



Peace River High School Parent Council Minutes October 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Mark Owens, Bailey Campbell (teacher), Richard Walisser (Trustee), Katrina Randall-Martin (parent), Grace Nylund (parent online) and Beckie Rudneski (parent online)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

1.0 Welcome and introductions:

2.0 Review and approval of Previous minutes and Agenda:

- Mark read and reviewed minutes
- Accepted by Beckie and seconded by Grace

3.0 Principal's Report

- Covid-19 preparation
 - disassembled cafeteria furniture so can social distance
 - Purchased plastic tables for the gym to spread out for lunch
 - Any classes with tables have plexiglass dividers between student seats
 - Extra items and clutter in classes removed for more space
 - Custodian hours switched to school day so that all high touch areas can be cleaned 3-4 times per day
 - Staff sprays and cleans each desk and seat after each class before another student sits down
 - All students have their own tech device (Chromebook or laptop) for use during the school day
 - Seating plan recorded for each class to assist in contact tracing if needed
 - Hot lunch continues and is extremely popular
 - No cash accepted. Hot lunch cards and touch debit machine purchased
 - Plexiglass window on front so that only serving staff touches the food
 - **Extremely proud of students in their compliance with mask wearing and sanitizing hands. Some reminders needed but generally student compliance is extremely positive.**

- Home learning
 - Almost every class in the school has 1-8 students signing in through Google Meet and can work virtually with their classes
 - Some students are just home for a number of days, others are at home for the semester.
 - Transitions back and forth have been much easier having the students in their regular classes.
 - Communication from parents and students have helped us to improve our technology and set ups in the classroom.
 - 20-30 students at a time working from home
 - Students login, join in on regular class time, can ask questions and get the resources through Google Classroom
- Staffing
 - Mr. Ladd retired one semester early due to a family concern. Hired Bailey Campbell for his position this semester in Math 9, Sc 10, Bio 20 and Outdoor education.
 - Mrs. McLeod on medical leave for an extended period of time. Started the year with Dave Cambridge and transitioned to Monica Greschner at the start of October.
 - Mr. McIlroy joined our staff from Hines Creek and is teaching Math 9, Science 24, Grade 9 Options and Math 30-2 this semester.
- Grade 9 transitions
 - More difficult without the visit to TA Norris, Open House and tour of Peace High
 - Many families came in the week before school to tour and meet us.
 - First day having 2 hours together in Health class helped a bit.
 - Quiet and reserved for the first while as they get comfortable.
 - Success blocks used to assist students with extra support in Math class. This was started after grade 9 collaborative response team meetings
 - Grade 9 options with High School students has helped them get to know more students.

4.0 Teacher's Report- Bailey Campbell

- From Calgary, been teaching for 7 years
- Teaching Bio 20, Math 9, Outdoor Ed and Science 10
- Slowing down some teaching to make sure to reinforce major outcomes

5.0 Old Business-

6.0 New Business-

- Election of Positions
 - Chair: Beckie Rudneski
 - Vice-Chair: Katrina Randall-Martin
 - Secretary: Vacant
 - Treasurer (for PAC and Casino funds): Vacant
- School Council Combined meetings
 - Good to wait until semester 2 to see how things are going
 - Would be good to talk about transition plans for the end of the year
 - Maybe principals could send a report of how things are going to the other councils so that they could keep up to date
- Extra-Curricular
 - Division following ASAA guidelines
 - Volleyball, Football and Cross Country running in exhibition
 - Needs to be communicated from the school and division any of the policies and protocols
- Mental Health: How is it?
 - Teachers opening conversations, asking how students are
 - Transition from Covid and summer has been difficult to get back to regular routine
 - Tianna has been in many classes journaling and talking to students
- Peace High Casino will be in the first quarter of 2021 (Jan-March)

7.0 LOL/Interact Report-

- Group of leadership students looking to put together Halloween School Spirit Activities
 - Door Decorating
 - Kahoot game through classes
 - Costumes

9.0 Trustee Report- Richard Walisser

- Covid has affected how the board is running
 - Shut down face to face interactions
 - Tours of schools canceled
 - Board meetings happening virtually
- Darren Kuester is Chair again this year, Crystal Owens is Vice Chair
- Paul Bennett retiring this year
 - Hiring a consultant to help with the hiring process

- Knowledge transfer overlap with Paul and new superintendent
- September meeting
 - Minister came to PRSD
 - Update of relaunch plan
 - Outbreak at Springfield dealt with well
 - Schools/students being very compliant of protocols
 - Purchased 4 new school busses to replace ones 11 years or older
 - Board taking sensitivity training for an awareness of discrimination and grow their knowledge base, very well received. Next session is on Friday
 - Next board meeting is on Thursday

10.0 Date of next meeting- Thursday, Nov 26 at 7 pm

11.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm