

PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 9, 2019
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: Dale Cheeseman: Chair Misty Ticiniski William Carlick Deanna McLeod Don Fitzsimmons Jennifer Kozmen Andrew Robulack Amanda Leas Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Souhail Soujah: Principal Peter Giangrande: Vice Principal Candice Deo: A/Vice Principal
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Regrets: Sean Smith: Council Member

Guests: Sheri Graham: Parent

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Misty, second by Deanna, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Jennifer, second by Amanda, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 11, 2019 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent/Community Issues:**
There were discussions with reference to the Volleyball Championships, Sr. teams which are scheduled to be held in Watson Lake. Some questions that arose were if there is going to be enough food for the teams, issues with showering, and attendance. Championships are scheduled for Nov. 21 – 23.
Souhail provided an explanation as to why it is being held in Watson Lake. The Dept. has been approached and having the event in Watson Lake is to make it More equitable and fair for all, reason for Watson Lake being chosen.
PCSS does not object to this, however, some coaches have some resistance to this.
The plan (A) is to have it in Watson Lake, however, if it does not work out, Plan B

is that it could happen at PC.

All coaches have been notified and admin is waiting for a response. Other schools have the same issue with this, such as timing.

Souhail will keep council updated.

Deanna agrees with the morality and fairness of this, however, perhaps it could be held earlier in the year, rather than the end of November.

It was suggested that perhaps a schedule (plan – 5 year) (ASA) could be prepared ahead of this and then it could be planned better.

5. **Reports: Committees:**

5.1 Health and Safety: (Andrew)

Andrew attended a meeting. Teachers have been asked to do a checklist of their classrooms.

Discussions were on gender diversity, harassment to staff, workplace safety

5.2 Field Trips: (Dale, Deanna)

GSA, trip approved

6. **Principal's Report:**

- Reporting: information was provided on how reporting is being done to parents as well as a schedule of the reporting.

There are formative discussions, which tell where students are at this time. Percentages in Gr. 11 and 12. Progress report at this time, then in the final progress report percentages will be provided. These are available for when applying to Universities (Sr. students only)

Sr. Students can speak with teachers about this.

Standard based system (not %) is provided.

It will be:

Emerging (EM), Developing (D), Proficient (P), Extending (EX)

If students want a mark they can speak with their teachers to obtain or clarify. Gr. 10 – 12 is proficiency reporting.

% mark goes into the ASPEN and all BC Universities will have access to these marks. The school can also generate this for other Universities if needed.

There were roundtable discussions held on this.

- Honour Roll: great turnout
- Highest Academic Achievement – Oct. 23rd: it is to celebrate top achievers from each grade
- Report Cards going home Oct. 18. Format to simplify has been provided to make it easy for all to follow.
- PD Day: Oct. 11 – PC is hosting other high schools: Theme is: Reporting to Parents
- School Growth Plan: Meeting held Friday, well attended:
 - suggestions were: 1. One teacher for gr. 8 cohorts to make it easier for their transition

- TAG Groups (Teacher Advisory Group)
- Next Steps: Decision on intervention, target data, data collection, implementation, data collection and evaluation
- Volley ball teams, Jr. Sr. Boys and Girls
- Dawson Invitational Trip: Students have been spoken with re: behaviour, Vaping, smoking, etc.
- Flag Raising Ceremony: Great attendance
- Panels celebrating FN Elders: planning on having more
- Bison Hunt mentorship program: working with Elijah Smith School, more info coming. Schedule for early March.
- GSA students` events – next week
- Mini Assemblies: Discussions on behaviour
- Terry Fox Run: raised \$1,000.
- Our School Survey: Discussions with Dept. for funding.
It is felt that responses were not well thought out as they could have been
School is looking at what is being said, and admin looks at the info received and weeds it out
Open ended opinions from students re: school, such as: First Nations ways of doing and knowing, in the classrooms.
William discussed First Nation Teachers at the schools, and the shortage of Lori Duncan, ADM of First Nations initiatives is looking at this. It has been suggested that perhaps Lori could be invited to a meeting and this issue could be discussed with her and what is the direction of the dept. on this

ACTION: Lori Duncan to be invited to a school council meeting to discuss

7. Treasurer`s Report: Balance in account is \$8,773.93

- 7.1 School Council Scholarship:
There were 3 applications received.

MOTION: **Moved by Andrew, second by Misty, THAT the Porter Creek Secondary School Council makes a motion to provide two (2) scholarships to:**

**HUNTER FITZSIMMONS, and
PIPER ALLEN**

Don Fitzsimmons abstained from voting on this motion.

CARRIED

ACTION: Jerry to forward cheques to the two recipients.

8. Old Business and Correspondence:

8.1 AYSCBC: Spending of funds received (\$2,000.)
There were discussions on some suggestions on how to use this money.
Such as:

- Help with survey costs
- bison hunt
- water stations (to fill bottles up)
- Randall Tetlich workshop for School Council Members

Souhail will bring more info to the next meeting

8.2 Discussion on Feedback from or some way for students, parents to provide feedback to school administration, school council and staff:

“Our School” survey: was discussed. A Focus Group can be including a student, parent, to discuss issues. Was discussed under principal’s report.

9. New Business and Correspondence:

9.1 Painting of Speed Bumps:
A concern was brought up from the Porter Creek Community Association to have the speed bumps “Painted” or somehow marked to make sure no vehicle gets damaged.

ACTION: Dale to respond to the Association. A decision is to be made in the spring.

9.1a: Leadership Summit: AYSCBC:
Andrew provided an update from the Summit:
Great turnout,
David Wipf: discussed Evaluation
Nicole Morgan: discussed Curriculum, FN Ways of Knowing and Doing
Lori Duncan: FN ADM
Discussions on assessment, Auditor General’s report
AYSCBC work plan as well.
More information available on the AYSCBC website

9.2 In Camera:

MOTION: Moved by William, second by Deanna, THAT the Porter Creek Secondary School Council makes a motion to move in to camera: @8:05PM

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Don, second by William THAT the Porter Creek Secondary School Council makes a motion to move out of camera: @8:19PM.

CARRIED

- 10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM
Next regular Meeting, November 13, 2019

Dale Cheeseman:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer