

# New Norway School Council Meeting Minutes

## January 14, 2025 (Virtual meeting only)

In attendance: Kelly Arial (Principal), Steve Searle (Assistant Principal), Carmen W. (Chair), Corry P. (Vice-Chair), Courtney W. (Secretary), Jamie J., Melva B., Danette O., Lisa J.

1. Call to order: 6:03 p.m.
2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:  
Jamie adopted the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney.
3. Minutes from previous meeting:  
Minutes to be passed at the next meeting as they have not yet been posted.
4. Chair Report:
  - Parent Council aprons were purchased from Amazon – 4 in total. \$24.12.
  - Asked if Parent Council could have a designated cupboard upstairs in the green room for supplies, etc. Shouldn't be a problem as there are some empty ones at the moment.
  - Book Fair was a success. Each class K-6 got to purchase a book/books for their classroom up to \$15. Totaling \$102.
  - Literacy Night was well attended. Parent Council put together a block game.
  - Influential mentorship went well. Parent Council supplied a Subway lunch. \$155.81.
  - Christmas treat bags. Made 175 treat bags. \$227.13. Chips and candy canes were donated by Melva and Annetta.
  - Bake sale at the Christmas concert was well received and brought in \$711.
  - Food bank contest brought in 825 items. Grade six (145) and nine (137) won a pizza party. Pizza was purchased on January 9 from Dominos with a discount code of 40% off totaling \$141.01.
5. School Council SGF Report
  - \$3,395.34 balance
  - Pizza party to come out yet.
6. Principal Report:
  - Student Wellness Facilitator (SWF) hours have been reduced due to a low case load. This will be re-evaluated if load increases.
  - Diploma exams started today.
  - January 27 semester ends.
  - Jr. High (5-9) ski day to Canyon, date to be determined.
  - Sr. High ski trip to Marmot Basin March 2-4 with Bashaw and Hay Lakes.
7. Old Business
  - Operating procedures – Tabled until a separate meeting is held.
  - Hot lunch – Subway and East Side Mario's have been done. Will set up Papa John's and look into Edo Japan.
  - Staff funding request letter done up including five bullet points as to what Parent Council is looking for.
8. New Business

- Fundraising goal and intentions discussion. Discussed what people would like to see fundraising funds spent on or put towards. Enhancing the school, activities enhancing the well-being of every student, open to the idea of seed money to start a new club, entrepreneurship program. Bring awareness to staff that they can ask (not just year end field trips).
- West Coast Seeds Fundraiser – January 22 – February 12. All online. Discussed options for the funds raised. Again, it was mentioned to bring to staff. Dream big, outside the box, be creative.
- Family Event Ideas – discussed ideas of hosting a family event night. Ideas included family potting event, Living Springs camp day, Gwynne Valley Ski Hill, nature classroom, garden area, cookie decorating day, bird house building, pot plants.

Date of next meeting:                    March 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment: 7:15 p.m. in person and online.