

Peace River High School
School Council Meeting Agenda

Sept 18, 2024, 6:00 pm

Attendance: Katrina Randal-Martin, Grace Nylund, Megan Curry, Andrea Milligan, Kim Witter, Zoe Nath, Wade Johnson, Lori Knoblauch, Crystal Owens

1) Call to order at 6:00 pm

2) Welcome and attendance- Wade Johnson

3) Review of agenda and additions to the agenda

- a) Sports Academy program

4) Election of School Council Executive

- a) Chair: Katrina Randall-Martin was nominated. Katrina accepted the nomination and will remain Chair for the 2024-2025 school year.
- b) Vice Chair: Zoe Nath was nominated. Zoe accepted the nomination and will remain Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c) Secretary: Megan Curry was nominated. Megan accepted the nomination and will be the Secretary for the 2024-2025 school year.
- d) Board Members: Kim Witter, Grace Nylund, and Andrea Milligan will be Board Members for the 2024-2025 school year.

5) Principal Report- Wade

- a) Enrollment is down slightly from last year as we had more outgoing Grade 12 students than incoming Grade 9 students. The current student count is approximately 260.
- b) All teaching staff returned this year. Jon White is on paternity leave with Josh Parr filling his position for the year. Taylor Hulme and Keyna Anderson are covering Dani Keddie and Holly Sasseville's maternity leaves. When those staff return for Semester II, Taylor and Keyna are still staying on for the remainder of the school year. We had one Educational Assistant move out of Peace River and hired a new EA to fill that spot.
- c) The school Start up went well, and has been very smooth.
 - i) Nice class sizes
 - ii) Had an assembly/pep rally last week to introduce the staff and the athletic teams
 - iii) Leadership class is planning the Terry Fox run and other activities for the school. The plan is for the Leadership group to continue on for Sem II with lunch hour meetings and supplying the food for the meetings.
 - iv) Physics 20 class is back in the building
 - v) Classes we don't offer in the building, and are accessed by VEP: Physics 30, Math 31

- d) Outside projects/enhancements complete
 - i) Beach volleyball courts
 - (1) Several community sponsors
 - ii) Work on the football field (leveling and filling holes, fixing uprights)
 - iii) Restorative structure
 - (1) Opening ceremony Oct 4. Elder Dave, Central Office representatives, and NOW Play representatives will be attending. We will be serving stew and bannock to students and staff at lunch.
- e) The Downstairs Washroom Renovation is complete
 - i) The renovation was completed this summer. The upstairs washrooms were renovated last summer. Open concept sink area with individual, fully closed stalls. Washrooms open to the hallway. Lots of positive feedback from students and their families on the renovations and the comfort level of using the washrooms.
 - ii) With the renovation, a hair sink was added to room 134 for the Cosmetology program.

6) Teacher's Report- Lori

- a) Discussion of various elective classes offered at Peace High
- b) Discussion of various extracurricular activities offered at Peace High
- c) First Grad parent/student meeting tonight at 7:00

7) Student's Report- No students in attendance

- a) The idea was brought forward to ask the students in the Leadership class if they would like to attend the meetings as student reps. Wade will reach out to Sonia Huang.

8) New Business

- a) Photographers for sport team pictures- Wade
 - i) We have a few student-athletes whose parents are local photographers and have reached out inquiring about taking pictures for sports teams for the year.
 - ii) In the past, the School Council was involved in selecting the company for all school pictures. Would they like to have input on athletic photos? A suggestion from the Parent Council is that photographers could present their packages at the May meeting, with a tender going out in February.
- b) Sports Academy
 - i) A pilot project this year for Gr9 students
 - ii) Not tied to high school credits
 - iii) Taylor Hulme developed and is teaching the course
 - iv) The focus is multi-sport athletic training, focused on strength training, sport psychology, and nutrition.

- v) The sports Psychology component was built by a sports psychologist from Grande Prairie. One-time fee of approx. \$4000 to build the 24 day program that he created and Taylor delivers. Matthew Bain (Psychologist) did a 1hr Google Meet with the class at the start of the semester to introduce the program.
- vi) The course budget was \$7000. There is a \$50 charge per student in the class to offset that cost.
- vii) Potential to expand to High School

9) Trustee Report- Crystal

- a) <https://www.prsd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/board-meeting-dates-and-agendas>
(follow the link to the webpage to find the highlights)
- b) Sept 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Non operational day
- c) Meeting with the Minister re: funding model, dealing with Trustee Code of Conduct issues.
- d) The resignation of Adam Murray effective January 1, 2025 was accepted.
- e) Alberta School Council meeting in April. We can have 1 member attend, paid for by the Division.
- f) Council of School Council meeting - date has not been decided as of yet.
- g) Question re: restarting the joint council meeting. Crystal to inquire and let us know.

10) Next Meeting and Adjournment

- a) Next meeting will be Nov 13th at 6:30 pm at Peace River High School
- b) Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

Parent Advisory Meeting Agenda

Attendance: Katrina Randal-Martin, Grace Nylund, Megan Curry, Andrea Milligan, Kim Witter, Zoe Nath, Kim Gagnon, Wade Johnson, Crystal Owens

1. Call to Order: 7:09 pm

2. Election of Parent Advisory Executive

- a. Same positions as School Council Executive
- b. Treasurer: Kim Gagnon was nominated. Kim accepted the nomination and will remain Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Treasurer Report- Kim

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4. New Business

a. Casino Nov 18-19

- i. Wade talked about the French Immersion Society running the casino
- ii. Crystal Owens raised the question- can PRSD staff use personal days to work a school casino for the French Immersion Society? Need to clarify the policy.
- iii. Kim Gagnon motioned that Parent Advisory will advertise through the school for volunteers of the Peace River High School community until October 18, 2024. All submissions will be emailed to Kim Gagnon at kdgagnon@outlook.com. The motion was seconded by Grace Nylund. All in favour, Crystal abstained. Motion passed.

5. Adjournment: 7:53 pm