

MINUTES

Peachland PAC Meeting

Date: September 14, 2018 - 8:45 am | *Meeting called to order by:* Kristen Friesen

In Attendance

Sam Theriault – PAC President

Kristen Friesen – PAC Vice President

Shawna Quinn – PAC Secretary

Leath Strench – PAC Treasurer

Ross Hett – Principal Peachland Elementary

Moyra Baxter – School Trustee

Jessica Loewen

Keri Firth

Gaming Grant

Application has been made for the annual Gaming Grant and is awaiting approval.

Welcome Back Event

Kristen explained that it has been suggested to tie the event in with the opening of the playground as it would introduce the community to the park and provide a potential donation opportunity. Mr. Hett mentioned that expectations for the completion are for the week of September 24th. Suggestion was made to host the event on Thursday September 27 from 4-7 pm. Mr. Hett suggested a ribbon cutting and an invitation to the mayor, MLA, Peachland View, School Trustee, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Central Okanagan schools. Help will be needed by parents. BBQ is suggested for the event, weather dependent. A planning meeting has been set for Monday September 17 at 8:45am.

Terry Fox Run

Event is set for Thursday, September 27. Activities will begin on Monday, September 24, with a presentation and daily collection of donation denominations. Mr. Hett has agreed to have his head ceremoniously shaved if we reach a goal of \$1000. Student leaders will take roles, but parent volunteers are needed.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will take place during the week of November 14 – 16. Although this is a short week (Remembrance Day long weekend), setup can be done on the Tuesday (Non-Instructional Day) with a

walkthrough on Wednesday and continuing until Friday. The new librarian, Mrs. Hartwell, has offered enthusiastic support for the event.

PAC Facebook

As there is no primary source of information on events related to PAC, admins will be added for executive members to allow for collaborative contributions to the page.

Playground Fundraising

Shawna has been researching grant application opportunities. Some upcoming opportunities are not retroactive, and as the project has already started, we are not eligible. Mr. Hett offered to contact Steven Doyle from Habitat regarding assistance in the grant application process and will connect with Shawna. We are in need of letters of support from the community for the project to enhance our application. Shawna and Kristen will meet and develop a strategy/documents for petitioning the community for support. Other suggestions for fundraising include a Craft Sale, Meat Sale, and additional funds allocated from Hot Lunches. Sam will investigate into whether or not Gaming Grants can be applied to infrastructure/playground development.

Hot Lunches

Leath has researched opportunities for fundraising and started the process of setting up an account with hotlunches.net for preordering. There is a two-month free trial, and an annual fee afterward of \$350 for the software. Leath and Shawna will be responsible for the initial work up front in developing the program for parental use.

- Sam Theriault made a motion **to approve \$350 from General Account for software**
- **Motion first:** Shawna Quinn
- **Second:** Keri Firth

Additional startup costs for kiosk items, napkins, etc. estimated at \$300.

- Sam Theriault made a motion **to approve \$300 from General Account for startup costs for hot lunch program.**
- **Motion first:** Keri Firth
- **Second:** Jessica Loewen

Treasurer's Update

Leath presented financials from year end closing (fiscal year runs August-July), and opening statements for General Account and Gaming Account. So far PAC has already raised approximately \$240 in pizza and Freezie sales.

Trustee's Update

Trustee Moyra Baxter

- Suggestion that checks and balances and transparency be emphasized in all PAC financial activities in light of the recent Glenrosa Elementary School PAC disappearance of funds

- Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Committee (COPAC) conference will take place on Saturday, November 10 from 9-5. Suggestion to have a representative from the school was made, with understanding of the challenge of traveling to Hollywood Road in Kelowna.

Principal's Report

Principal Ross Hett

- Registration for 2018-2019 was lower than expected, with 172 students in 8 divisions instead of the original 9, including 32 Kindergartens. Parent placement request meetings have taken place and formation drafts made. Classes will be tailored to current configurations. We have welcomed 3 new teachers, Mrs. Hendricks (grade 4/5), Ms. Hvala (Kindergarten), Mrs. Hartwell (teacher/librarian), and 2 new CEAs, Mrs. Mingo and Mrs. Major.
- Playground installation is going smoothly, with expectations of completion by or around September 24th.
- Leader in Me: Teachers participated in the workshop on Aug 28-29, with additional training on October 5. The program will see a gradual launch over upcoming months, expanding to school-wide leadership roles.
- New Learning Plan should be understood by parents, and suggestion for an informational night to introduce parents to new learning principles has been made. More discussions to follow.

Next Meeting

Friday October 12, 2018, Peachland Elementary

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.