

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 8th, 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