PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 9, 2020 School Library

"School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dun and Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation people and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land."

Present: Council Members: Administration:

Dale Cheeseman: Chair Peter Giangrande: Principal Misty Ticiniski Candice Deo: Vice Principal

Sheri Graham Amanda Leas Jennifer Kozmen Angela Drainville Deanna McLeod

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

Regrets: Rosemary Waugh-Wilson: Guaranteed Rep: KDFN, School Council

Andrew Robulack: Council Member

Nicole Cross: Vice Principal

Guests: Geraldine VanBibber: MLA, Porter Creek North

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

 Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Sheri, second by Jennifer, THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by Deanna, second by Jennifer, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 14, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED

4. Parent/Community Issues:

Discussion with reference to students returning to full time classes. (Gr. 10 - 12). No info at this time. Meeting to be held with Principals and ADM to discuss. Lockers: Gr. 10 - 12 have access to lockers now. Communication with reference to closed days, missing tests, etc. to advise students to be looked at.

ACTION: Peter will discuss with staff.

5. Reports: Committees:

5.1 Health and Safety: Discussed under Principal's Report

- 5.2 Field Trips: Discussed under Principal's Report
- 5.3 Transportation Committee: No report. Meeting to be held end of November

6. Principal's Report:

- Enrolment: 476

Staffing changes: Britny Oliver – Social Studies – French 8

Taylor Tripp: guitar and English 9

Astrid Sidaway-Wolf: Mat leave – backfill underway Amy Dawe (on Mat leave) – backfill underway shortly

Ryan Sikkes: Acting Superintendent until Christmas (Was Principal at Vanier Secondary). Recruitment is underway to fill the position

- Request for additional teacher staffing to re-establish part of LEAD program and to support Special Ed. programming in 2nd semester
- Cultural Food Day: To happen on Nov 19, Stew and bannock will be provided to Gr. 8-9 students (Adjusted due to COVID 19)
- Remembrance Day Video: tribute is on pcssrams.ca on the 1st page of website
- Share the Spirit: "Drive through" breakfast is planned for Dec. 2 in the bus loop. Firefighters to co host
- Term change: on Oct. 26, gr. 8 students now in second set of exploratory courses
- Highest Academic Achievement Awards on Oct 21, were successful in person (family pods). Winner are posted on pcssrams.ca
- Positive feedback about Student Learning Support environment from FN, parents and students
- Attendance review and communications continuing with teachers and admin
- YSAA and High school principals meet on Sept. 29, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.
- No championships at end of season for Sr. girls at CGC
- Several intra-school games happened and Sr. Girls team coach has volunteered to continue practices with Sr. Girls after end of traditional season.
 Some games have been held in the gym.
- All City Band rehearsals have begun and are approved by the COVID 19 team PC's in school music programs are playing instruments with COVID 19 plans in place
- Basketball practices will begin week of Nov. 23
- Our School survey has been completed the week of Nov. 2
 Info about Parent survey: it is the 5th year of doing with students. Has been done through Learning Bar. There were 10 items discussed.

Discussions on having a staff survey, similar to the parent survey are ongoing. Data from survey can be used in the School Growth Plan.

Data from survey may or may not be shared publicly at this time.

There were roundtable discussions. Perhaps do another survey later in the year to see how things are evolving at this time due to the restrictions due to COVID 19. This survey was only done for PCSS.

Survey from the Dept. Parent survey: Is coming shortly (within 2 weeks)

Council has agreed to go ahead with survey.

ACTION: Peter will check into the time lines on this and advise.

Teachers are keeping track of students and flagging them if there is a change in their marks. (Gr. 10 -12). or if there is a concern. It is discussed and then brought to the attention of the admin team and counsellors. If parents are concerned, they should reach out and discuss with the staff at the school.

- School Growth Plan meeting held on Oct. 14
- Earthquake drill Oct. 15
- Health and Safety Mtg. held Nov 4. Training upcoming and reports are being submitted to the dept. meetings will be ongoing once a month until further notice.
- Operational plan has been updated and posted on pcssrams.ca
- Lockers issues on Nov. 2
- Looking at starting lunch time gym access for December
- working with Property Management and Facilities on:
 - Outside garbage bins
 - Gym divider walls: Demolition to be done during Dec. holidays
 (Dec 21 Jan 1); installation of new walls Feb 22 March 31, 2021
 - Clocks not working, carpet replacement in new wing, light replacement in new wing, further security for van parking compound near gym parking
 - No update on P1A to date. (Portable)
- Waiting for guidance from Dept. about outside user groups using facilities at the school
- Japan Trip: Dept. has retained a 3rd party to advise on how parents can obtain help and recover their money. Dale discussed the trip and how to get refunds. The insurance company is not coming through with the refunds.
- Trips within Whitehorse are continuing.
- COVID 19 Stage 3 re opening monies have been received from the Dept. (Approx. \$10,000.)
- School is to reimburse the Grad 2020 Trust account from their O & M (Approx. \$5,000. 6,000.) This is due to a lack of funds as fundraising was allowed due to COVID 19.
- Continuing work with KDFN on the MOA
 (ILC, ES, FH and PC will meet with KDFN before end of Nov.)
- Minister of Education and DM of Education to visit school on Nov. 16
- Conversion Therapy: Has been passed and banned in the Yukon!!!
 Has passed the Royal Ascent. Peter was in the Leg. Assembly when it was done
- **7. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account is \$7,981.20. Council received \$7,500. for Fire Smarting.

8. Old Business and Correspondence:

8.1 AYSCBC: Spending of \$1.000. received

MOTION:

Moved by Amanda, second by Deanna, THAT the PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to provide \$1,000. received from the AYSCBC to Porter Creek Secondary School to use for SWAG bag to be given to students re: Merritt Award. This is to be done by teacher who will put student's names forward.

CARRIED

This will be done at the school. Teachers will put names of students and then Cert. and pictures of students in the newsletter and will provide SWAG bags to them. This will all be done at the school. Sweatshirts will have the RAM Family silk screening done, which will be done at the school with PC Pride. Gift cards to a local store, food cards will be in the bag.

9. New Business and Correspondence:

9.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair:

MOTION:

Moved by Misty, second by Deanna, THAT the PORTER CREEK SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to appoint DALE CHEESEMAN to the position of CHAIR and ANGELA Drainville to the position of VICE CHAIR for the 2020-2022 term.

CARRIED

ACTION: Jerry to notify department of appointment.

9.2 School Council Scholarship – date for next year:
There were roundtable discussions on this. It was decided that
the deadline for submission is to be May 10, and then discussed at the
meeting on June 9, 2021.

- 9.3 Speaking with media: It was decided that the Chair would speak with media after contacting members of council to discuss issue and then proceed.
- 9.4 Out of Territory/country trips: Dale discussed the issue with the Japan Trip and the reimbursement of funds. Discussed under Principals report. There should be a report coming from these discussions.
- 9.5 Holding regular meetings with DM via Zoom:
 Dale has been attending on behalf of school council. There were discussions held at the meetings re: COVID 19,
 It was suggested that perhaps a separate meeting be held with elementary and secondary schools. Dale will continue to attend on behalf of school council

10.	Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM. Next regular Meeting, December 9, 2020			
	Cheeseman:	_	Jerry Zahora:	
Chair			Secretary Treasurer	