

PARKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wed 16 Apr 2025

Minutes

Attendees:

Amanda Spooner
Jennifer Morrison
Brenda Tyson (Principal)
Pam Drydale (Vice Principal)
Doug McPhee (Trustee)
Sharon Heidemann

Regrets:

Nil

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement.** 6:34pm
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Jen, second by Amanda, all in favour.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes.** Motion made by Jen, second by Amanda, all in favour.
4. **Correspondence Review/Update.** BCCTF Magazine.
5. **Principal Report.** Working on next year's timetable, most Gr 6 visitations complete. Planning year end activities. End of Feb indigenous support worker retired, transitioning to new person end of April; University tour and Leadership tour being organized. All Gr 9s doing blanket exercise as part of social studies. MyEd all Gr 7s and 8s doing course selection online, know how to download report cards and can show parents. Track and golf ongoing and a few kids have joined MBSS mtn bike group. Gr 7 band to Lethbridge tomorrow; Disneyland trip for Gr 9s still planned.
6. **School Trustee Report.** Minister of Health Care and Minister of Infrastructure engaged with President of BCSTA for budget focus 2025. Seeking for supply arrangements outside of US. District passed Capital Plan (major projects (e.g. Amy Woodland school replacement) and minor projects (e.g. electrical and kitchen equipment upgrades, accessible playground, purchase of internal combustion bus). Met with city council today to discuss child care in Cranbrook and re-establish relationships. Budget meeting 22 April 2025, same day as Grasmere community meeting regarding school house property (5 year lease to allow development grants) and building (\$2M cost to bring up to code, currently not funded). BCSTA AGM 24 – 26 April 2025, PD Day Regional Specialist Association on 28 April 2025, Committee day 29 April 2025. Meeting with Minister of Education on 29 April over Teams. Community Engagements 13 May Fernie, 14 May Jaffray. Today was School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day.
7. **DPAC.** Reminder Gaming Grant application window open 1 April to 30 June. Gary Anaka presentations Child Brain Development (15 April and 29 April)
8. **Treasurer Report.**
Gaming acct: opening balance of \$22645.61. Cheque for \$500 for IM floor hockey. Account fees waived. Closing balance \$22145.61. Note gaming grant application window open, Amanda to send info to Jen for application. Discuss at May meeting.

General acct: balance of \$2114.14 as of 31 March 2025.

9. **Old Business.**

- a. Playground Equipment. Awaiting update from Joe Tank regarding board funds availability. Brenda to contact Sara Fiorentino regarding spreading wood chips and Amanda to discuss with Kootenay Landscape. Jen to check in with Joe.
- b. Digital school sign – update. No response from the company, Brenda will keep trying.
- c. Teacher Funding Request forms – update. Jen to digitize version emailed by Brenda. Recommend two intakes per year in order to prioritize requests (one in fall (Nov) and another in spring (April or May)).
- d. Learning Centre Reconfiguration – update. New form to be submitted once shared (Pam). Tabled for now; room has been reconfigured.

10. **New Business.**

- a. Teacher Funding Requests. Nil
- b. Fresh To You Fundraiser. Organizer reached out to Amanda. School keeps 40% of funds raised. Bundle prices vary by season, delivery to school. Min of 40 bundles. Seasonal produce, fall and spring. Amanda to confirm work involved – bundling, ordering, payment. Fernie Brewing fundraiser potential as well.

11. **Next meeting.** Wed 21 May 25 at 630pm in the school library.

12. **Adjournment** 7:30pm