



The Prairie Page

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“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

There are a number of really fun videos posted in our #general channel, within the PCCE Slack Workspace, of some of our schools (Edmonton, Calgary, CACHS, Immanuel & Gateway) sending their love to their students in fun and creative ways.

We love the vulnerability that so many of our staff members have displayed during this time (e.g., learning new tech tools, videoing themselves, etc.) in hopes of brightening up students’ lives and making this experience the best they can. The fruit of the Spirit is shining through in so many ways.

Check the videos out and let us know how you are sending “love” to your school communities:

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

LEARNING

Maintaining relationships with your students during this time is absolutely imperative. This [ARTICLE](#) from Edutopia collected and synthesized the feedback from teachers to put together 7 ways to maintain relationships during this time. Here are a couple examples:

#1 - Try to say hello frequently, if you can - Many teachers are sending hellos daily via video. There is a fun example in the article that you should check out.

#3 - Re-imagine temperature checks - There is a middle school example already created for Google forms in this article that could be used for high school students as well.

#4 - Try snail-mail pen pals, phone pals, or virtual turn and talk - Gives the example of using phone calls for virtual “turn and talks” if students don’t have the technology to do video conferencing.

Take a look through the rest of them and reflect: How many are you already doing? Which one can you add? What other ideas are you trying? Share some of your examples in our Slack channel.

There will be no “TfT Family Resource” coming out this Friday. With Spring Breaks at various times, everyone should have enough “back issues” to get you through this week. “Creation Enjoying” will be in your inbox on April 24th.

LEADING

Rather than hosting our own PCCE Leaders Zoom this week, I invite you to participate in a webinar on Thursday afternoon. It is being organized by the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE – our TfT partner in the US) on the topic of [“Tips for Elementary Students and Distance Learning.”](#) (click for more information and to register). Also, if there are topics you’d like us to cover or speakers you’d like to hear from, let Gayle know. Although I’m sure you already figured this out, our Spring Leadership Conference is cancelled. I’m really disappointed because we had Steve Bell coming!!! He’ll be top of our list for our next gathering, but in the meantime if you are looking for a “Steve Bell Fix” he is doing a weekly mini-concert each Friday: [Steve Bell: Live from the Vault.](#)

