

# MINUTES

## Peachland PAC Meeting

*Date:* May 14, 2021 – 8:53 am | *Meeting called to order by:* Leath Strench

Meeting adjourned 8:46 am

April Minutes *Motion to Approve:* Leath Strench, *1st:* Emma Webber *2nd:* Alicia Cardiff, *All in Favour*

### In Attendance

Leath Strench – President	<u>Parents</u>	
Emma Webber – Vice President	Terri-Lynn Diack	Nicole Labrecque
Alicia Cardiff - Treasurer	Dauna Hill	Rene Fulford
Shawna Quinn – Secretary	Francis Smith	Aimee Maillet
Wendy Briggs – Acting Principal	Allie Reader	
Ross Hett – Principal <i>sends regrets</i>	Rose Prexler	
Moyra Baxter – School Trustee <i>sends regrets</i>	Melissa Grant	

### Spring Fundraiser

The Devry Plant spring fundraiser, brought to Emma Webber as a suggestion by one of the parents, was very well received. It raised \$4095 in revenue, with +\$1000 profits, making it one of our most successful fundraisers. Terri-Lynn Diack made the suggestion that next year we could potentially host a seed fundraiser previous to the plants. Rose posted the reminder on the Facebook Peachland Neighbours page, which drew some community attention, which is something to note for the future.

### Jump Rope for Heart

A flyer went home with students last week for this year's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, giving information about how to register students for the event. Everything will take place online for fundraising and recognition, and prizes are available for those that raise specific amounts. The prizes are gift cards. A Jump Rope event will take place, weather dependent, on May 26<sup>th</sup> to promote heart health. The PAC will likely keep fundraising open for two weeks after the event before closing it off. The school also receives a kick-back from funds raised to support sporting equipment purchase for the students.

### Hot Lunch Update

Thank you to Principal Wendy Briggs for allowing the PAC to host hot lunches again. For now, pizzas are the only main we are serving at the moment, with two more pizza days scheduled for this year. Students and parents have expressed great enthusiasm for the return of hot lunches and truly enjoyed their pizzas. Pizzas are available in individually packaged containers, with two slices each per order.

### Remaining Funds

We have remaining funds from our Gaming Grant and these funds must be used for extra-curricular activities for the school. It can't go toward curriculum, debt, etc. We try to spend all of the money each year so that current students can benefit from each year's fundraising, but this year has been challenging due to COVID to use this money appropriately. Next year we will have extra funds and this can be discussed as to how to spend this in the new school year. Dauna Hill made the suggestion that we look into a mud kitchen, and there was agreement around the idea that investing in structures at the school is ideal in the long-term. Leath Strench explained that there are many grants available, and although we had difficulties applying for grant in the past for the playground that were retroactive, there are many opportunities to support new developments and initiatives. Allie Reader also suggested that we consider hallway decals that support emotional regulation for students.

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## June Staff Appreciation

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In previous years we have provided a meal, but due to COVID we are likely unable to facilitate this. Last year, while students were at home for schooling, the PAC prepared cards for teachers. This year we can keep it simple. Leath Strench has purchased color-changing coffee mugs and we can fill these with something, as well, to show our appreciation for the challenging year they have had.

Leath made a **motion to allocate \$300 for Staff Appreciation.**

*All in favour*

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## Additional Ideas for This Year

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Dauna Hill asked about the possibility of having a Bike Rodeo/Parade, or a similar activity at the school, to celebrate spring, and in lieu of a Carnival. Leath Strench and Emma Webber said they will follow up about this with Principal Wendy Briggs.

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## PAC Executive Voting

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As it is our Annual General Meeting, we are scheduled to vote in the new PAC Executive.

Emma Webber made a **motion to approve Nicole Labrecque for position of Treasurer.**

*All in favour*

Leath Strench made a **motion to approve Aimee Maillet for the position of Secretary.**

*All in favour*

Leath Strench made a **motion to approve Emma Webber for the position of Vice President.**

*All in favour*

Leath Strench made a **motion to approve Rene Fulford for this position of President.**

*All in favour*

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## Hot Lunch Report

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If we are "back to normal" next year, we will try to put together two teams for hot lunches, similar to what we had in 2019, to support alternating weeks of service. Wendy Briggs explained that the new school year is set up to remove cohorts so that students will be integrated again, which also suggests that parents volunteers will be welcome again. We will have to wait for further updates, but looking ahead, we will address how to facilitate this in an effective way.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Alicia Cardiff discussed accounts above.

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## Trustee's Report

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Moyra Baxter *sends her regrets*

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## Principal's Report

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Principal Wendy Briggs introduced herself to the PAC and explained her background, expressing her enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead the students at PLE. At this point, she will be the Acting Principal for the remainder of the year, and will be here in September to bring in the new school year at the very least. We will receive updates when available as to who the Principal will be for the remainder of the new school year. She is facilitating an Indigenous Day on June 18<sup>th</sup> and is looking to bring in local Elders to share.

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## Next Meeting Date

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June 11, 2021

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