

Neilburg School Community Council  
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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021

Sara called meeting to order at 12:05pm

**Members Present:** Sara Goodfellow, Ria Wiens, Sarah Hein, Bev Nattress, Jill Walde and Charmaine Graham

**School Representatives:** Geoff Macfarlane

**Student Representative:** None

**Minutes:** Ria presented the minutes from the last meeting, January 22, 2021 and moved to adopt as read. Seconded by Sarah Hein.

**Financial Report:** Charmaine present the financial report to date and moved to adopt as read. Seconded by Jill Walde.

**Principal's Report:** Geoff gave an update in regards to NCS staffing. No cutback on staffing for 2021, even with NCS being slightly over staffed. Current full-time student population, counting Kindergardens as .5 students is about 164. Estimate for the 2021-2022 school year is projected to be approximately 172 if current online students return to in-class.

Geoff also spoke on the results of NCS's Fontana and Pinnell (Reading) and Math scores. His theory is results remain the same because those who may be considered the low academic students have gone online or doing their own form of home schooling.

With the academic gaps that are ahead for students, in-class and online, Geoff shared there is a March 12 government deadline for feedback to be shared in regards to provincial plans to close that. This government program may result in extra funding for schools

### Old Business:

- Courtyard benches and outdoor volleyball court discussion tabled as we await to hear from Lisa.

- Front School Sign - Sarah Hein made a motion to purchase new letters for the new sign. All in favor. Motion carried. More discussion as to how to refurbish and update the wood and make it easier for message changes to be discussed in the days to come.
- Grounds / Landscaping – Recommendation to ask Linda Walde and Linda Lamb to help with landscaping and the beautification of the school grounds.

**New Buisness:**

- Sarah Hein addressed the group – looking for transparency between school / parents / community. Idea of a “Spotlight Grade” per week to showcase projects and life in the school for parents to be able to see, since regulations keep school closed to inflow of visitors.
- Cathy shared E-Bike trainer – SCC to possibly look into and apply for.
- Hot Lunch Dates:
  - March 17 – Subway (St Paddy’s special drink purchase)
  - April 1 – Outdoor BBQ: TBD

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20 @ noon.

Sara Goodfellow adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.