



Peace River High School School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 17th, 2016 @ 7PM

Attendees: Mark Owens-Principal, Bill Sheets-Vice Principal, Jennifer Powers-Chair/Parent, Brian Imray-Trustee, Sherri Lizotte-Secretary/Parent, Corinna Williams-Parent Assoc., Johanna Downing-Parent Assoc., Linda Stevens-Success Coach Project Peace, Hannah & Nihal-LOL

PRSD Joint Council Meeting 6:30PM @ TAN School:

Presentation by Paul Bennett – Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions



Guidelines for Best
Practices Creating Le:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Previous (January 2016) Minutes
4. Principal's Report
 - Anti-Bullying Week (February 24 Pink Shirt Day)
 - Maplewood Program Update – plan to go live Feb.22. All student ID's have to be manually entered before student/parent portal can be opened& used. Anticipating within the next month to be accessible. This is a student information system used throughout the division. Once it's live & available there will be instant updates with global student information throughout Alberta. This system supports a flexible schedule & enables more accountability for students especially regarding the success block. HomeLogic will still be available for Gr.9's until the end of the year. Suggestion made to have a presentation on Maplewood at the next parent council meeting in April.
 - My Blueprint – school has changed to this system from Career Cruising; works closely with Maplewood. Students enter in all their data. Currently being used by a small group of students in CALM this semester, hoping all students can start at the beginning of the next school year in Sept.
 - Upcoming Events
 - i. March 3 & 4 NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention
 - ii. March 7 NO SCHOOL Site Based PD/Staff Meeting
 - iii. March 25 NO SCHOOL Good Friday
 - iv. March 28-April 3 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
 - v. April 4 NO SCHOOL Day in Lieu of PTI
5. Teachers Report – meeting held with French exchange students & parents explaining what's going on with international travel & safety measures being taken. Three students going to France for a month, 18 students are going on Ecuador trip.
6. Trustees Report (Bryan Imray)
 - PRSD#10 Board Highlights February 2nd, 2016
<https://docushare.prsd.ab.ca/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-109942/February%204%20Highlights%20of%20the%20Board%20.pdf>
 - PRSD#10 Board Highlights February 16th, 2016
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 - There is a government initiative to eliminate textbook rental fees; school divisions would be compensated for the loss of income that they receive from these fees
 - Looking at the possibility of licensing online textbooks

- Continuing study of the new teacher bargaining model
- Technology presentation at recent Board meeting; good response regarding Maplewood as opposed to Homelagic
- With low Canadian dollar, expensive purchasing Chromebooks as they are priced in US dollars
- They were given a look at the new Google Cardboard, all in 3D
- Reminder to everyone that the next Council of School Councils will be held in April

Student Union Report presentation – by Hannah & Nihal (LOL's)

- Benefits of attending ASLC (Alberta Student Leadership Conference) being held in Calgary May 29-31. Approx. 8-10 kids from LOL, 2 from Interact club & 8 from GSA are planning to go. One of the teachers from Outreach is making a presentation on forming a new youth group & possibly some of them will go. The cap on the number of kids attending will be the number able to fit on the bus. Hotel accommodations (approx. \$40 per student) & \$130 for registration paid for on their own. Hannah & Nihal asked to apply to the Parent Association for monies from the casino fund to pay for the cost of transportation which will be approx. \$3000. Johanna & Corinna with a quorum including Bill & Mark approved the cost on behalf of the Parent Association with pre-approval up to the cost of the travel.
- They also gave an explanation of the LOL, what activities they have done around the school & what types of fundraising they've already done such as the Syrian refugee dinner with the Interact Club.

Project Peace Report – Linda Stevens

- Targeting universal programming & focusing on being in the classroom more
- There is a program based on High School curriculum that deals with awareness of mental health & wellness
- This year she has been making more individual connections & helping students with things like general coping

7. Wellness (William Roy) – deferred until the next meeting

8. Old Business

Vending Machines

- Current issue is time & knowledge to service the machines as well as to stock them which is taking time away from staff
- Campbell Land has offered to take over the vending machines & provide a commission. Could offer more healthy alternatives. This would increase the cost to the student and decrease the amount of money coming in. They do have a reputation for providing good service & a good selection
- A couple have offered to service, stock, & order; we would still own the machines we would just pay them a commission so there would still be a decrease in revenue
- An interim decision was made to go with the couple to service & stock the machines until the end of the 2015-16 school year with the understanding that we will have a further discussion of what will be the best decision
- At April meeting, discuss vending machine finances
- At May meeting a decision will be made so that it's in place in September for the new school year

9. New Business

- ASCA Meeting & Conference April 22-24, 2016 @ Delta Edmonton South (funding \$500)
Each school receives funding of \$500 for anyone interested in attending
- 2016-17 Draft PRSD School Calendar & Key Messages


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School Year Calendar


2016 2017 Calendar
Key Messages.pdf

10. Next meeting April 13th, 2016 @ 7 PM @ PRHS