

MINUTES

Peachland PAC Meeting

Date: February 8, 2018– 8:50 am | *Meeting called to order by:* Kristen Friesen
Meeting adjourned 10:30 am
December Minutes, *Motion to Approve:* Sherri Olsen

In Attendance

Kristen Friesen – Vice President
Leath Strench – Treasurer
Shawna Quinn – Secretary
Moyra Baxter – School Trustee
Ross Hett – Principal

Parents
Emma Webber
Melissa Grant
Sherri Olsen
Amy Grundy

Year End Carnival Funds

The Carnival Planning Committee has met twice, with 9 parents on board to support the planning of the event. Bouncy castles have been booked, along with a dunk tank, and several community members and school staff have said they would volunteer for the tank. Start-up costs are estimated at \$3000 for bouncies, concession, prizes, float, etc.

Leath made a motion to **approve \$3000 for start-up costs for the Carnival.**

First: Kristen Friesen

Second: Sherri Olsen

Hot Lunch – Food Safe Approval

Leath and Shawna are both Food Safe certified for the Hot Lunch program, but will need to renew in the upcoming weeks.

Leath made a motion to **approve \$120 for Food Safe certification renewal.**

First: Moyra Baxter

Second: Sherri Olsen

Executive Positions and PAC Participation

Our President has moved away, so this position is open. Leath is in her third year as Treasurer which is the end of her term. Kristen has taken on a full time work position, and one of potential conflict of interest, and will not be returning to the PAC Executive in the fall. Leath will continue leading the Hot Lunch program. Also, a representative from PLE for COPAC is open. As a volunteer position, these roles are open to parents and do not obligate representatives to extensive time commitments. Communications will be sent out to parents to notify them of these vacancies.

Hip Hop Classes & Jump Rope for Heart

We are halfway through the Hip Hop segment for the year, with positive feedback from students. The teacher is new this year and has been well received.

Jump Rope for Heart takes place today, with Amy Grundy running the event. The organization collects all the envelopes, orders the prizes, and delivers them. This is a fun, beneficial activity for the school and requires little work from the PAC, parents and staff for coordination. Amy Grundy will be leaving next year, so leadership for the event will need to be passed on in the upcoming year.

Communications & Facebook

Kristen discussed that, since being actively involved in the community newspaper, she has noticed there is a very active volunteer core in the community, and in the past the PLE PAC has primarily requested support and funding without reciprocating involvement in events and initiatives. On February 28, Leath and Kristen will be meeting with the Rotary Club to discuss possible support for the Playground project, but intend to use this opportunity to build relationships with the group and show that we are not only looking for support but would like to be an active member of the organizational community in Peachland.

Rotary has previously paid for 2 students to go to Silver Lake Camp, averaging \$1000 built in to the budget, as well as involvement in the Bike Rodeo, so these opportunities can be further explored in the future.

It has been established that we need to rebuild our “brand” in the community and nurture relationships. Judy Bedford, who runs the Food Bank, has taken leftovers from our hot lunches, as they have new refrigeration and can take perishables from us. Now we have established a reciprocal relationship, and need to continue the momentum in this direction.

PAC wants to mitigate the perspective of parents that involvement is a heavy commitment, or intimidating, so we need to improve communications to emphasize that any help is appreciated and welcomed.

Kindergarten Welcome Package

It would be of benefit to provide parents entering the school system with valuable insights and feedback to support their transition. Suggestion has been to prepare a welcome package for kindergarten parents that includes parental advice and support.

2019-2020 Proposed Schedule

The proposed schedule for next year has been released. If there is any feedback it can be presented to Mr. Hett before finalization.

Playground Fundraising & Grant Committee Update

Grants are challenging to attain because we are seeking retroactive funding, so most of our efforts are now focused on hot lunch and Carnival profits. A letter will be prepared for Melissa’s father for support. There may also be an opportunity for support through Canadian Tire.

Year End Carnival Update

We have had unprecedented support this year for the Carnival planning, and expect it to be a great event.

Hot Lunches Committee Update

So far it has been a great success, with improvements each week in service delivery and great reception from students. Parent volunteers have been excellent, and Leath and Shawna have been working to set up preorders for the remainder of the year.

Treasurer's Report

So far we are approximately \$4500 in profits this year in our fundraising efforts, which is well above expectations and the previous year's revenues.

Trustee's Report

Moyra discussed the School District approval for Late French Immersion programs that will be implemented in several schools throughout the district, including Glenrosa Middle School. These programs will begin at Grade 4 and Grade 6 levels. More promotion will need to be done this year to inform the community of these options

Principal's Report

Mr. Hett prepared a report for review by the committee.

Bake Sale

Emma Webber has offered to host a table at the community Bake Sale on February 15 at the Visitor's Centre on behalf of the PAC to raise funds and promote our "new face" to the community.

Next Meeting Date

Friday March 8, 2018