

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Location: Google Classroom/online

Chairs: Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber

HPAS Admin Rep: Principal Shauna Davidson

HPAS Teacher Reps: Danielle Offenbacher, Alicia Belvedere

Treasurer: Janine Naumann

Secretary: Mahima Madhava

Caregiver Members: John Tummonds, Amy Katz

In Attendance: Teppei Kamei, Kelly Seto, Rosa Duran

Absent: Ivanka Sochocky (regrets), Maggie Dunlop

Meeting Started at 6:34 p.m

1. Introductions, Land Acknowledgement, and Acceptance of Minutes, led by Roberta Brown

The Land Acknowledgment was presented by Roberta Brown.

2. Admin Report, presented by Principal – Shauna Davidson

- *Alternative School Application Update*
 - Now open – Change from last year – We can now rank the 2 options for Alt school choices (in order of preference).
 - Once you select a school you are taken off the other school list. You are not added to waiting list of school not selected.
 - Preferential groups in order: Indigenous student, sibling, then priority seeking groups (25%), remaining 75% goes into priority 4.
- Are people informed if they are not on the list? No they are not.

- Unclear on numbers just yet. And whether class sizes will be large or small.
- *Upcoming performances – These are being paid by School Council*
 - **David Lane** - February 28 (music)
 - **Little Pear Garden** - April 24(Asian Heritage performance)
 - **Kung Jaadee** - May 14
 - **Njacko Backo** - June 6(African Canadian performer)
- *Report Cards and Reporting*
 - Finished Term 1 this Friday
 - Report cards will be sent home the 13th of February.
 - Changes to report – Only 1 mark will be given for Language.
 - Only parents/caregivers who have children performing below provincial standards will be invited for interviews by teachers.
 - Parents/caregivers can still request an interview, if desired.
- *Art Night*
 - Will set up an Art Night in May. Families and children can come in and interact during the evening.
 - Looking for community partners to come in and looking for a parent committee to join in and help organize.
- *Memorial for George*
 - Will be held in May (Theme is George’s favourite things) He loved music, kids, donuts, basketball, Pepsi.
 - Goal is to buy a bench to be placed in the basketball area with the number to Kids Help and play music and provide donuts and Pepsi.
 - First 2 cookie and popcorn sales money is being put towards the cost of the Memorial.

3. **Teacher Report, presented by Danielle and Alicia**

- *Outdoor Ed – clothing*
 - Students must be prepared for outdoor learning every day (outdoor clothing, all clothing labeled, extra socks)
- *Rm 107 Toy Sale -*
 - *Will be held in March or April and will be tied to an event*
 - *Toys will be less than \$3 and it will help students learn about sales and supporting charities.*
- *Rm 113 Needed: Takeout Containers & Canning Jars with Lids*
 - *Lillian and Anastasia require these for a classroom project.*
- *Big Chill -*
 - Joseph Ko has been meeting with grade 7&8 students to run the event. Danielle has been participating in the event organizing.
 - Students have created a Google Form for the event and they will be collecting the information from the families (Skate sizes, allergies, etc...)
 - So far 15% of families have responded.

- *Community Circle - Feb 28th*
 - *Will be organized by Danielle, Daniel and Alicia.*

4. HPAS Budget Report, presented by Joanne Huber and Janine Naumann

- *Status of Account*
 - Current bank balance is \$12411.45
 - Raised \$7,225 through Envelope Fundraiser
 - Expenses since the last meeting totalled \$1429.56. This included:
 - \$32.76 - Teacher Wishlist (Visual Timer, Alicia)
 - \$62.79 - Teacher Wishlist (Walking Together resource & Rainbow Looms, Kelly)
 - \$285.89 - Movie Night pizza
 - \$62.12 - Movie Night snacks (has not been cashed yet)
 - \$478.00 - Pizza Lunch Dec
 - \$478.00 - Pizza Lunch Jan (has not been cashed yet)
 - \$15.00 - Bank Fees Nov
 - \$15.00 - Bank Fees Dec
 - Janine and Joanne prepared the deposit of all cash and cheques collected in the Fall of 2023. The deposit totalled \$1773.14. It is due to be picked up on Friday. (By Policy, we cannot go to the bank to deposit).
 - Balance should be \$13644.47. (Bank fees for January, including the pick up fee should be withdrawn at the end of the month, and will be included in next month's budget report.)

5. Committee Reports, presented by Joanne, John, Roberta

- *Volunteering*
 - Volunteer Form needs updating
 - There will be a separate volunteer forms for Big Chill and Play Day
 - Lunch Box Volunteering – Unclear if it will continue (in which case School Council would take it over). Currently, there are 25 subs ordered (HPAS makes ~\$0.50/sub in fundraising).
- *Mini'Lude*
 - Set to go for this Thursday. Roberta provided update.
 - Will be on HPAS school grounds
 - Council will provide hot chocolate/apple cider, cookies and granola bars.

- Activities will include: Ice painting, Xmas lights/trees, etc
- Music will be piped over speaker by Shauna.
- *Big Chill – John provided updated*
 - The Big Chill committee is working already. Led by Grade 7/8s.
 - Buses will be hired by the school to bus students to/from George Bell Arena.
 - Committee is considering purchasing a ‘mascot’ costume that can be used year after year – “Chilly”. Unclear if the committee wants to purchase a mascot costume or not.
 - Volunteers are required for snack station, skate helpers, craft table, photo booth.
 - Considering having a swag table. Hoodies - \$35 T-Shirts - \$15 Baseball Caps - \$15 Large Water Bottle - \$15 Small Water Bottle - \$12
 - Volunteer Sign up - <https://volunteersignup.org/3JFYD>
 - Venue booked (Feb 9 - 9am to 1230).
- *Surveys*
 - Met last night to put together survey
 - Geared at looking for input into events for next year.
 - HPAS Reads input – Do away with Bingo cards, and make it a ‘book club’ type of event.
- *Math Night/Event*
 - Did not receive the grant for this but the event would be beneficial for the parent community.
 - Speaker will be from Jump Math.
 - They will talk about the science of math. Talk about how to create a math friendly home.
 - There was a request for Parent Council to cover the cost.
 - Motion to approve Parent Council to pay up to \$500 for speaker fee/tax, for a virtual Math Night.,
 - **Motion** moved by Mahima, Second by John – Motion Carries.
- *Indigenous Walk*
 - Carolynne Crawley is conducting a Walk. The parent lead will be Rosa Duran.
 - Planning is just beginning.
- *HPAS Reads –*
 - There will be an Author Visit and Contest for Grades 5 to 8
 - Still require an author and date.
- *Yearbook*
 - Link for uploading photos
 - Still in planning phase and looking for involvement for Grades 5 through 8 to start a Yearbook Club in the next 2 weeks.

- Need to find out if we'll do a Yearbook Cover contest.

6. **Other Business**

- *TD Park People Grant* - TD Park People Grant (Rosa suggested)
 - \$2,000 Micro-grant –
 - Jan 24 Webinar for details and Feb 24 is grant submission timeline
 - Rosa and Mahima to follow up on the Grant.
- *Valentine's*
 - For next year – reimagine alternatives to sending Valentine's cards
 - Potentially do no cards potentially or do an act of service within the community.
 - Classes work on a basket to be donated to charity of their choice.
- *Ad hoc items*
 - none

Meeting was adjourned by Roberta Brown at 7:52 p.m.