



The Prairie Page #7

April 7, 2020

"Loving, Learning & Leading Through this New Chapter in God's Story."

PCCE AGM - after looking into the ever-evolving information concerning holding virtual AGM's, we've decided that we are going to conduct the **actual voting** on necessary business items **during** the meeting.

You may remember that earlier we had said that we would be voting electronically after the meeting. It seems that best practice is to vote when the membership is gathered.

This means that in order to conduct this business, **we need quorum**. According to our bylaws, for a school to be **"present"** they need **two representatives** at the meeting: an educator rep and a board/community rep.

Please talk among your community, decide who will present your school and sign up [HERE](#).

Representatives are encouraged to read the [AGM PACKAGE](#) and to submit any questions to office@pcce.ca ahead of time.

- **Date: Saturday April 25**
- **Time: 10:00 AM -11:00 AM**

LOVING

Take a look at the graphic below and take a minute to reflect on your current state of mind. Are you in the:

- Fear Zone
- Learning Zone
- Growth Zone

Recognize that the "Fear Zone" is a normal stage and that people will move through these at different rates. Also, this is not a strictly linear graphic; so as COVID-19 news and information changes, or as the illness moves into your communities, you may find yourself moving back into the "Fear Zone."

How do we show love to those in our school community that are in the different zones? Pray for ways you can connect and be gracious with the various people in your community (teachers, students, support staff, etc.) so that they know they belong and are loved throughout this chapter in God's story.



LEARNING

Depending on which of the “Zones” in the graphic above you currently find yourself, you may be motivated, from a longstanding desire within or social media or from school leaders, to optimize this situation to make educational change. Similar to those people posting wonderful self-improvement pictures/videos on social media, you may feel like you should “seize the day.” In an article last week, [“Sticking With the Task,”](#) David I. Smith (author of “On Christian Teaching”) reminds us to “continue to turn willingly to tasks that patiently invest in a redemptive future. This moment calls not only for change, but for patience and diligence.” Be patient - “take time to carefully think through the consequences of each step forward for the well-being of our students” - and diligent with your commitment to delivering a distinctively Christian education.

Slack update - Jessilyn Swanson is looking for someone to give her some Grade 9 Bible Easter ideas in the #grades7-9 channel. Candace Dreger shared an Earth Keeping challenge she’s doing with her grade 4 Science students in the #grades4-6 channel. Over 100 PCCE members are now signed up. Here’s the link for you to

join:

https://join.slack.com/t/prairiecentre-j1s2789/shared_invite/zt-d2ym9twz-w~kmkjT3ryWa1J_tbW80RQ

LEADING

We will be holding a [Leaders Zoom](#) on Thursday from 11:00 am -11:30 am. We will have 2 topics of discussion:

- budgeting for next year
- how to hold your spring AGM (virtual meeting possibilities)

If you have specific questions about these topics, feel free to email [Gayle](#) ahead of time so we can be sure to cover your concerns.

A reminder to share your resources in our Leaders Slack community: sample layoff letters, procedures to deal with tuition/fees. Join Slack using the link above and then we'll add you to the Leaders channel. Also as a follow-up to our conversation concerning temporary layoffs: it was announced on Monday that the length of temporary layoffs has been extended to 120 days from 60 days.

