>". Seconded by Dani Sawchuk. Discussion. Motion changed. Motion now reads that we "<u>undertake a voting process to determine the parent voice of our school regarding the practice of reciting The Lord's Prayer during our morning ritual</u>". Moved by Michelle Cuthbertson, seconded by Dani Sawchuk. None opposed to the motion, motion carried. • Karl Rottier moved we "<u>send a survey home to each family by Canada Post asking the question "I support the recitation of The Lord's Prayer during opening exercises at Pembina North Community School. Yes or No."</u>" Karen Perryman seconded. None opposed. Motion passed. Deadline to return the ballot will be the night of the Christmas Concert December 10, 2015. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys will be sent out to families by the school via Canada Post by Monday November 23. • Ballot count will be held at 7PM on Monday December 14 with Administrators and School Council members present. • Administrators then can choose to make a presentation of their findings to the Board of Trustees for a decision. |
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**Parent Presentation:
RESPs by Nichole Stadnyk**

Follow-up Action Recommended

- Nichole presented some information about Registered Education Savings Plan. Handout provided to parents who wanted more information

Trustee Report by Trustee Jackie Comeau	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of things they've been doing lately is meeting with new MLAs in regard to the unique issues Rural Schools face such as lack of reliable internet access, travel time, and bussing issues. Reminder of the upcoming community consultation on Thursday November 26th regarding a possible change to school attendance areas and how it affects us & our school. 	Attendance Area Meeting at Pembina North Community School Gym Nov 26 at 7 PM
Fundraising Society Report from Brandi Wolff Presented by Karen Gabel from an email Brandi sent	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen summarized the report sent by Brandi Wolff. She thanked parents for their support with the Regal catalogue fundraiser. Also wanted to remind parents of the Bingo fundraiser coming up next Friday. She wanted to let us know they will have a short Fundraising Society meeting on Friday at 5:45 PM prior to the Bingo. 	Fundraising meeting 5:45 PM & Fundraising Bingo Friday Nov 27 at the Dapp Hall
Administration Report given by Darcie Eamor & Jason Wiks	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darcie shared the news that our girls team won Volleyball Divisionals then she highlighted various things that happened at our school since the last meeting. The Science In Motion program was held last week at the Dapp Hall and she thanked the Fundraising Society & School Council for it. Mrs Medcke was the designated teacher in charge of Science In Motion and she shared that the students & teachers really liked the program. Jason Wiks presented what is happening in Junior High. He relates to parents who don't have the information they need about what their Junior High student is doing in school and is striving to break that barrier & encourages parents to talk to him if they have any questions or comments. CTF is ever changing; many topics are held throughout the school year. A common misconception is that there are limited options at PNCS. However, the CTF program offers a range of options – Google Docs, Photography, Agriculture, etc are all topics covered under the CTF umbrella. Looking to access parents & grandparents who have the time & materials to teach the students – please talk to Mr Wiks for more information as it takes some time in getting things set up for it to happen. Mr Wiks also shared that in Pembina North, they are offering the Junior High students a couple more hours of math each week to further develop math skills. Math is the new language & they are working hard to get our students as good at math as they are at reading. Ms Eamor then went through a list of events and things that happened at our school last year. This gave a good picture of all the extras our students are participating in that helps to develop the well-rounded student. It also showed how important fundraising and parental support is. Ms Eamor went through some budget numbers with us illustrating actual figures and proposed figures. She listed our funding priorities: (1) supports for students, (2) Successcoach, (3) update literacy resources, (4) update phys ed equipment, and (5) focus on outdoor play and learning areas as part of Phase IV of our Modernization. She then shared the Education Plan priorities. The Education Plan is being worked on right now. (1) Numeracy (2) Social/Emotional wellness for students, staff, parents and community. 	

New Business: Christmas Craft December 2 after school	Follow-up Action Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Meyn is spearheading an after school Christmas Craft event for all students Wednesday Dec 2 after school. There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of supplies. Each student will rotate through various tables set up in the gym to make different take home crafts. Will be looking for parent & older student volunteers. Hot Dog supper for all attendees partially funded by MD of Lesser Slave River as part of their community enhancements fund. Please watch for information coming home in student agendas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reply to school if wanting to help Dec 2 craft day. Watch for more info soon.

New Business: Christmas Concert	Follow-up Action Recommended
<p>PNCS Christmas concert will be held on December 10th. Two performances – one at 1 PM one at 7 PM. Students are expected to attend both performances. The afternoon one will finish before the end of the school day so there will be time to clear the parking lot prior to bus time. Parents – if you are taking your child home with you that afternoon, please mark it in your agendas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have usually had treat bags for all children. The bags are handed out to each grade and there are extras for younger siblings. Do we want to continue this? Discussion held. It was asked by the school administration that School Council take on this task as it is too much for them to do along with concert preparations. Dani Sawchuk and Janice Tymkow volunteered to purchase candy and make up Santa bags for PNCS children and extras in attendance at the Christmas concert, approximately 340 bags at no more than \$1 per bag. To help off-set this cost, Nichole Stadnyk volunteered to go around to local stores in Dapp, Jarvie, Fawcett & Flatbush to drop off a donation can for people to gift some money towards our treat bags. We will also have a donation can set up at the concert. <p>Santa – do we know of someone willing to play the Santa role at our concert? Mr. Woloshyn volunteered</p>	<p>Dani Sawchuk & Janice Tymkow volunteered to purchase candy and make up Santa treat bags for PNCS children and children in attendance at the concert.</p> <p>Nichole Stadnyk will deliver donation cans to local stores for collection towards the treat bags.</p>

New Business: Christmas Dinner	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder to parents the annual student & staff full Christmas Dinner will be held at lunchtime on December 15th. Michelle Cuthbertson is looking for parent volunteers. 	
Alberta Education Bully Awareness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This past week was Bully Awareness week at Alberta Education. A link to their handout can be found on the Alberta Education website. If there are any concerns parents have in regard to bullying – what it is, what are the signs of it happening to your child, how to tell if your child is a bully or being bullied, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Eamor and / or our Success Coach, Mrs. Donna Ward. 	
Next meeting date & adjournment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of the next meeting will be Thursday January 14th at 7 PM Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. 	