**Neilburg School Community Council**

April 18,2023

**Call to Order:** 7:07pm

**Present:** Stacey Mills, Bev Natress, Rachel Wightman, Riki-Lee Weinkauf, Ashely Weinkauf, Emma Weinkauf – teacher rep., Roxanne Reynoldson – principal

**Absent:** Charmaine Gonzales, Ria Wiens, Brooke Forbes, Sara Goodfellow, Sarah Hein, Justine Natress – student rep.

**Secretary Report:** Rachel Wightman

* Minutes from March 9,2023
* Rachel motion to adopt minutes as read
* Riki 2nd
* Passed

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bev Natress

* NWSD – no update – last meeting - $6237.00
* NCS SCC: $1723.66
  + Khodi Dill paid.
  + Gold coins paid.
  + Hot lunch paid.
  + Co-op paid.
* Bev motioned to adopt the report as read.
* Rachel 2nd
* Passed

**Principal’s Report:** Roxanne Reynoldson

* Enrollment – 188 students
* Fall enrollment projected at 207 students. Graduating class 16 students. Incoming K class 16 students. Incoming from MJS 18 students.
* Four teachers are currently on leave. Mrs. Walso, covered by Ms. Dodgson; Mr. Plant, covered by Miss Leader; Ms. Kim, covered by Ms. Cardif; Mrs. Stevson, covered by Mrs. Falcon until April 27.
* Northwest School Division is eliminating 20 teaching positions within the division. Neilburg will lose 1 teaching position.
* Emma Weinkauf has resigned. Her position will not be refilled.
* Wade and Roxanne have been tasked to find efficiencies in our school. The staff have been asked to share their “dream job” as well as, “if I had to, I could . . .”.
* There will be another “My school survey” soon. If the SCC would like to include a question, the office needs to be informed by Monday.
* Sr and Jr badminton are wrapping up with conferences this weekend.
* Miss Leader’s choir is working towards their entry in the Lloydminster music festival.
* May 1 – 5 is book week with many activities planned.
* The newsletter is planning to be sent home prior to May 1.
* The division is facing difficulties attracting new teachers. The SCC has been asked how we can support teachers and staff, making NCS an attractive place to work and encourage new staff to choose to come to Neilburg.

**Old Business**

* Ashley contacted Digital Keys DJs and reserved May 5. For 4 hours, including 1/2h set up and 1/2h tear down, the cost is $682.50. Six chaperones, at least 1 staff, are needed for the dance to proceed. Riki and Rachel can help. The school will approve a guest list again. Ashley will make a poster and begin advertising by Friday. $10.00 entry fee. Set up to begin at 6:30, dance from 7:00-10:00, and tear down to begin at 10:00. Indoor shoes required.
* Ashley made a motion to pay $682.50 to Digital Keys DJ for 4 hours on May 5. Rachel 2nd. Motion passed. Ashely will fill out the contract.
* One garbage can was placed by the fence near the bus lane. Once the snow melts the 2nd garbage can will be installed. Both garbage cans will be attached to a post. Riki will decorate the garbage cans to make them look nicer. We will wait on dome lids until both garbage cans are permanently installed.
* Ashley spoke to Pioneer Landscaping regarding spray on grass seed for the hill. In the past Pioneer Landscaping had the contract to mow our school yard. They would not be willing to drive a mower on our current hill and recommended it been shaped and improved. The hill is typically played on during the winter. We will ask if the town would be willing to make a snow hill for the students when they do their snow removal. More discussion will be needed about the hill and landscaping of the school grounds.
* We would like to partner with Synergy Shares for gym updates/renos. To begin the process, Ashley will email Wade Worman for his input. Bobby Tuff is our contact in the division for a project like this. A “business plan” would need to be made before applying to Synergy.
* Riki spoke with Nicole about a shopping list to update the home ec room. Stacey made a motion to spend up to $3000.00 for the home ec shopping list. Ashley 2nd. Motion passed. Riki will make the purchases as discussed with Nicole.
* Our main ideas for the 2023-24 school year are the gym, school yard improvements, and the elementary student lounge area.
* Stacey has been brainstorming ideas for the elementary student lounge. She will make up a wish list with estimated costs to present at our next meeting.

**New Business**

* Quilt raffle raised $430.00 for the breakfast program. Justine Natress won the quilt. A picture of Justine and the quilt will be posted on social media and Justine and the SRC will send a thank you card to Jean Sawtell for the donation of the quilt.
* For the dance we would like to make the gym smaller using some sort of dividers. Ashley will reach out to Tammy Ryan to see if she has something that would work.
* The school is organizing a town clean up day. The SCC is welcome to come help the staff and students. No date has been set yet.
* At our next meeting we will plan a school yard cleanup/tree trimming time. The trees should be trimmed before the school is painted.
* Marsden Jubilee School is hosting a farewell party/BBQ on May 26 from 4-9ish. They asked if a group from NCS would be willing to take on the BBQ. MJS would cover the costs, the NCS group would be responsible for organizing and running the BBQ. NCS would keep the proceeds from the BBQ. Sara asked and 7 grade 11 students are willing to work the BBQ. Rachel, Bev and Riki will help the kids. Rachel will add to the group chat to see who else will be able to help.
* The SRC is hoping to rent a bouncy castle near year end for a fun day. Would the SCC consider purchasing a bouncy castle for the school?
* We would like to host the back-to-school BBQ as well. Potentially with a bouncy castle.
* May 9 hot lunch, hotdog, chips and drink $5.00
* June 7 hot lunch, BBQ burger $5.00
* Ashley will post on the chat about the hot lunch to ask Sara to make the forms and talk to Kara. Also, to ask Sarah if she will be able to order from the Co-op.

**Next Meeting:** May 17 at 7:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:35pm