

Principal's Report-May 9th, 2022 School Council AGM

In April we had Dr. Boom come and present to the school, we held our Kindergarten Registration and CPrep open houses, the Grade 6 students went to School at the Leg for four days, the grade 7 to 9 students attending a Bullying Presentation at RF Staples, on April 28th we had "Pitch-In" which is the day all of our students clean-up our school grounds as well as the Village. It is one of the service projects are students take part in every year.

Thank you to all of the Volunteers who worked with Mrs. McNelly for our Spring Performance-"Let's go to the Movies". The volunteer app that was used seemed to really work! We had such a great turnout and it was really amazing to be able to be back in person. The concession and red carpet really added to the experience.

Our Grade 6 and 9 students will be writing PATs again this year. Part A Language Arts is this month. Grade 9s write on May 16th, and the Grade 6s write on May 18th. In the past School Council has provided a treat on these days-usually a muffin and juice box I believe. Breakfast will be available as usual those days so it is up to you if you would like to.

The Cool Beans Coffee/Food truck will be parked in our lot on Thursday, May 19th! Community members, parents, staff and students in grades 6-9 will be able to make purchases. We are excited for the opportunity to support a local company, and to get really good drinks and treats!

The PHSD Board Meeting will be held at our school starting at 9:00AM on Wednesday, May 25th. The public is welcome to attend. We will have a chance to show the Trustees the great things that happen at our school!

Trickster Theatre is here May 30th to June 3rd. Every student in K to 9 will be participating. The week ends with two performances on June 3rd. One in the afternoon, time to be determined, and an evening performance. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and it will begin around 6:15. Unfortunately, June 3rd coincides with RF Staples Graduation and will affect participation.

During our Planning Day on Friday, April 29th, we looked at the Pembina Hills survey results for our school to help inform our Education Plan.

95 students in Grades 4-9 completed the survey. In general, the results were very positive. We were especially happy to see that considering what we have gone through over the last few years. On the positive side-100% agreed that the school is safe and caring. 92 students felt safe in all areas of the school. The other three don't like when it's icy out. Only 3 students disagreed with: at least one adult in the building knows and cares about me. 90/95 said that they are satisfied with how my community is involved in my learning, and 92/95 feel that the school is important to their community. 100% agree that Technology Tools are used in their learning, and that their teachers have taught them about Indigenous Peoples. 86/92 students are satisfied with the quality of education they are receiving, and only one student would give the school a grade of limited. Some of the lower scores focused on relationships between other students in the school. For example, 13

students disagreed that they encourage people to follow rules. 14 students disagreed that students in my class are interested in how I feel, and 34 state that they have had hurtful comments said about them on Social Media. We learned from these results that we need to spend time on building connections between those students who do not feel connected with their fellow students.

29 parents completed the survey. In general, the surveys were very positive with 100% being satisfied for many of the questions, and if there was dissent it was only 1 to 3 people. 5 parents disagreed that students help others even if they are not friends, 6 people were not satisfied with the community's involvement, and 6 were dissatisfied with the range of classes we offer. It should be noted that only one person felt that the School Council does not have a meaningful role.

All of the staff took the survey, and the results were extremely positive.

The teachers reviewed the three-year Education Plan for our school. The Jurisdiction Outcomes have stayed the same and are listed on the first page in blue. The Key Division Priorities are: Student-Staff Relationships, Literacy and Numeracy, and Support for Staff. Alberta Education has changed how they would like us to report to them, and our Division is also moving towards a bit of a different way of looking at our outcomes and strategies to make them more action-focused. Our completed Education Plan for next year will not look like this. Also, these pages are a summary of what we are doing. Further on in the Education Plan we get more specific. Our Ed Plan from last year in its entirety can be found on the Pembina Hills website. If you have any more comments or feedback please email me at Nadine.marchand@pembinahills.ca or you may call the school.