New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2024

In attendance: Kelly Arial (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Carmen W. (Chair), Corry P. (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Jamie J., Annetta D., Erika F.

Online attendance: Melva B., Sam T., Sara M., Janet D., Danette O.

1. Call to order: 6:34 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome & Introductions
4. Approval/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Corry adopted the agenda, 2nd Jamie.

1. Minutes from previous meeting:

Corry adopted the minutes, 2nd by Annetta.

1. Chair Report:

* Staff survey results – 5 questions, 14 results
  + Biggest challenge you face in your classroom – Literacy, Numeracy, Mental Health.
  + How can Parent Council support you in your role – Classroom prep, planned school activities, classroom resources.
  + What are you most passionate about in the school outside of your classroom – cooking, reading/writing, music, athletics, running club, yearbook, art, helping students learn how to treat others, would like to see some non-athletic opportunities revived like chess club, drama club.
  + Top 3 wish list items for your classroom – school digital sign, field trips, chromebooks, colored copier paper, recess equipment, band day, dollar store gift cards, in-class field trips, board games.
  + What would be your dream wish list – chromebooks, cricket, digital sign, microscopes, recess equipment, classroom library books, weather station, outdoor volleyball posts repaired, student cubbies/lockers instead of hooks.
* Parent Teacher Interviews Recap – Parent Council provided meal. There was a welcome table providing coffee, tea, snacks and a survey with QR code. Survey received 18 responses. Internet was an issue to log into survey. Carafes would be an ok investment.
* Prent Survey Recap
  + What do you like most about New Norway School – school spirit, community, teachers/staff.
  + Do you feel part of the parent community – most said yes, no – too busy or just starting out.
  + What activities would you attend – family movie night, family skate, craft night.
  + What family activity would you like to see – school dance, home alone course, something for new students (kinders or new students).
  + Barriers that prevent you from attending Parent Council Meetings – child care, busy, domination of established parents.
* Halloween door decorating recap – Jamie created the poster, judging was performed by Ms. Williams and Nadine. 2 winners (K-6 and 7-12). Sundae party for the winners and ice cream sandwiches for all other classes.
* Parent Council Newsletter – first newsletter was sent out last week.

1. School Council SGF Report

* $3,793.49 balance
* Hockey hooky amount of $269.12 to come out yet.
* Ice cream sandwiches/sundae expenses to come out yet.

1. Principal Report:

* Chromebooks recap
  + Cannot be protected through wi-fi. Life span of 3-5 years New Chromebooks cost around $365.
  + Current Chromebooks have a ratio of 2:1 (last year was 2.9:1). One of the best in the district.
  + There are 4 available carts of Chromebooks (20, 21, 19, 12). All 4 carts are never signed out at the same time.
  + Older kids are able to bring their own device (making the ratio even better).
  + $2,000 of school budget to buy Chromebooks.
  + If evergreened they are replaced. If school or Parent Council purchases then they must replace them themselves.
* AERR Input
  + Grades 4, 7, 10 parents will receive the letter via postal mail.
  + Highest amount of responses in past years is 13.
  + Survey is made by Alberta Education.
  + Learning success for all, well being are some of the topics covered.
  + Spring mail out.
* New CASA classroom will be in Daysland and will be coming in February 2025. Will offer grades 7-10.
* Influencer
  + November 26, from 1-3, offering a course to train high schools to be positive influencers.
  + Once trained they can sit down with elementary and junior high students.
  + Lunch will be provided. So far there are 10 students registered (4 grade 10’s, 2 grade 11’s, 4 grade 12’s).

Moved by Crystal to spend up to $250 on a lunch for November 26, seconded by Jamie.

1. Old Business

* Operating procedures – Carmen, Courtney and Jamie will meet to go over and update the operating procedures.
* Hot lunch – researched hotlunches.net and Healthy Hunger more. Leaning towards Healthy Hunger. It was offered that Jenna could take on posting hot lunches and send reports to Parent Council. Parent Council would then take care of the communication between the restaurant and organizing pick up/delivery. Create list of labels and get to restaurants.
  + Courtney will choose some dates and fill out the fundraising form.

1. New Business

* Classroom reps – gather info to include in reports
* Busy Bee’s – need more support, google form with information possibly. Could use TeamSnap to share information and post dates help is requested.

If you want to be added to the TeamSnap email [nnschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nnschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

* Parent Council – Branding

Moved by Melva to spend up to $100 to make aprons for Parent Council, seconded by Corry.

* Staff funding request letter – form for staff to request funds from Parent Council.
* Book Fair – how can Parent Council support the book fair?

Moved by Corry to spend $105, $15 per classroom, at the book fair, seconded by Jamie.

* Literacy Night – November 20 @ 5:30-7:30. Jamie/Courtney/Carmen are available to volunteer.
* Christmas Event – craft night? Decided to table for another event/time.
* Christmas concert – December 12 @ 6.
  + Treat bags to be put together.

Moved by Corry to spend up to $350 to supply treat bags at Christmas concert, seconded by Crystal.

* Pie Auction, best seat in the house. Discussed and decided to host a bake sale during the Christmas Concert. Use colored stickers for pricing. No best seat this year.
* Christmas Spirit Days – December 16-20. Possible food bank drive, possibly work with the Church to keep it local.

Moved by Jamie to spend up to $200 in prizes for food bank drive, seconded by Corry.

* Spring Project – West Coast Seeds fundraiser. Can apply between September through mid November. Fundraiser could run end of January.

Moved by Annetta to go ahead and apply for the West Coast Seeds fundraiser, seconded by Crystal.

Date of next meeting: January 14, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.