

# MINUTES

## Peachland PAC Meeting

*Date:* September 13, 2019 – 9:00 am | *Meeting called to order by:* Leath Strench

Meeting adjourned 10:02 am

June Minutes, *Motion to Approve:* Kristen Friesen (amend “Fire Smart”), Amy Grundy

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### In Attendance

Kristen Friesen – Vice President

Leath Strench – Treasurer

Shawna Quinn – Secretary

Moyra Baxter – School Trustee

Ross Hett – Principal

#### Parents

Amy Grundy

Emma Webber

Melissa Lapczynski

Rose Prexler

Keri Firth

Tracy Murphy

Melissa Grant

Erin Chadwick

Bryce Mendez

Anna Holton

Jessica Loewen

Dauna Hill

Terri Lynn Carrington

Kim Letcher

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### Introduction

Leath Strench, Kristen Friesen and Trustee Moyra Baxter offered an introduction to PAC and explained that the committee is an opportunity to “advise”, as well as fundraise, where parents can influence the activities at the school and encourage a sense of community and engagement. The PAC welcomed all parents in attendance and encouraged them to continue to be involved in any way during the year. Principal Ross Hett made his introduction as well, welcoming parents. Leath explained that we will prioritize consistency and communication in all activities and updates.

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### Welcome Back Coffee

Leath noted that the attendance was great for the first morning back, but Dauna Hill made the suggestion that because the Kindergarten classes didn’t start until the following week, it would be ideal to have an additional “welcome” activity for Kindergarten parents. Amy Grundy mentioned that teachers should be even more involved and present.

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### Welcome Back BBQ

In order to give parents and families the opportunity to meet one another and develop relationships with the school, an annual Welcome Back BBQ is planned with Monday September 30 as the suggested date for the event. Although there isn’t a lot of planning involved, it would be good to have volunteers.

Leath made a motion to **allocate \$300 to purchase food for the concession for the BBQ event.**

**First:** Sara Sabourin

**Second:** Shawna Quinn

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### Gaming Funds

Leath explained the process of applying annually for Gaming Funds for the upcoming year (based on school enrollment), as well as how the funds can be allocated. Application has been made to receive the funds in October. Last year’s funds were allocated to sporting equipment to replace aging equipment, which has been well received by the kids. Ideas for how to use the funds are welcomed. Tracy Murphy made the suggestion that STEM activities would be great to support in the classes.

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## COBSS – Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society

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Leath explained that this is a \$500 scholarship that is given to one student of Mount Boucherie that was once a student of Peachland Elementary.

Leath made a motion to **approve \$500 to go toward the COBSS Scholarship.**

**First:** Amy Grundy

**Second:** Bryce Mendez

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## Terry Fox Run

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Explanations were made regarding the Terry Fox event, including weekly activities to prepare for the run on Friday September 27. Money is raised during the week by submitting specific coins for each day, and Mr. Hett will encourage fundraising by planning an “award” for surpassing the goal, such as a draw for “Principal for the Day”. The event starts at 8:45am that morning, with the race itself beginning at 9:00am. Volunteers will be needed to keep kids safe and on track during the race.

Emma Webber offered to coordinate volunteers for this event.

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## School Book Fair

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Leath explained that this fundraiser is for the school library, will all proceeds going to purchasing books and materials for the library. Amy Grundy has put herself forward to coordinate the event, and will act as a point of contact for volunteers in the future.

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## Rotary Club – Relationship Building and Support

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Last year efforts were made to rebuild our relationship with the Rotary Club and to discuss ways of collaborating to support the school. Rotary had offered to facilitate a raffle, and this will be discussed in more detail in the near future.

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## Fruit and Vegetable Program – BC Govt.

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In the past we applied for this program, and have had this program supported annually. Volunteers are welcomed to support this, as well as other initiatives during the year. New initiatives and ideas are welcomed for discussion.

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## Farm Bag Fundraiser

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Alex Goodale initiated the Farm Bag Fundraiser last year to support the school, where individuals can sign up through the school to receive fresh produce monthly from October to December. This fundraiser will continue this year, with more information posted soon.

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## Hot Lunch Program – Online Sign Up

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We will offer weekly hot lunches each Thursday throughout the year. All parents will have to sign up students at the beginning of the year. Suggestions on future menu items are welcomed, as well as any volunteers for the program (serving, preparation, etc.) When ordering food online, parents can also sign up for volunteering for that day. Sara Sabourin suggested that her restaurant (Ships Ahoy) can potentially cater hot lunches as well, including fish and chicken options.

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## Facebook Page and Communications

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For now, Shawna and the PAC Executive will continue to keep communications as updated and consistent as possible. Future management of all communication activity will be revisited in the near future.

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## PAC Executive Positions - Voting

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Four positions for the PAC Executive are open for voting this year.

A motion was made to **approve Shawna Quinn as Secretary.**

*All in favour.*

A motion was made to **approve Erin Chadwick as Treasurer.**

*All in favour.*

A motion was made to **approve Emma Webber as Vice President.**

*All in favour.*

A motion was made to **approve Leath Strench as President.**

*All in favour.*

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## Hot Lunch Coordinator's Report

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Hot Lunch has begun this year, and communications will continue as the menu is finalized.

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## Playground Report

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Approximately \$10,000 was raised last year to repay for the playground, which is on par with expectations for repayment. Although there are no penalties for late payment, the goal is to continue to raise equal funds for the upcoming years. Carnival was a successful fundraiser last year, and planning will need to begin before the new year. Previously the Carnival was held at the beginning of May, so this will be considered for this year.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Documents provided.

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## Trustee's Report

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Student enrollment is up to about 23,000 students in the district, which has made some complications for bussing and teacher allocation. The Ministry is likely decreasing funding to the district for bussing services, so the Board has had to revamp the transportation system in response.

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## Principal's Report

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Mr. Hett is very happy with the new teaching staff this year, including Denise Hardman's technology support in the library. New teachers have adapted very well to school processes and tools, and the energy has been great so far this year. Leader in Me will continue to be supported and evolve over the year.

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## Next Meeting Date

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Friday October 18, 2019