

**Peace River High School Council**  
**September 27, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Crystal Owens, Katrina Randall-Martin, Alana Warkentin, Anna Berg, Andrea Milligen, Grace Nylund, Rachid Liar, Fatima Benhssina, Marianne Vion, Becky Rudneski, Kim Witter, Crystal Sawan, Amber Gotlobb, Kim Gagnon, Zoe Nath

**Review of Agenda and additions to the agenda**

New Business 4) Truth & Reconciliation Day; 5) Grad.

**Review of Minutes from April 26 meeting.**

No changes. Kim moved they be accepted as read.

**Election of School Council Executive for 2023-24:** Wade Johnson, Principal

**Chair:** Wade opened nominations. Kim nominated Katrina. Andrea seconded. Wade called a second time. Wade called a third time. Katrina accepted position. Wade turned the meeting over to Katrina.

**Vice-Chair:** Katrina called for nominations. Andrea nominated Zoe. Kim Seconded. Katrina called for a second time. Katrina called for a third time. Zoe accepted the position.

**Secretary:** Katrina called for nominations. Crystal nominated Marianne. Andrea seconded. Katrina called for a second time. Katrina called for a third time. Marianne accepted the position.

**Treasurer:** Katrina called for nominations. Andrea nominated Kim. Becky seconded. Katrina called a second time. Katrina called for a third time. Kim accepted the position.

**Board Members:** Katrina opened nominations. Andrea nominated herself. Amber nominated herself. Kim nominated herself. Grace nominated herself. Katrina thanked everyone for their willingness to be involved.

**Principal Report:** Wade Johnson

-Numbers are way up to over 300. Numbers don't usually mean more teachers. Hoping to get another teacher for next semester.

-5 new teachers and 4 new EA's at the school

-Year has started very well.

-Change to 4-81 minute classes has been well received.

-Extended lunch hour by 10 minutes

-Upstairs bathrooms are almost done renovations which started last school year.

-Downstairs bathrooms will be renovated next summer.

-A restorative building is being build (big wood gazebo) is being built in the front of the school. Paid for by an Indigenous grant. Construction starts September 27

-Getting a revamp to the beach volleyball court. Came to fruition through lots of donations.

**Teacher's Report:** Wade in place of Lori Knoblauch

- These reports will rotate through the teachers
- Wade is encouraging staff to send out introductory e-mails to their students parents, just to introduce themselves and give their teaching philosophy, etc. This is to encourage communication between teachers and parents. If you aren't receiving these e-mails, please e-mail Wade.
- Kim brought up the idea to be able to report school absences in powerschool.

**Student's Report:**

- This is to have a student representative come to the meeting to give a student's perspective
- If you are going to be attending the meeting, feel free to bring your student to give a report

**New Business:**

**1) Communication to parents**

- There was no open house this fall. Will reconsider for next year.
- Not great communication at the beginning of the year.
- Wade explained that Lisa, the office manager, had a tough start to the year. She was sick and they were juggling 30 new students registered last minute.
- Communication will be more consistent in the coming weeks.

**2) Air monitors in downstairs bathrooms**

- PRHS is piloting a monitor that detects vaping, THC, screams for help, too many people, etc... they have been installed in the downstairs bathroom with a camera outside of the bathroom door.
- These monitors have greatly reduced the occurrence of vaping in the bathroom. More of those students have moved to the smoking hill.
- Wade would like to get two more for the upstairs bathrooms.

**3) PH website-Parent Council page**

- we will be putting up the meeting minutes on the website
- School council handbook should be put up there as well, with clickable links

**4) Truth & Reconciliation Day-October 2**

- It was brought up that there is no school day off in lieu of this day.
- The board did some reaching out to Indigenous elders and contributors. The feeling was that "if the kids aren't in school, they aren't learning about it"
- This is a federal day, when it becomes provincial, it will be recognized

## 5) Grad

- There should be a parent meeting in November. Lori will be coordinating this.
- The number graduating could be up to 80.
- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is the date set for the ceremony

Trustee Report: Crystal filled in for Moise Dion

- The board chair and vice-chair stepped down at the August meeting. A special meeting was held to vote in new chair, Crystal Owens, and vice-chair, Lacey Buchinski.
- Have moved away from parents matter to families matter week.
- Manning bus garage is being renovated into CTS space, as the division is building a new school in Manning.
- The board is doing value-scoping in Fairview.
- The board is looking at bringing in an appointed Indigenous trustee.
- Truth and Reconciliation week will be October 2 week.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:19 pm

**Next Meeting:** November TBA

## Parent Advisory Meeting:

In attendance: Crystal Owens (non-voting), Katrina Randall-Martin, Anna Berg, Andrea Milligen, Grace Nylund, Marianne Vion, Becky Rudneski, Kim Witter, Crystal Sawan, Amber Gotlobb, Kim Gagnon, Zoe Nath

**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:20 pm

**Executive Carries over from Parent Council**

### Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance: \$12,631.68

Casino Paperwork:

- Next casino is Oct/Nov/Dec 2024
- Will need to keep back about \$5000 for Casino volunteers

### New Business/Requests:

1) Volleyball indoor nets-Wade

- \$12000, Rotaract has given \$3000, Wade is asking Parent Advisory to give \$3000
- Grace made a motion to put \$3000 toward the volleyball nets. Andrea seconded. All in favor. Carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:36 pm

**Next Meeting:** following November School Council meeting