MINUTES

Peachland PAC Meeting

Date: Feb. 11, 2021 – 8:48 am | Meeting called to order by: Leath Strench Meeting adjourned 9:41 am

December Minutes Motion to Approve: Leath Strench, 1st: Emma Webber 2nd: Keri Firth, All in Favour

In Attendance

Leath Strench – President
Emma Webber – Vice President
Alicia Cardiff - Treasurer
Shawna Quinn – Secretary
Ross Hett – Principal
Moyra Baxter – School Trustee sends regrets

<u>Parents</u> Keri Firth

Treat Day

Our holiday Treat Day was intended to take place today, February 11th, but due to COVID isolation protocols for multiple students and faculty, the date has been rescheduled for February 17th. Ordering will remain open until the 15th for those that have not had a chance to purchase treats.

Discussions have begun about facilitating a "Donut Day" as an alternative option to cookies for March Treat Day. Emma inquired at a local (West Kelowna) bakery regarding pricing and options, and they explained that a single donut with sprinkles would be \$1.99, and 15% off for glazed without sprinkles. Emma will also inquire at Tim Hortons for pricing and options, including the potential for St. Patrick's Day themed treats. Ideally this would take place on the last day before Spring Break (Friday, March 12th).

Pink T-Shirts

Two orders were made for t-shirts this year, as there were delays in some parents ordering and the Executive didn't want the children that hadn't ordered to miss on receiving one. Emma and Leath went through the school list and made decisions on the remaining students to cover these missing orders. The Executive wants to ensure that students that have ordered additional products receive them before Pink Shirt Day, but the "free" shirts for students will be distributed to students on the day of the event to avoid any students forgetting to bring them from home.

Sports Equipment

During the Executive meeting in January, Leath made a motion to approve \$400 more for a total of \$1,600 (+\$400 committed by Mr. Hett last spring for a grand total of \$2,000)

First: Emma Webber **Second:** Alicia Cardiff

All in favour

Leath made the suggestion that the inventory list needs to be revisited as there seems to be concerns about missing equipment, including soccer balls, for classes. Emma and Leath, and any other parents that are interested in assisting, will go through the inventory again to make sure that we have a comprehensive list of what's available in order to assess what's needed.

Executive Positions Open - 2021/2022

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in May this year, and there are several positions opening up on the Executive for the upcoming school year. Shawna Quinn and Leath Strench are finishing their terms in their roles, and Alicia Cardiff will also be leaving the Executive. Emma Webber has committed to the Executive next year, however the positions themselves are all potentially available to incoming leaders.

Voting is intended to take place at the AGM, allowing for June to be a transition month to onboard new Executive members. The Executive will work on putting together job descriptions to support succession activities and to help potential candidates understand the roles and scope of the position.

Leath will revisit the updated Bylaws to ensure that the transition goes through the right processes and procedures.

Hot Lunch Report

Although some schools in the region have initiated hot lunches, we want to ensure we are moving forward in alignment with COVID policies and procedures, and maintaining a high level of safety for the students. Mr. Hett will keep us informed as things progress if there are options to consider hot lunches in any way as we move into spring.

Treasurer's Report

\$800 is allocated for Gearing Up, and \$600 for Artists in Residence, leaving \$1000 available funds in our Gaming account. The General Account is at approximately \$5800. The remaining loan for the playground is estimated at approximately \$27,000. We have been given a bypass for the year's payment, extending the loan to six years as opposed to five, and taking the pressure off of repayments. We were successful at making our full payment last year despite COVID restrictions that prevented a full year of hot lunch and the Carnival.

Trustee's Report

Moyra Baxter sends her regrets.

Principal's Report

Mr. Hett expressed that it has been challenging recently, specifically with self-isolation orders on many of the staff and students, but we wanted to highlight that we will get through this and that this message needs to be front and center. There have been behavioural issues at the school, so the strategy is to focus on engaging students in learning, as well as positive behavioural/social-emotional support initiatives to be put into place (ex. Card System – Principal Support/Calm Space/Focus Room, etc.) There are several resources and strategies being used to support learning in the classroom, in particular for classes that require additional support. Teachers are experiencing challenges from the current circumstances, and Mr. Hett emphasized that the efforts from everyone are commendable and that professionalism and collaboration demonstrated at the time is very encouraging.

Harmony Day will take place on the 17th.

Next Meeting Date

Mar. 12, 2021