

Parkland Parent Advisory Council Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting: February 6th, 2017
Parkland Elementary School

Meeting called to order: at 6:13pm by Alisha Guild

Attending: Alisha Guild, Betty Kirtzinger, Sharlene Weingart, Kristen Kopetski, Nicole Soontiens, Serena Brent, Kristie Wallace, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Amanda Stafford and Joanne Dueck

Last Meeting's Minutes: January's meeting minutes read by Amanda Stafford. Motion to accept the minutes made by Kristie, 2nd by Betty, carried.

Principal's Report: Joanne Dueck

- Primary Literacy with the K-3's has been working on Fridays with Lit Centers, and there will be a Literacy Blitz Monday through Friday the week before Spring Break. Volunteers are always welcome to come help out.
- We have a couple new students coming from Fort Nelson, will be starting on February 14th. That puts our class numbers at; 12 in the K-1 class, 16 in the 2-3 class, and 25 in the 4-7 class.
- Jump Rope for Heart is on February 14, and they would love to have some more volunteers.

School Planning Council: Joanne Dueck

- The grade 4 and 7s are doing them now. They are tested on reading, writing and numeracy. Once marked there is discussions around the results and graphs. Our group of kids are doing quite well.

Board Trustee: Nicole Soontiens

- We've received \$400, 000 in funding to carry us until June to hire more teachers.
- Private schools are receiving this money too, however they don't take all public students. If we are talking to Mr. Bernier, we are encouraged to bring that up as well. Private schools receive half of the amount per capita/student.
- Average graduation rates in our District are 82.6%, the average in BC is 83.6%.
- The board has authorized two forensic science courses for Distance Learning.
- There is a public open house about "Rural Schools" on March 3rd at North Peace Secondary School in Fort St John from 6:00-8:00.
- The final meeting for Rolla school is on February 15th, they are expecting no increase in enrollment.

DPAC Highlights: Lori Peterat

- No update as Lori was not in attendance.

Aboriginal Council Rep: Serena Brent

- There was no update as they cancelled the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kristen Kopetski

- Account Balances: PAC \$ 1, 067.52
 Gaming \$ 1, 715.81
 High Interest Savings \$ 2, 306.87
- Kristen will be transferring \$500.00 from our gaming account to the PAC account to cover the sleigh rides in December. The sleigh rides were paid for from the PAC account because she didn't have any signed from the Gaming account.
- Kristen has a copy of October's minutes, including the election of officers, that she needs signatures on from Betty and Kristie in order to get the signors on the account changed.
- Betty makes a motion to have our bank statements e-mailed to Kristen for a two month period as a trial, Serena 2nds, carried.

Old Business

- Skating Rink- Alisha spoke with Brian Levers with Encana. At first he started off reluctant in the conversation, Brian felt that they have already helped Parkland out a lot, with 2 loads of refundables from the Septimas Camp. After talking for a while, he seemed to come around and sounds interested in a bottle sort to raise funds for a set of books in the 2-3 class.
- Purdy's Fundraiser- Alisha has ordered the information from Purdy's.
- Movie night- Kristie will get the paper bags, candy bags, candy, water bottles, buns. Alisha will get the two prizes. We have lots of popcorn left.

New Business

- Special Guest: Elaine Fitzpatrick
 - ◆ They encourage parents, teachers and admins to bring some more money in for our kids.
 - ◆ The District has enough money from the \$50 Million dispersed throughout the province to hire 11 more teachers to help with class composition, unfortunately but are currently no teachers available to hire.
 - ◆ We need to make our voice be heard about needing more money in our education system. We are encouraged to talk to our government, Mr. Bernier, about needing initiatives to bring teachers to the north. Kristie thought

offering the ACHOTE program as dual credit might encourage more students to go into teaching.

- ◆ Alisha asked how the funding is being allocated. Elaine stated that it is based on per capita/student. BC is the 3rd lowest province in the amount being given.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:49pm by Alisha Guild

Next Meeting: March 6th at 6:00pm at Parkland Elementary