

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Location: Google Classroom/online

Chairs: Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber

HPAS Admin Rep: Vice Principal Lillian Papel

HPAS Teacher Reps: Eva Gelberger-Brown, Daniel Rodriguez

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Mahima Madhava

Caregiver Members: Ivanka Slywynska, Janine Naumann, Maggie Dunlop

In Attendance: Thao Vu, Jesse Berns, Kelly Seto, Tanya Schoen, Shannon Carto

Absent: John Tummonds, Amy Katz (technology issues)

1. Introductions, Land Acknowledgement, and Acceptance of Minutes, led by Joanne Huber

The Land Acknowledgment was presented by Joanne Huber.

2. Admin Report, presented by Vice -Principal Lillian Papel

- *Smaller Events occurring at the school*
 - *Popcorn Sales* this week/next week
 - *Photo Retake* day will happen Nov 23, 2023
 - *Subway Lunch* - School Cash Online - It was confusing as the lunch appeared as a banner ad so, people could not order but are not hearing from a lot of people that it is not an issue. Overall there aren't that many families who have opted in.
 - *High Park Open House - November 29, 2023* - Gives families an opportunity to visit HPAS and find out about our programs and can apply in January
 - *Winter Concert - December 13th* - Helena and Betty are leads for the concert.

- *EQAO Results* - Lillian walked through the EQAO results - If you want to see more information go to the EQAO website. Information is used by staff and school improvement teams to see where students could use help.
 - Grade 3 Results - 12 students wrote the test % of students achieving at provincial standards- 75% Math, 100% Reading, 83% Writing

3. Teacher Report, presented by Eva and Daniel

- *Wish List* - Staff have been reminded to purchase items and submit receipts to HPAS Council
- *Jacob Rodenburg* - Coming in to do Professional Development with teachers. His expertise is outdoor education, and he will be suggesting classroom activities for different age groups.
- *Winter Concert* -
 - Changes to how implemented - Use classrooms as Green Room so we will need parent volunteers (from 6:10) as runners.
 - Need help with formatting programs, runners to let us know when to bring students to the stage.
 - Also need parents to help with decorations, clean up.
 - Helena needs help/clarification with the sound board and help convert Youtube music to an MP3.
 - Joanne to send out a call for parents to bring baked goods for the Winter concert.
 - Lillian to reach out to Helena and Betty to confirm classes cannot be collapsed.
 - Parent Council members expressed sadness and concern at the change from having all students in the gym during the concert, on the basis of siblings being able to see one another's performances, feelings of community created by all being together and concern that the grown-ups who volunteer for this kind of thing are also the ones most likely to want to see the entire concert.

4. HPAS Council Report, presented by Joanne Huber

- *Signatories* have not been changed over yet but will be done by end of this month. Bank Account currently has \$13,241 in account.
 - Will wait until Movie Night is over to make up deposit.
- *Envelope Fundraiser* -
 - ~\$7,000 (has far exceeded our expectations). So uniforms, technology can all be done.
- *Climate Action Grant* -

- We did not receive this Grant (meant for Bike Rally).
- *(PRO Grant) School Council Innovation Grant - Roberta -*
 - Still waiting to hear about the Grant. Roberta connected with Jump Mathematics (they will come make a Math Friendly home)- Session will include book (Myth of Ability) and session. Idea is to also tie in with a Math Olympics with the children. Cost of the session is only \$300.
- *HPAS Reads -*
 - Deadline extended by one week and not a lot of children from older grades submitting. Draws for Readers who submitted Bingo Cards -
 - Bingo Card Winners - Emergent (Aurelia), Early(Dylan) and Transitional (Petro),Fluent Readers (not awarded), There is still a \$75 Type Books gift card that has gone unaccounted for could divide between 3 older teachers, donate to library? Maybe tie it to the author visit.
 - Next year we may consider doing a digital card or app that could be used.
 - Could students create something to motivate them to read. (Anastasia, Eva and Danielle to lead). Daniel and Eva will take this back to the staff to discuss what the students can do.
 - A suggestion was made to move the event to February/March.
- Author Visits - Grades 5/6 and 7/8 will have an author visit later in the year.

5. **Committee Reports , presented by Joanne, Roberta, Ivanka, Stephanie P**

Volunteering

- 2 volunteers for Fresh From the Farm
- 4 volunteers for Movie Night
- Volunteers for the Open House Call have gone out.

Big Chill -

- The Big Chill committee is unofficially working already.
 - Venue booked (Feb 9 - 9am to 1230).

Minilude

- Roberta and Stephanie Pellatt will be the Leads for the Minilude event -
 - Will be on HPAS school grounds
 - Targeting the end of January - Specific date is Jan 17th or Jan 24th.
(Note: during the meeting, January 18th was ruled out on the grounds of conflict with Annette Movie Night, but because the two events do not

overlap significantly timewise, this date was ultimately approved by Admin)

- Council will provide hot chocolate/apple cider, cookies and granola bars.
- Activities may include: Frozen bubbles, bowling, tic tac toe, Families bring Xmas lights/trees, ice painting, ice smash, snowman dress up competition.
- We will require 5 parent volunteers (3 for activities, 2 for food/drink).
- Suggestion: Potential to plant trees (coniferous) - permanent fixture.

MOTION: Increase Minilude budget by \$100.

Moved by Joanne Huber, Seconded Mahima - Motion Carries

Movie Night

- Movie Night on November 24 - 5:30 start. This would be a 'family event' so caregivers and children would attend. ~34 families.
- School Council can (pwy) pre- packaged candies, pizza.
- The school has a permit already and they can provide a projector.

6. Other Business

Surveys - Yellow Pages -

Joanne will start putting together.

Design - Have Your Say Survey - Mahima and Joanne to work on.

Yearbook photos - Need photos taken.

November 29th- Open House. - This is significantly earlier than previous years. It is also the same day as Community Circle.

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Huber at 7:56 p.m.