

Peter Greer Elementary - Parent Advisory Committee

Minutes - February 11th, 2020

In attendance: Roslyn, Steph, Cait, Adria, Louise, Kristen, Darci, James, Jeremy, Jen, Carlene, Shannon

1. Adoption of Agenda Ros Second: Jen
2. Adoption of Minutes from January 14th, 2020 Ros Second: Adria
3. Special Presentation - Clint Maltais: Wild Schools Day: Asking for Hot dogs, buns and condiments for students for that day. \$180 STEM Program: 6- 2 hour sessions for 20 gr. 4-5 girls from PGE and then an afternoon at UBCO. Asking for \$250 to help cover this. Steph motion to approve the costs for both days. Passed.

4. Reports:

4.1. President's Report (Stephanie)

We received a bit of media attention with the effort to extend French Immersion in Lake Country. Infotel news ran an article about the petition. Stephanie was also interviewed on CBC Radio Daybreak South. The presentation was made to the School District on Wednesday January 29th. Thank you to the parents and teachers that came and supported the presentation. The immediate response from the School board was that a Fall community consultation would occur later this year. They assured the parents in attendance that this would be enough time to make a decision and have it reflected in the 2021/2022 school year at HS Grenda should it go that way.

Some concerns that were shared by the SD23 included the backlash from West Kelowna in 2013 as well as the costs involved.

After the meeting School Board Trustee Amy Geistlinger spoke with the parent group in attendance for a while and took notes of the concerns mentioned. Stephanie also had some time to speak with Deputy Superintendent Rhonda Ovelson about similar issues. As a result Stephanie will be meeting with Rhonda Ovelson on March 9th to discuss the process moving forward as well as to gather information and answers from parents.

School Board Trustee Amy Geistlinger also sent as email response afterwards. See below:

“To summarize, these are some of the points that I heard made last night from parents in the gallery:

- **Include Us:** The new HS Grenda Middle School an exciting build for Lake Country! The French Immersion community (specifically the grade 6 students) would love to be a part of that. It would be greatly appreciated if the school district can work this into their plans.
 - To support this, it was mentioned that only one French Immersion teacher would be needed to teach the grade 6's each of the 4 core courses: French Language Arts, Socials, Science and

Math. No new hire would be necessary, as the grade 6 teacher already exists at Peter Greer (it would simply be a classroom move).

- **Maintain Unity:** Staff and parents at Peter Greer have worked very hard to bring cohesion and unity to the students at Peter Greer - promoting togetherness between the French and English track students. Separating them for grade 6 would be a bit of an "undoing" in this respect.
- **Consult Sooner:** Though parents were assured that a fall consultation would give enough time for staff to make any changes to the Lake Country FI structure if necessary, parents are doubtful and concerned. Their preference would be to have an earlier consultation in order to allow for more thorough dialogue and community discussion. Also, this would give parents more time to plan for after school care and other arrangements that they'll need to prepare for. Perhaps this spring?
- **Explore Late Entry:** Suggestions were made that a late entry French Immersion program could be a benefit to Lake Country. Could we explore this idea at the upcoming community consultations?
- **Recognize Lake Country's Uniqueness:** Lake Country parents want their concerns to be heard apart from the concerns of West Kelowna: the needs and qualities of each community are very distinct.
- **Main Request...and a Dream:** Parents' main hope is to have Grade 6 FI offered at HS Grenda...but the dream would be for FI K-12 to be offered right here in Lake Country!

I will find opportunities to share these additional points with staff and fellow trustees in upcoming discussions."



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4.2. Treasurer's Report (Roslyn) See attachment.

4.3. Other Reports

4.3.1. Hot Lunch (Jen, Emily, Darci & Nadine) Going well, lots of volunteers.

4.3.1.1. Newsletter Days: reminder emails will now go out Sunday instead of Friday.

4.3.2. Noon Hour Programmes (Carlene) Breakdancing is now finished. One more week of art club. 3 more weeks of Zumba.

4.3.3. Fruit & Veggie Program (Carlene) Kiwis this week.

4.3.4. Social Media (David) Nothing to report

4.3.5. Volunteer Coordinator (Roslyn) Nothing to report

4.3.6. Yearbook (Cait) Photos are coming in.

4.3.7. Spirit Wear (Lindsay) Another order will be sometime with year

4.3.8. COPAC (Lindsay)

5. Principal / Vice-Principal Reports (James & Jeremy)

- Check school website to give feedback about school calendar.
- Harmony Day picnic will be happening this year.
- Pink shirt day
- K registration is currently happening.
- Basketball is happening now for gr. 6
- Alan Holt has joined our school teaching gym. Susan Elliot will be returning for French Immersion learning support.
- Feb 26 will be our next Community assembly.

6. Fundraising Reports

- 6.1. Mother's Day Flowers: Looking to see if KalLake can supply.
- 6.2. Colibri Fundraiser - Darci First 2 weeks of April

7. New Business

- 7.1. Music Instruments – Steph Motion: Purchase 30 wooden spoons for music and French culture. Passed.
- 7.2. Valentine's Family Dance - Candy bags are packed. **Still looking for volunteers for admission and clean up.**
- 7.3. Teacher Appreciation Week- It is the last week of Feb. Look for a sign up to come out.
- 7.4. Anxiety Presentation – April 30th Bret Richards and Marilyn Green are the presenters. 6:30 to 8 at Creekside Theatre.
- 7.5. Family Fun Night: Prizes? New ideas?
- 7.6. PAC signing authority. Motion: to add Shannon Bender-Bell and Cait Harper to the PAC bank account for signing permission and to remove Susan Medynski. Passed.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday March 10th, 2020