



Peace River High School Council Meeting - October 5, 2021 at 7:08

Attendees: Jonathan Pittman, Beckie Rudneski, Maya Directo, Robyn Verreault, Shaunna Dallyn, Katrina Martin, Susan Rumleski

1.0 Welcome and introductions

2.0 Review and approval of previous minutes and agenda

- Minutes approved as written – Beckie made a motion and Shaunna seconded
- Susan added Casino Annual Society Annual Return to PAC Meeting Agenda

3.0 Principal's Report – Jonathan Pittman

- Review of the [purpose of the school council and meetings](#).
- School Opening
 - Welcome Back Assembly was held. Start-up went well.
- COVID impacts and restrictions
 - Student numbers are about 20% lower and we had the outbreak status at 10% absentee rate. We are seeing an increase in the student population from some outlying areas.
 - Staff numbers – have a few staff away with covid symptoms.

Beckie: It is frustrating for the kids when they are absent due to illness or quarantine that they can't log into the teachers lecture from home. They only can access the google slides. Easy to fall behind when unable to attend in person classes. Jonathan: There have been a number of calls about this to central office. There were some major issues with this and we are trying to figure out ways to deal with this. One area is to have google meets with the teachers to keep the students up in the studies. Please share any options or suggestions from the parent's side. Beckie: The google classroom is there but it's basically self-taught. Shaunna: It would be good to have the information on the google classrooms and the content seems less. Understand the extra challenge for the teachers but it's difficult to keep them on track and if everything was available on the google classroom it would be helpful. Jon: Thanks for the feedback. We will continue to try and improve what we are doing. We did get allot of feedback from schools and parents, so we did develop the virtual program however, we are still having the challenge of not having a normal school year. Beckie: Is there the ability for the teachers to wear microphones in the class that they could listen to what is happening in the classroom? Jon: I believe there is some issues with this possibly the equipment and FOIP issues. We did talk about the live stream and there are allot of challenges and parameters for this, we are not opposed but there are challenges to this. Maya: about the online school, so you had mentioned that you can't do the online with the in-school? This is decided on a case by case basis. Crystal: When we did the survey, the teachers were getting burnt out from trying to do both. These have all been brought up to the division level and the one thing we need to do is provide the same access for all schools and all students.

- Nutrition Grant
 - New direction with breakfast each morning – Maya asked about nutritional items in the vending machines as well? Jon: that is a good questions, we do ask for the nutritional items and that should be happening.
 - Impact on current practise
 - Items for lunch for students without something to eat.
 - Connection point
- Staffing
 - Kelly Norrish – Educational Assistant
 - Jon Pittman – I am currently filling a position called acting principal position that is a 1-year tenure
 - Pat Coates – Football Team and is working in an EA position and will be our new shop teacher in 2 years.
 - Kendra Conlen – New Project Peace
- VEP
 - Rational and explanation of how it operates
- Hot Lunch review
 - What is the purposes of the program and is it working? Shaunna: We assumed the hot lunch program is to keep the kids on campus instead of leaving for lunch but without having it every day, they still leave. Katrina: I like it and the ease of it for parents. Kids get to stay with their friends and eat. Robyn: It does run a bit slower in September and once the snow comes, it is good to have to program. It would be good to have a 5 day program. Maya: It's allot more convenient to go get a sub at subway for the older kids. Beckie: I agree that the younger kids access it more than the older kids. Crystal: There was always lunch for kids that wanted it. It's a good thing to have even if its 3 days a week. Jon: I am committed to make sure the kids have some food to eat. It is not a lot of student access – 20%. The first few days, we had allot of food and now we have adjusted the numbers. It is high demand for staff and resources and no volunteer help. We are looking at some other options like what was done at TA Norris. Katrina: I did do TA and it is a big undertaking and maybe some of these restaurants can deliver. Jon: We need to make sure the price is reasonable. Shaunna: Maybe a restaurant can do 2 weeks then switch. Maya: With the covid, we probably sound not have other people coming into the schools.
- Student safety
 - Student parking lot – Very proud of our students and did a safety blitz with the RCMP. Everyone that stopped got a slush coupon. Trying to keep it positive for the kids and avoid the tickets.
 - East stairs bottom platform – Been in contact with the town about the stairs and it is treacherous so they are looking at solutions.
- Indigenous perspective and connection
 - Orange shirt day – September 29th
 - Day of Truth and Reconciliation – September 30th
 - Learning opportunities for students and staff. 1/3 of our students are indigenous.



- Athletics
 - Start-up
 - Covid requirements
 - Covid impact on bus drivers
- LQS considerations
 - [LQS PDF](#)

4.0 Teacher's Report (Robyn Verreault)

- Still dealing with Covid and trying to keep things normal. All the teachers are trying to close the gaps for students. Any questions or concerns for your kids, please contact us. Beckie: Please thank all the teachers for all the hard work they are doing. It is appreciated.

5.0 New Business

- **Executive elections**
 - Chair: Beckie Rudneski – Jon nominated and Beckie accepted.
 - Vice-Chair: Katrina Martin – Beckie nominated and Katrina accepted.
 - Secretary: Vacant at this time

6.0 Trustee Report (Crystal Owens)

- Mentioned how good it was to see a Student on the council. Please see Crystal's Report attached.

7.0 Date of next meeting

- November 2, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Peace River High School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Attendees: Jon Pitman, Beckie Rudneski, Katrina Martin, Susan Rumleski, Shaunna Dallyn.

1.0 Treasurer's Report

- August 31, 2021 – Attached to minutes.

2.0 New Business

- Treasurer Nominations: Susan Rumleski – Nominated and Susan accepted.
- PAC Casino - December 9 & 10- Need volunteers
- Society Annual Return – Needs Signatures – Susan to meet with Beckie
- Casino Annual Return – Submitted

Casino – Sue to send information to Jon for the volunteer list etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Peace River High School Parents Association

Treasurers Report

October 5, 2021

	Bank Balance as of August 31, 2021	\$ 6010.40
INCOME		\$ 0.00
TOTAL	Closing Balance on September 30, 2021	\$ 6010.40
DISBURSMENTS		\$ 0.00
TOTAL		\$ 0.00
ASSETS		\$ 0.00
TOTAL		\$ 0.00
LIABILITIES		\$ 0.00
TOTAL		\$ 0.00

Susan Rumleski

NAME

Secretary / Treasurer

POSITION

October 5, 2021

DATE