**Neilburg School Community Council**

**February 9, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm

**Present:** Charmaine Gonzales, Brooke Forbes, Bev Natress, Rachel Wightman, Ria Wiens, Sarah Hein, Ashely Weinkauf, Stacey Mills, Justine Natress (student rep.), Emma Weinkauf (teacher rep.), Roxanne Reynoldson (principal)

**Absent:** Sara Goodfellow

**Secretary Report:** Rachel

* Minutes from Jan. 5, 2023
* Correction – during the next dance we hold, the students will be allowed to wear *indoor* shoes.
* Rachel motion to adopt the minutes as read.
* Ria 2nd the motion
* Passed

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bev

* NCS SCC: $2667.21 as of the end of Jan 2023
* NWSD: $6237.00 as of Feb 6,2023
* Roxanne shared that it is recommended that we combine all our funds to better streamline bookkeeping.
* Bev motioned to adopt her report.
* Ashley 2nd.
* Passed.

**Principal Report:** Roxanne

* Enrollment – 186 students
* For the 23/24 school year there is an estimated 10 kindergarten students to be enrolled
* The Marsden Jubilee School will close at the end of the 2023 school year. In the fall 18 students from MJS will transition to NSC. Leaving NCS at a -7 net decrease of students due to the graduating class size.
* Enrolment for the 23/24 school year is projected to be 197 students.
* The school newsletter went out of Friday, Feb. 3.
* The SR boys basketball league play continues.
* Choir, lead by Martina Leader is entering a spring music festival.
* Badminton practices have begun. Shayla Ross coaching SR high and Roxanne Reynoldson coaching JR high.
* Roxanne shared her correspondence with Bobby in response to our letter, sent March 2021, regarding our requests to update the exterior of the school and the school grounds.
* We are waiting on garbage cans to be added to our playground. The division has them on order.
* Justine shared some results and information about the anonymous student survey that Gr 4-6 and Gr 7-12 have completed.
* Roxanne visited MJS and met with their principal to discuss the transition that will occur in the fall of 2023 as MJS will close.
* MJS students have been invited to our elementary student Valentine’s Day Dance and our track and field day.
* There is a province wide staffing shortage causing difficulties for NWSD as well as NCS to hire teachers.
* NCS currently has 3 teachers on leave: Mrs. Walso, until Feb. 27, being filled by Shelly Dodgson, Mr. Plant, until June2, filled by Marina Leader, and Mrs. Kim until Mar 10, filled by Linda Walde.
* NCS is hiring a .5-time library technician.

**Old Business:**

* Ashley has been contacting DJ’s about our proposed spring fling Jr/Sr dance and hasn’t heard back from any. Digital Keys DJ’s out of Cut Knife was suggested to contact.
* The elementary dance is planned for Feb. 14 for the last class of the day. MJS students have been invited and are planning to attend. The gym will be divided in ½ to make the space more intimate.
* Purchasing risers for the stage have been put on hold for now.
* On the Jan. 18 subway hot lunch one sub was missing. There has been an error on all lunches from Subway. Error being either our fault or Subway’s fault. We need to find a way to make the order process run more efficiently and to not be missing any subs.
* The chicken finger lunch from the Neilburg Family Restaurant was postponed due to scheduling conflict on their part.
* Ashley has applied to the Sask Liquor and Gaming for a lottery license so we can raffle off the quilt. There has been no response yet. Ashely will call them to try and speed up the process so we can get our raffle underway. Sarah will get tickets ready so when our license if approved we will be ready. Sarah will accept e-transfers and ticket books will be left at various locations around town.
* Sarah made a motion to sell raffle tickets for $5.00 each for the quilt donated by Jean Sawtell, proceeds going towards the breakfast program. Rachel 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
* The playground garbage cans are approved. We are waiting on the division to purchase and install them.

**New Business**

* Roxanne shared about the MJS transition during her principal’s report.
* March hot lunches:
  + March 9 – soup and bun provided by Manitou E-Free and sold for $5.00
  + March 21 or 23 – chicken fingers and fries from the Neilburg Family Restaurant
* Charmaine shared the response from the book week Canadian author program. Khodi Dill, of Saskatoon, will visit NCS on Monday, May 1, and hold 2 sessions – each costing $200.00. The program covers all other expenses. The sessions will be for K-4 and 5-9. We will purchase some of his books for our library.
* Charmaine made a motion to pay the $400.00 for 2 sessions for Khodi Dill to visit NCS on May 1, 2023. Sarah 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
* Kevin Wilson asked if we would be willing to help pay for gr 12 students to attend a 1st aid course during the Feb school break. After discussion, we have decided to decline.
* Ashely shared a Bear Tracks ice melt /fertilizer sales update. Ruby and Ashely went over the records at Nutrien. We have 29 fertilizers left, and 41 ice melt left. There are 2 ice melt un accounted for. Kara was unavailable to review the financials. Moving forward Ruby will collect payment when the product is picked up and we will be in contact with her about sales.
* Canadian Ag literacy month is March. Dustin has volunteered to come into NCS to talk with students about Ag. There is also a government of SK ag program Dustin has suggested. Ashely shared the link in our What’s App chat for us to look over.
* Gr 1-2 will be attending Ag days in Lloydminster on April 20.
* Rachel shared the Public performance license information.
* We will hold an indoor movie night on March 17. Ashley has a projector and speaker we can use. Stacey has the movie, “Luck”. The SRC has bought a popcorn machine we can use. If needed, we could potentially borrow the popcorn machine from MJS. We will offer a snack combo – popcorn, a treat and a drink. Possibly chocolate coins. Sarah will order snacks from the Co-op. Details will be finalized at our next meeting.
* Sarah is waiting to hear back from Robin Flecik about trees and shelter belt.
* Rachel shared the details about swimming lessons from the pools. Spring lesson schedules are not yet available, but she is on the email list when they become open to book. Battleford offers 2h lessons once a week for 5 weeks or 1h lessons for 10 weeks. They can typically take 40 students. The cost being approx. $4.47/student. Lloydminster offers daily lessons Monday – Thursday. Length being 45 min or 1 1/2h depending on scheduling. The session would be 1 week long. Cost is around $37.00/student per session. The max is 30 students. We will wait to hear from the pools to see if lessons this spring are feasible. The lessons would be for grades 4-6.
* The dirt hill needs to be re-sloped and seeded to grass. Ashely will price out spray on grass and ask someone to do the dirt work.
* The ball diamond benches need to be replaced. The backstop was addressed in the letter Roxanne shared in her report.
* The soccer nets and hockey nets need attention.
* The swing set needs to be repainted. Stacey will draft a request letter and share it with Roxanne.
* The Credit Union Synergy Shares program was discussed as a potential avenue to get additional funding for a large project.
* Emma Weinkauf will chat with the staff to find out their requests for our assistance.

**Next Meeting:** Mar 9,2023 at 7:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50pm