



Eleanor Hall School Council Minutes

Date: January 26, 2023

Attendance
Donna Moore (Vice chair), Jolene Lawrence (Secretary), Nadine Marchand (Administrator), Maureen Schnirer (PHS Trustee), Jantea Vandervelde (director), Phil Petkau (director), Tom Moore (director), Jill Rauscher (teacher), Mallory McNelly (teacher), Michelle Savoie (teacher), Janina Zarowny (parent), Michelle Bottriell (parent)

1. Call to order, Welcome, & Introductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:03pm

2. Approval of the Agenda	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jantea made the motion to approve the agenda, Tom seconded that motion 	

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Dec 1, 2022 Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom made the motion to approve the minutes from the Dec 1 meeting, Jantea seconded that motion 	

4. Old Business	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Store: there were items left for next year. Jantea & Jentine will do the shopping together again next year. 	

5. New Business	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Skating Rink Update: a new combination lock has been added to the west door of the skate shack to make it easier to get into for the teachers. Outdoor Classroom Update: the first meet & greet meeting was held on January 19th. Sandy Luczkiw volunteered to be the funding/grant lead and will be looking into funding options for this project. Next meeting will be called once we have some more information on funding options and amounts. Spring Tea Plans: In the past this has been a School Council 	



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<p>coordinated event and used as a fundraiser. No one volunteered to coordinate. Michelle Savoie mentioned SWAT would be excited about something like this and would be interested in working together with parent volunteers to make something like this happen.</p> <p>d. Meals for Parent-Teacher Interviews on March 7 & 9: parent council likes to provide meals for the teachers for these days and would appreciate parent volunteers to bring food.</p>	<p>Since no one volunteered to coordinate this, it was tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>Please email Jolene if this is something you are interested in doing.</p>
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6. Enhancement Update	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Account funds: \$4,522.87; Casino funds: \$19,134.35 Total balance: \$23,657.22. Last pizza lunch of \$580 still needs to be deposited. • Future hot lunches schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February- hot dogs ▪ March- taco in a bag ▪ April -pizza ▪ May -burgers • Pizza lunches have been very well received. • Student Art Card Fundraiser • Calahoo Meat Fundraiser forms will be collected on Tuesday (Feb 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check for leftover hot dogs from PHSAAM. They are in the freezer at EHS. • Look into timelines for card production and if a template is required.

7. Administration Report	Action
See attached report	

8. PHSD Trustee Update	Action
See attached report	



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9. Date of Next Meeting	Action
• Feb 23, 2023 @ 7pm	

10. Adjournment	Action
Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm	

Minutes submitted by: _____

Jolene Lawrence

Minutes approved by: _____

January Principal's Report School Council

- Thanks to Jantea and Jantene for purchasing items for the Christmas store. The variety of items was amazing. The SWAT had a lot of fun wrapping, and staff love to work at the store.
- It was so nice to be able to host the Christmas Concert in person again! As always, Mrs. McNelly did an amazing job! We also appreciate the staff and students who helped to decorate the gym, and set up and take down the stage, chairs, etc. as well as the students who were our 'runners'.
- Mrs. Savoie and SWAT organized and ran Reindeer Games this year for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 and they also organized the pot-luck and the dance and other events for the Grade 6-9 students.
- I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Rauscher on receiving a well-deserved Pembina Hills exemplary teacher award. I hope you had a chance to read why she was nominated which was included in our school newsletter, was sent out on Pembina Hills social media, as well as posted on their website.
- The Grade 4 to 9 students went skiing to Tawatinaw on the 20th and will be going again February 24th. It went very well and the students had a lot of fun. We have also been using the skating rink, and truly appreciate having it on our school grounds. A big thank you to the Village of Clyde and the Fire Department.
- The Jr.High Girls and Boys Basketball teams are up and running and have been doing very well. There was a tournament at RF last weekend and the boys won silver, and the girls played their hearts out and placed fourth! They have also won games against RF Staples, Barrhead Comp and Neerlandia!
The Grade 5/6 basketball has also started with practices and will play games starting in mid-February.
- On Friday the Jr. High teachers, myself and Mrs. McNelly will be going to Barrhead for Professional Development on infusing literacy into content areas (all subjects). We will be focusing on routines for classroom conversations, using writing to help students learn and then working on a common literacy practice for all staff who teach Junior High. The Elementary teachers will be working on Numeracy and Literacy at the

school. This is a great time for them to collaborate and plan for the new curriculum that started this year. On Monday we will be analyzing our PAT results, reviewing/discussing a mental health survey the staff took earlier in the year, reviewing ISPs and working on developing concept-based instruction units.

- This year Pembina Hills is taking a different approach to Division planning. Normally Administrators have two to three planning days usually in February where we get together to plan for next year with Trustees and Regional Office Admin. This year our planning is ongoing, and we have a planning document that we are working on and adding to throughout the year. The School's Priorities follow the Division Priorities, which in turn align with Alberta Education goals. Our priorities this year are the same as last year-student-staff relationships, literacy and numeracy, and support for staff. Trustees and Regional office gather our feedback as well as examine other measures including the Pembina Hills Survey, student testing, etc. so that they can set the priorities for our School Division for the coming year. In April, once the Board has set the priorities for next year, we meet with our teachers and develop strategies for Division priorities. During the following School Council meeting I will share the priorities and strategies with you and ask for feedback, and time will be provided for you to ask questions. Administrators will still be meeting two days in February to work with a Consultant, Bev Freedman, on Learning Walks. We will be taught a method to be involved in intentional visits to classrooms that will help us provide meaningful feedback to teachers. We will be practicing the process in Swan Hills, Neerlandia and Pembina North.
- Every year Pembina Hills surveys parents, students in grades 4 to 9 and staff. You have already, or will be receiving an email with a link this week asking you to participate. We included more information with our January newsletter, and you can also go to the Pembina Hills Survey to find out more. We used the replies to help us plan. Please take the time to complete it. You will also receive a survey from Alberta Education. Please take the time to complete this one as well. Students in grades 4,7 and 9 as well as teachers also complete this survey.
- Maureen is going to be speaking about the Pembina Hills Calendar for next year during her report. After I receive the Pembina Hills calendar we then

input our Eleanor Hall Days. Two versions of our Alternate Calendar were sent out to you with the agenda. They are very similar. The only differences are in the months of January, April and May. I asked for staff feedback as well, and they were happy with both versions. Does anyone have any feedback for us as to which calendar they prefer, or any questions? Maureen will be able to answer any of your questions about Pembina Hills Calendar during her update.

- The Grade 9s will be running the candygrams fundraiser again this year. Sales will be February 6th and 8th, \$2/candygram. A memo will be sent home closer to the date.
- It is Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 22nd. It is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to show they are against bullying and to encourage treating others with kindness and respect.
- Elementary progress reports and PowerSchool will be updated for the Jr. High on March 2nd. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be Tuesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 9th. This is a different date than we had originally as Wednesday, March 8th is the Science Fair. Online booking for interviews will be open Tuesday, February 28th. You may also call the office to book your appointment(s).
- March 8th-School Division Science Fair-Michelle

TRUSTEE REPORT

Maureen Schnirer

Barrhead Rotary Music Festival

Reminder February 1 is the deadline for Barrhead Rotary Music Festival applications. All entry fees are paid for by the Pembina Hills School Division. The event is a great way to discover arts, poetry and music.

Bus Safety Bus Fly bys continue to be an issue on highways. Westlock County has agreed to promote the safety concerns and help motivate drivers to stop for buses.

Addictions The Addictions Don't Discriminate Display will be booked by CONEX in May 16 – 18, 2023. It will be showcased at the Westlock Youth Centre. It will target Grade 7 and up including adults in the community who struggle with addictions or have loved ones who are dealing with addictions. There will be resources including staff on site. Alcoholism, vaping, and any drug use will be featured. There will be a cultural liaison and addiction counsellors on site.

Board Meeting January 18 review:

Student Services presents assurance report

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Dr. Rob McGarva, presented the Board with a comprehensive report on the support services that the division provides to its students. Dr. McGarva indicated that from the pandemic, we are still seeing high levels of absences this year and that the new respiratory illnesses in children is also impacting academics. Alberta Education provided a learning loss grant but with delays in funding, it has been difficult to recruit staff or move people during the year. Work continues on expanding the impact of job postings.

Dr. McGarva notes that there has been an increase in complexity of needs with students requiring multiple adults at one time to support them putting physical and psychological stress on staff. The Mental Health grant allowed Pembina Hills to hire additional staff with training in social work or human services, focused on attendance and connecting families to community resources. School administrators will focus on well-being of staff. Additional training is being provided for Educational Assistants as well as crisis response training all school staff. New practices are also being implemented with the division's Regulation Specialist.

2023-2026 Capital Plan

The Board approved presentation by Superintendent Michael Borgford for the Barrhead Composite High School Modernization and Right Sizing as its single project for the 2023-2026 capital plan. The Town of Barrhead is currently discussing the need for new community centre partnerships and possible child care spaces, and has expressed an interest in discussing a joint use project with the division.

2022-2023 Alternate school calendars amended

Calendars were established after considering a survey monkey sent out to parents, collaboration with all stakeholders and holidays. There will be amendments due to the PAT test dates in June.