

Eleanor Hall School Council

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023



ATTENDANCE:

Marnie Hoetmer (EHS Council Chair), Donna Moore (EHS Council Vice President), Jolene Lawrence (EHS Council Secretary), Nadine Marchand (Administrator), Maureen Schnirer (PHSD Trustee), Tom Moore (director), Michelle Savoie (teacher), Lorraine McCoy (director), Jantea Vandervelde (director), Mallory McNelly (teacher), Michelle Bottriell (parent)

CALL TO ORDER:

- 4:15pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Lorraine McCoy

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

- Tom Moore

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

- See attached report
- Michelle Savoie is looking into doing a field trip to Drumheller for Grades 6-9 next year
- Government funding for the breakfast program has been cut for next year. Donations toward this for next year would be greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. With Ike Fest occurring right after the Talent Show on June 1, it was decided that it was counterproductive to serve snacks at the Talent Show, so attendance of School Council members at the Talent Show (2:30pm) and Ike Fest (4pm) is encouraged, but we will not be doing any fundraising at this event.

2. Connection in Color Fundraiser feedback: the fundraiser went well despite some challenges with the online orders. If anyone had troubles, they were encouraged to let Jolene know so that she could be in touch with Lawny at Ion Print Solutions to get the problem rectified before the orders came in.
3. Outdoor Classroom update: We have received notice from Tracy Tyreman (PHSD facilities manager) that PHSD will be removing the skate shack and cement pad this summer. PHSD will also supply the funding to pour a new cement pad for our new structure. The Outdoor Classroom Committee will need to come up with the funding for the building materials and any outdoor classroom supplies that are required. Tracy had inquired about Kevin MacKenzie and the RF Staples construction students building the structure for us, but he will let us know if this is possible in September, once the new school year has begun. The Outdoor Classroom Committee would appreciate help with seeking out grants and funding for this exciting endeavor!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The EH School Council AGM will be moved from May to October 2023
2. Meetings for 2023-24 — It was decided that the AGM (first meeting of the year) and the last meeting of the year will be in person at the school at 4pm. All other meetings will be held on Zoom at 7pm.

ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY UPDATE:

1. Current funds: General \$10,499.01, Casino \$16,930.84
2. AGM: Special meeting in September 2023 to review by-laws and make amendments. This includes considering changing the date of the AGM to September instead of April.
3. Recruitment of new members for the 2023 year

PHSD TRUSTEE REPORT:

- See attached report

NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Thursday, October 5th, 2023 @ 4pm @ Eleanor Hall School (in-person)

ADJOURNMENT:

- 6:11pm

Principal's Report-May 25th, 2022 School Council

Tomorrow our students are participating in "Pitch-In" which is the day our students clean-up our school grounds as well as the Village. It is one of the service projects our students take part in every year.

We had our lockdown drill today. It went very well. All of our fire drills have been completed as well.

We were able to celebrate some of our students and staff last Thursday at an assembly. Four of our students received Citizenship awards-Farraah, Grade 6, and Ava, Grade 8, are sisters who received their nominations from their bus driver and sub bus driver, Jason in Grade 9 who was nominated by Mrs. Wasieczko and Mrs. Savoie, and Jewel, a Grade 5 student, Mrs. Thue nominated. Ms. Conn also received a well-deserved Exemplary Teacher's Award. She was nominated by Mrs. Thue. Pembina Hills will be sending out more information on these winners, and we will include them on our website as well!

I am in the process of finalizing staffing for next year. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rauscher are both moving to schools that their children will be attending that are closer to their home. Mrs. Smith will be teaching in Pembina North, and Mrs. Rauscher will be going to Neerlandia. We wish them all the best. They will be greatly missed. I am happy to announce that we will be welcoming back one of our former staff members, and a Mom of two students in our school. Kim Andrews will be teaching Grade 2 next year! I did have to reduce 0.67 of a teacher. Mr. McNicoll was teaching Physical Education and Health for our Grade 6 to 9 students. He will be moving to teach Grade 4 next year. The Grade 4s will be in two classes for the majority of the day. Either/and Mr. Laughy and Mr. McNicoll will be teaching some PE next year. During those blocks of time the Grade 4s will be in one class together. We are able to keep most of our Educational Assistants for next year. Mr. Ramey who was recently hired will be leaving us as he goes to University, and we will not have a position for Mrs. Wiedrick. They both did a wonderful job for us and they will be missed.

Our Grade 6 and 9 students will be writing PATs again this year. Part A Language Arts was written last week. Tuesday, June 20th LA, and Grade 7 and 8 LA final. Thursday, June 22nd Math Part A., and Grade 7 and 8. Friday, June 23rd Math Part B and Grade 7 and 8 Math. Monday, June 26th Social Studies, and Grade 7 and 8 Social Final. Tuesday, June 27th, Science and Grade 7 and 8 Science Final. The last day of school is June 27th.

During our Planning Day on Friday, April 21st our teachers looked at the Pembina Hills survey results for our school to help inform our Education Plan. You can find a summary of our results on the last page of the handout. 85 students in Grades 4-9 completed the survey, 42 parents and 20 staff members. In general, the results were very positive. One of the areas we will be focusing on next year is ensuring that every child knows they have an adult that knows they care about them. This falls under student/staff relationships.

The teachers then reviewed the three-year Education Plan for our school. The Key Division Priorities are: Student-Staff Relationships, Literacy and Numeracy, and Support for Staff. We then examined the strategies we used to meet the Board Priorities this year to see if we should

start any new strategies, continue or stop. I have not received our new template yet. It was presented to the Board yesterday. The priorities do remain the same. I can share with you our plan in the new format during our first School Council meeting in October. It will also be uploaded to the Pembina Hills Website before the beginning of the school year.

Next year the Grade K to 3 students will be using the new Science Curriculum. All K to 6 students will be teaching the new English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics curriculum.

We had a Ninja-styled obstacle course come to the school on May 12th. The students loved it. Thanks so much to the Enhancement Society for funding this event!

The Grade 7 to 9 students went to Barrhead yesterday for the Track Meet. They did very well and had a great day!

Trustee Report, Maureen Schnirer May 25, 2023

Transportation Fees & Service Changes

The Board passed a motion to suspend the In-Town Busing Fees and Rural Transportation Fees for eligible funded students, as set out in Rates Annex RA4, for the 2023-2024 school year and that the School of Choice transportation service only be provided for students currently approved under *Administrative Procedure 50-01 Requesting a School other than Designated School*. More information will be sent to parents and posted on the division and school websites soon.

More parents completing satisfaction surveys

Superintendent Michael Borgfjord presented the 2022-2023 Pembina Hills Satisfaction Survey Summary to the Board of Trustees. Each year the division surveys grades 4-12 students, parents and staff on a variety of subjects. The results are used by schools and the division to develop their annual education plans and to find ways to improve the educational experience of students.

Of note, the surveys were sent out in late January and early February rather than December to encourage more respondents. The response rate for parents increased significantly from previous years, jumping to 39% from 22% in 2021-2022. Responses from students, parents and staff continually indicate that these groups feel our schools are safe and caring. There is work to be done in a few areas, but overall the Board is happy with the results.

The Board approved the budget for 2022/2023 and has recognized a deficit. The Board toured the colony schools as well as Pembina Hills North. Voter question cards were discussed. Leading up to the election on Monday May 29 there are a few questions to ask any candidate as it pertains to education.

Enhancing career opportunities for high school students The Board received information on the 2022-23 Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Dual Credit programming in the division. There are 204 students in Work Experience, 24 in RAP placements and 1 in Dual Credit course(s). The Board and division administration are looking at steps to further support opportunities and connections to school communities.