

New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

In Person Only

In attendance: Kelly Arial, (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Corry P. (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Melva B., Denise W.

Karen Belich (BRSD Trustee) sends her regards but is unable to attend the meeting.

1. Call to order: 5:35 p.m.
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:
 - Addition of Battle River School Division Facility Reports
 - Addition of International Travel
 - Melva adopted the agenda, 2nd Denise.
3. Minutes from February 22, 2024:
 - Melva adopted the minutes, 2nd by Corry.
4. School Council SGF Report:
 - \$13,255.62 in account
 - Invoice for Spring Flower fundraiser to come out yet
 - \$4,652 allocated to items already (ski trips, Drumheller trip, etc)
 - Courtney will send Kelly an email to send the form to teachers for a request for funding for any year end trips/items. Forms to be submitted by May's meeting.
 - Payton's memorial bench has arrived. Cement pad to be put in. Perennials will be added to the area surrounded by woodchips.

Courtney moves to spend up to \$500 for completion of Payton's memorial Bench. 2nd by Melva.

5. Principal Report:
 - Ms. Skuce continues to work on a grant for more Chromebooks. Would like a letter from School Council offering their support. Corry will write a letter.
 - Awards Ceremony for 23/24 will be on October 10/24. Thanksgiving weekend to try to include as many returning students as possible.
 - Alberta Education has announced that grade 6 will not have Math or LA PAT's due to the new curriculum. A PAT has not been developed for the new curriculum yet. Social Studies and Science PAT's will go ahead. This is only in regards to grade 6 – grade 9 PAT's will ALL go ahead.
 - Staffing and Planning are in the works for 24/25.
 - Surveyed students in grade 6-11 about what they would like to see offered.
 - Staffing has not been finalized, should be updated at the May meeting.
 - Grade 12 Farewell will be May 31/24. Battle River School Division has renamed this a farewell and not a graduation. Every grade 12 student can participate. This will be ran in conjunction with the Parent Society.

- Some upcoming dates include: JR. High Camp trip, Grades 10-12 Living Springs, Grades 4-5 Railway Museum, Grades 4-5 Fort Edmonton Park, Grades K-3 Space and Science Center, CALM – wellness classes – AHS presentations, Grade 6 Ranch Camp, Grades 2-3 swimming, BRSD is hosting Sam Demma at New Norway School. **All dates will be on the public calendar.**

6. Old Business:

6.1 Yearbook Funding

- Melva is going to email Alberta School Councils' Association (and include Corry on the email) and ask if a School Council Ad in the yearbook would be covered by the ASCE grant.

6.2 Start to Finish Lunchbox

- This is finalized. New Norway could be the pilot program to implement into division.

6.3 Engagement Grant Update

- Covered under yearbook funding (6.1)

6.4 Spring Flower Fundraiser

- Final numbers have not yet been calculated as we have not received an invoice from Echoglen Greenhouse yet. Was a successful fundraiser.

6.5 Numeracy Night

- Courtney has purchased items for two baskets. Also worked with Carmen W. to come up with an activity to host at a table.

7. New Business

7.1 Perpetual Calendar

- Discussion if there would be a benefit to have a perpetual calendar for School Council events and/or agenda items. To know what and when events normally happen or take place and be able to look forward.

7.2 Battle River School Division Facility Report

- Discussion on when the last time New Norway School has had an Area Capacity and Utilization Report done. Steve says he doesn't think one has been done since the portables have been removed. Also, a short discussion on the division's capital plan.

7.3 International Travel

- New Norway School has discussed the opportunity of partnering with another school to offer an international travel program. It would be a quick turn around for fundraising and travel for the first year and going forward hopefully a longer turn around time allowing for more fundraising. Nothing is finalized as of yet.

Date of next meeting: May 7, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

6 Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.