

## School Council Meeting

Attending - Don Boras, Peter Suderman, Aganetha Suderman, Kathy Kelly, Bronwyn Kelly, Manna Middleton, Cammie Dunn, Sandra Fremstad, Nerys McKelvey, Greg Thompson, Natalie Townshend, Mark Lowe

1. Approval of last minutes (Sandra Fremstad/ Nerys McKelvey)
2. Election of New secretary - none stepped forward. Mark Lowe and Greg Thompson will fill role indefinitely.
3. Trustee Report
  - a. An activity summary was presented
  - b. 52% of our student population resides in Calgary
  - c. Christmas concerts were enjoyable
  - d. Cheryl Gilmore did a presentation on the effect of cell towers and children. Until more is known, cell towers will not go up near schools
  - e. Cannabis presentation and proposed legislation. More is yet to come. They attended a meeting and information was presented. Palliser will be determining a course of action at future meetings. Alberta government is doing online budget considerations. We have until February 2 to give input. Please fill in surveys.
  - f. Canada 150 Innovation Creativity Entrepreneurship (ICE) awards. It is retroactive and we do have programs that should have an application (eg Remembrance Day video)
  - g. It was suggested at the meeting to have naloxone kits available in the event of exposure.
  - h. Update on resource officers. Don brought it up at the last meeting. It is in consideration for putting one into the budget for the 2018/2019 year.
  - i. The Superintendent is looking into our inclement weather policy. An updated policy should be expected.
4. Principal's report
  - a. NEW Staff. No new staff at this time
  - b. School surveys will be coming out. There will be two surveys that will take place before the February break.
  - c. Thank you to
    - i. The Parent Council for running the Christmas Dinner. It was super well organized and well received by our students and staff.
    - ii. The parents and students for supporting our Food Bank Drive. We raised just over 856Kg of food!
    - iii. Supporters of Operation Christmas Child. We had over 59 boxes donated
  - d. School info
    - i. Positive vibe is continuing. Bumper Ball Friday is coming this Friday
    - ii. Fundraiser for Compassion Canada is on the agenda to discuss
  - e. School offerings

- i. Request for more options like cosmetology vs robotics vs Financial Management
  - f. School Enrolment
    - i. 170 instead of 185. Have been cut to 12.6FTE in term 2 but our CIF funding will maintain present level. A timetable at 12.5FTE is being developed for next year as enrolment will stay roughly the same. Present projection is 165. We have gained 4 students back. We are graduating 36 students this year and projected to bring in 33 for next year from our Feeder Schools. Huntsville may be trying some different options next year to increase their grade 12 graduation rates. Questions were raised about the community helping to add staff to PBHS. Mark explained this was not present practice, but would inquire about the possibility.
    - ii. Greg Thompson has had pamphlets made up to in a way advertise the school. Raised the point that if responder in relation to the surveys selects do not know, these response is deemed a negative response. Greg invites all parents that they don't know something please contact the school and they would be happy to inform them. Manna/Sandra suggested that pamphlets should be distributed to other locations around own, doctor waiting rooms, library, town office etc. as a means of advertising. Manna suggested that this would be a good leaflet to distribute to parents of Grade 9 students in St. Catherines. Also suggested that maybe a section about Achieve and Special Needs offerings should be included in pamphlet.
  - g. January/February
    - i. The robotics display had to be delayed to our next assembly
    - ii. The curling night on January has had to be postponed
    - iii. February 7 is a Parent Presentation night on Internet Safety at 6:00pm. Light supper provided.
  - h. Golf tournament committee still needs some help
    - i. Community and Parent presentations
      - i. Feb 7 @ 6:00pm – video gaming and Internet safety presentation
      - ii. March 20 @ 6:00pm – drugs awareness presentation
- 5. Achieve program presentation. Natalie gave an overview of the Achieve program. The purpose of the program is to give kids of trauma a safe place to be. The goal is to reintegrate back into regular classes.
- 6. Betterment Society. Formed in 1993, the society supports the public schools in Picture Butte. The general operations were discussed with the two primary fundraisers being the golf tournament as well as operation of casinos. General rule of thumb is money is split  $\frac{1}{3}$  - Sports,  $\frac{1}{3}$  - Fine Arts and  $\frac{1}{3}$  - General funds. After discussion with PAC the morning of the Christmas Dinner, Sandra requested that \$500 be approved to give to Mark Ogle to replenish equipment in the Kitchen. This was approved. It is possible to raise funds for the school outside of Betterment. Sandra appealed for some volunteers/members to join this committee.

7. Student Body Report. Students in the junior high want to have more opportunity to change options from day to day (eg. sign up on a weekly basis). They also want more opportunity to have more days per week. There is a request to look at the number and speed of access points within the school. The Blue team has been invited to the elementary leadership day. Grace and Kathy may attend.
8. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Outdoor basketball court. She is in contact with a media celebrity that may contribute a large chunk of the money. Dorthy Boone is working with the school and town to work towards the getting the court going.
  - b. Bronwyn has invited a rep from town council to start attending our meetings.
  - c. Golf Tournament "Ball drop fundraiser". Sherryl Loman looking for help with having people help with finding sponsorship. Tim Molenaar Manna, and Bronwyn will help out.
  - d. Huntsville schooling was discussed. PBHS is looking at offering a collaborative approach to having more success in getting Huntsville students to graduate. There may be a function for the high school to offer more language support. We could open up the school
  - e. PowerSchool. Access is being improved. Students are being shown how to use it. Parents are concerned that marks aren't updated. It was determined that there is a glitch in the system and parents aren't seeing the new results inputted by the teachers. This will be rectified. Consensus was that parents really like the Powerschool weekly reports up to the end of Q1 when problems arose. Very positive feedback.
  - f. The Christmas dinner was a huge success.
  - g. Community Involvement/Interaction. Can we find other partners to collaborate initiatives (eg. Resource Officer).
  - h. Facebook Page. They are supported as long as there is at least one school representative on the administrative level.
9. Other Agenda items.
10. Next meeting Feb 12 - 6 pm with meeting been called to order at 6.15 aim to finish by 7.45 pm