

New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

Online Only

In attendance: Kelly Arial, (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Nancy E. (Chair), Corry Peake (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Melissa S., Sara M., Jamie J., Melva B., Danielle H., Janet D.

1. Call to order: 5:38 p.m.
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:
 - Addition of Melissa Skuce to 5.5
 - Jamie adopted the agenda, 2nd Sara.
3. Minutes from previous meeting:
 - Sara adopted the minutes, 2nd by Jamie.
4. School Council SGF Report:
 - \$8,415 currently in School Council SGF. Most of the funds are already designated.
 - Memorial bench
 - School ski trips for elementary, junior and senior high.
 - Drumheller trip.
 - Mr. Kluthe bussing costs.
 - Hot lunch payments in account and a cheque will be written.
5. School Council of Councils Report
 - Two schools in Battle River School Division did a survey regarding School Council (not the survey provided by ASCA) and received little to no response.
 - Engagement grant
 - Saffron Centre and online safety for parents have been done by others with a poor turn out.
 - Other schools are having poor attendance at council meetings. Proud of us as our turn out has improved over the years.
- 5.5 Ms. Skuce, English teacher 7-12 speaks on Chromebooks
 - New Norway School is in need of more Chromebooks.
 - Looking to purchase 300 new Chromebooks, totaling about \$10,000.
 - There are 2 major grants, Best Buy Grant and a Telus Grant.
 - Looking for support from School Council. A letter of endorsement, possible involvement in a video.
 - If anyone knows of any other grants please be in contact with Ms. Skuce.
 - Grants must be approved by Battle River Finance to ensure no other grants are disrupted.

6. Principal Report:

- Upcoming dates
 - Diploma exams starting January 10 through January 30.
 - January 31 is a P.D day, no school.
 - February 1, new semester.
 - Elementary swim dates are coming up.
- Alberta Education Survey
 - Parents of students in grades 4, 7, 10 should be receiving a survey that is used to help in three year planning.
- Welcome Jenna Miller who is taking over for Mrs. Brown.
- New Norway School will be moving to Real Time Reporting. Power School will hold all grades, no paper report cards sent home. Parent/Teacher Interviews will still take place.
- SGF is in good standing, report to be provided at February in person meeting.

7. Old Business

7.1 Funding Report

- \$8415 in account. Most delegated already. \$1000 to hot lunches, Christmas treat bags (\$319), Gwen's retirement gifts (\$191), up to \$1500 for memorial bench, \$2000 for ski trips, \$500 for Drumheller trip, \$150 for some travel costs.

7.2 Survey

- Survey opened up on Google Docs, no feedback received.

7.3 Payton Memorial

- 4 main options to choose from. Rainbow bench (\$1419), backless bench (\$1072), woodland bench (\$915), contemporary bench (\$1219). Nancy will be in contact with Payton's family to get input.

Date of next meeting: February 13, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
April 9, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

6 Adjournment: 6:42 p.m.