

New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

In attendance: Kelly Arial, (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Nancy E. (Chair), Dannel Y. (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Carmen W., Sara M., Danette O., Stephanie W., Jamie J., Melva B., Corey P., Amy I., Leslie H.

1. Call to order: 5:35 p.m.
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:
 - Dannel adopted the agenda, 2nd Danette.
3. Minutes from previous meeting:
 - Jamie adopted the minutes, 2nd by Leslie.
4. Chair Report:
 - 4.1 What is School Council
 - Reading of School Council mission statement
 - Explanation of how School Council works. How it is different from Parent Council.
 - 4.2 Engagement Grant
 - Parent engagement only.
 - Last years money was spent on Spartan cups with sticker inside advertising for School Council's Organizational Meeting October 17, 2023.
 - Will have \$500 to spend again this year.
 - 4.3 School Council Report
 - Explanation about the roles on New Norway School Council – Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary. No treasure due to having a SGF account.
 - Explanation of bank account and why it is a school generated fund rather than a separate bank account.
 - 4.4 Track & Field Concession
 - Hot lunch from Track & Field in June raised \$1236 over the two days (second day was due to first day being postponed due to air quality)
 - 4.5 Apple Fundraiser
 - Apple fundraiser raised \$1288
5. School Council SGF Report
 - \$15,997 transferred from old bank account (\$3753 from old bank account, \$5000 WFG grant, \$7251 being held by Ag Society)
 - \$12,244 transferred from School Council to athletic department to help with the cost of the new score clock
 - Bank account sits at \$6626

6. Principal Report:

6.1 Upcoming dates

- Swimming lessons for ALL elementary students. Dates to be announced.
- October 26 – Hookey Hockey for grades 1-6
- Leadership student has been invited to school council meetings.
- School has partnered with Hope Mission from Wetaskiwin. They provide fruits, juice boxes, etc to New Norway School in a total of 18 lunches per week.
- New birthday pencils this year.
- Alberta Education is hosting a Focus Group. If interested in possibly being a part of the group contact Kelly Arial by October 23. AB Ed is looking for 10-12 rural names to participate in the focus group.

6.2 SGF Reporting

- \$12,000 deficit starting 2022. This year the deficit is cleared up.
- ALICE meeting to see if it can be started up again.
- Starting with basketball there will be a parent meeting beforehand to obtain more input from parents.
- Parents are requesting more athletic department updates.
- Discussion on costs of sports, number of tournaments entered, games to be played.

7. Old Business

7.1 Hot Lunch

- Three hot lunches organized before Christmas break.
- November 9 – Papa John's, November 23 – East Side Mario's, December 14 – Chopped Leaf.
- Hot lunches to take place on Thursdays in order to include kindergarteners if they choose.

7.2 ASCA Engagement Survey

- Discussion about what some would like to see on a survey.
- Nancy to inquire about some possible sample questions.

8. New Business

8.1 Christmas Treat Bags

- Christmas concert is December 14

Corry made a motion to purchase and put together treat bags for Christmas concert up to a value of \$350, seconded by Stephanie.

8.2 Operating Procedures Review

- Operating procedures to be reviewed annually.
- Procedures can be found on the New Norway School website under Families, School Council.

8.3 Nominations/Election of Executive Members

- Nancy calls for nominations for Chair.
- Courtney nominates Nancy Enarson, Nancy accepts nomination.
- Nancy calls for nominations for chair a second and third/final time.
- No more nominations. Nancy will be Chair for 2023/2024.
- Nancy calls for nominations for Vice-Chair.

- Melva nominates Corry Peake, Corry accepts nomination.
- Courtney nominates Dannel Yuha, Dannel accepts nomination.
- Nancy calls for nominations for vice-chair a second and third/final time.
- Votes are Corry 8, Dannel 4. Corry Peak will be Vice-chair for 2023/2024.
- Nancy calls for nominations for Secretary.
- Dannel nominates Courtney Wold, Courtney accepts nomination.
- Nancy calls for nominations for secretary a second and third/final time.

Date of next meeting: November 21, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

6 Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.