



Peace River High School

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Peace River High School School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

Attendees: Bill Sheets – Vice Principal, Jennifer Powers – Chair/Parent, Brian Imray – Trustee
Sherri Lizotte – Secretary/Parent, Terrilynn Bulldog – Parent

1. **Joint Parent Council @ Springfield:** “Keeping Our Children Safe” Presentation
2. **Welcome & Introductions:** Meeting called to order @ ~7:30pm
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved; council is informational not fundraising & looking for parental input.
4. **Review & Approval Previous Minutes:**
5. **Principal’s Report (Mark Owens):**
 - a. **Toys for Tots Drive** – Nov 30–Dec 4, parents can also make online donations through school cash.
 - b. **Parents Matter Week** – Nov 23–Nov 27, cards going out, parents will be met with coffee one morning.
 - c. **PRSD 2015-2018 AERR/THREE-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN/ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY RESULT FINAL** – will be on school website
 - d. **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - i. November 23 NO SCHOOL PD/Staff Meeting
 - ii. November 26 SPTI (Student Parent Teacher Interviews)
 - iii. December 4 Report 1 & Assembly
 - iv. December 16th Christmas Smorg, Dodgeball tournament Dec. 18th
 - v. December 21 – January 3rd NO SCHOOL Holiday Break
6. **Trustee’s Report (Bryan Imray):**
 - a. **PRSD#10 Board Highlights November 3rd**
[https://docushare.prsd.ab.ca/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-98831/November %203%20Highlights%20of%the%20Board%20.pdf](https://docushare.prsd.ab.ca/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-98831/November%203%20Highlights%20of%the%20Board%20.pdf)
 - b. **Trustee Meetings Highlights**
 - Board meeting held in Manning; part of reaching out to the community, another one in March to be held at Menno-Simons.
 - At the Zone Meeting, Nan Bartlett was re-elected as Director, Dan Lavoie as Zone Chair, and Brian Imray as Second Languages Committee member for Zone 1. Focus is on second language education.
 - Attended a Legal Seminar where two of the items discussed included the topic of mandatory retirement of school bus drivers-policy states you can’t enforce this. Also someone who becomes disabled on the job must be offered an alternative employment. One of the other topics discussed involved the recital of The Lord’s Prayer. Catholic School system has constitutional right to say The Lord’s Prayer in school. In public school system the Board, not the principal, has to approve it. It must only be said once and at the beginning of school, at the time of announcements and prior to the start of school classes.
7. **Teacher’s Report:**
 - Volleyball zone playoffs held this weekend; Nomad Girls team in Spirit River, Nomad Boys team in LaCrete.
 - Project Based Learning Group – Pillar of Acceptance in student gathering area is done. Quotes on acceptance and ten flags that identify/represent different genders have been placed on the pillar. Students have invited local businesses to display a poster saying “We Support Equality” (people have their support regardless of their gender identity). Vanessa Burns has done a video interview with a Peace River community member, Sherry Hilton, regarding the work of students here and an article titled “Peace River High School Students Strive to Create a Community–Wide Culture of Acceptance” & is on PRSD website.
 - Tower Gardens which have full spectrum lighting on the sides have been constructed, waiting for a decision on where they are to be placed.

- Clubs & organizations are active and healthy.
 - Interact Club is doing a wake-a-thon Nov 27 to raise money for a charity of their choice.
 - French Immersion students writing DELF exams Tues & Thurs.
8. **Student Union Report:** planning a spirit week of activities for Christmas. Student Engagement Team have had an initial meeting today, two students will be in Berwyn Nov. 30th.
9. **Project Peace Report (Linda Stevens):** Adopt-a-Nomad project is being well received.
10. **Old Business:**
- Council of School Councils – Nov 30th Berwyn starts @ 6:45 pm (supper 6 pm)
11. **New Business:**
- a. **Tentative Council Meeting Dates for 2015-16**
- February Joint Council T.A.N. date TBA (possibly February 17th, 2016 7:00 pm)
 - April 20th, 2016 7:00 pm
 - May 18th, 2016 7:00 pm Joint Council PRHS
12. **Date of Next Meeting:** January 20th at 7:00 pm
13. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 pm