



Peace River High School Council Minutes
January 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Mark Owens, Richard Walisser (Trustee), Susanne Jones, Beckie Rudneski, Grace Nylund, Katrina Martin, Angela Bentt, Susan Rumleski

1.0 Welcome and introductions: Meeting Called to order at 7:09 Mark welcomed everyone and passed the meeting over to Beckie to chair.

2.0 Review and approval of Previous minutes and Agenda:

[Link to November minutes](#)

- Beckie asked for the Minutes and agenda approved as written. Approved

3.0 Principal's Report - Mark Owens

- Home Learning: A lot of positive things, home learning for this semester was much better than March. Were able to offer students to come in for more support. Primary issues being poor internet. Were pleased with the communication of the teachers. Need to support kids when they are at home learning. Other times kids choose to come in so we want to be able to work with the needs of each family and each learner. Providing support – each academic class is able to support home learning and teachers are learning new methods to communicate to both the in class and home learning students. Will reduce option load for online students. Just not physically possible to accommodate. Possibly options for online learners as well. Suzanne: Can we make it mandatory for online learners to have their cameras on? Mark: We've had a lot of discussion on this. Speed of the internet can be difficult to maintain. Susan: Mandatory cameras would be difficult for us rural learners. Also wanted to mention that perhaps we can reduce the online learners. Grace mentioned that some kids don't have cameras or mics but they can still text in the chat. Mark mentioned the skill room where they offer independent courses to increase credits specific to the student. Anywhere from 4- 9 students. Semester will have that as well as Bailey Campbell new to us and she will be moving Kevin Bauman returning before he retires this semester. Psychology, sports performance, fashion, drama, Excited for the 2nd semester. Beckie: The teachers did an excellent job with the communication to the parents' especially the reminders if the kids didn't get online. Various quarantines s\the kids didn't miss a beat and thank you very much for that. Really think you guys are doing a great job this semester. Mark, thanks and the teachers are exhausted with teaching in and out of the class and the support was great and the EA's also jumped in. Also increased engagement

with parents has been great. Never had this much communication. Still need to celebrate where we are and all groups are really pulling together.

- Casino Feb 14/15 postponed. Susan indicated that there is still no date as of yet but I would still like to know where Feb 14 is for timing – are we 1st or 15th once they open doors. I'll get the paperwork in for the Executive Board Members.

4.0 Teacher's Report- No Report - Mark indicated no Teacher's Report this evening. They did want to express the appreciation for the increased communication and engagement with parents. Beckie asked about extra curricular and Mark indicated that everything is postponed for now until AHS lifts the restrictions.

5.0 **Old Business**- Extra-Curricular postponed until further notice

6.0 **New Business**- Mark made a motion to accept Susan Rumleski as the Secretary / Treasurer and the Casino Chairperson for the Peace River High School Parent Association. Beckie seconded the motion. Thank you Susan for taking this on.

7.0 LOL/Interact Report- Katrina asked what happened to the programs? Mark indicated that the Interact Club was not able to get going as of yet this year. For the LOL, we have been working with large groups of students and it has been difficult with many different opinions and points of view. For this year, we have different groups of students working together on leadership. For example, a group worked with Tianna to do some COVID-19 friendly activities for the week of Halloween for school spirit. We may have to look at re-branding the LOL group to something new for the next school year to offer some different leadership opportunities.

- 9.0 Trustee Report- Richard Walisser
- Board prepares for 2021 School Trustee Elections - Board of Trustee Nominations open Jan 1 to Sept 20-2021. If there is interest in running go to the Grimshaw School Division Office and I will be running again.
- Board approves motion to form anti-racism committee - Anti-Racism Committee: Will be looking for representation from the school & public.
- Survey should be getting a notification in your in box and if not I can send one. Mark – this goes out to our grade 10 students and this will be shared out as well. Through messenger.
- Trustees look forward to meeting with municipal representatives
- Board plans for meetings with PRSD staff committees
- PRSD trustees to attend First Nations Metis and Inuit Education virtual gathering hosted by CASS

- PRSD to begin the process to sell the PRSD Bus Garage facilities in Peace River and Fairview
- Trustee Walisser mentioned that the Board of Trustees is advocating for all School Division staff to be given highest priority in Phase II of the vaccine rollout so that our teachers, bus drivers and support staff can feel safe in the workplace and to help reduce anxiety and fear surrounding Covid-19 and to assist in the safe in-classroom education of our students.

10.0 Date of next meeting- Wednesday, February 24 @ 7 pm

11.0 Meeting adjourned at virtually via google meet at 8:06 pm