

# HPAS School Council

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Location: Google Classroom/online

Chairs: Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber

HPAS Admin Rep: Vice Principal Lillian Papel

HPAS Teacher Reps: Betty Orton, Anastasia Ali

Treasurer: Janine Naumann

Secretary: Mahima Madhava

Caregiver Members: John Tummonds, Ivanka Slywynska (Family Engagement Officer), Maggie Dunlop

In Attendance: Thao Vu, Kelly Seto, Rosa Duran

Absent: Amy Katz

Meeting Started at 6:34 p.m

### **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**

- *Upcoming Presentations*
  - Prologue Presentation – Feb 28 for K-8
  - Assemblies for Asian and Black Heritage month on Feb 29.

March 4th will be Grade 8 info night.

### **3. Teacher Report, presented by Betty and Anastasia**

- Thanks to volunteers for Big Chill Success
- Beaches Whole School Trip will occur Feb 29.
- *Rm 107 Toy Sale -*

- Will be held week before March Break.
- Alicia will continue to collect toys up until the sale.

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

- *Status of Account*
  - Current bank balance ~\$14,100
  - Not likely to be any more fundraising events.
  - Alterna will charge the school for any deposit pick ups, so the Council will need to reimburse school

#### 5. **Committee Reports, presented by Joanne, John, Roberta, Mahima, Rosa**

- *Volunteering*
  - Volunteer Form needs updating again
- *Big Chill – John provided updated*
  - Big Chill was successful
  - Lessons Learned for next year –
    - In September/October, inform the school population of the February date for the Big Chill event.
    - We will require a **new venue** as George Bell Arena is not available.
    - Will not have to look for skates for next year as sufficient number of skates were acquired from Park Lawn.
    - Consider an earlier return (bussing) to school for next year, especially for children in younger grades.
    - Suggest we have lunch at the Arena.
    - Any volunteers should be told that one volunteer buys all snacks and add it as an expense for Council.
- *Surveys*
  - Waiting on Administration to review survey by end of the week. And then it can be sent out.
- *Math Night/Event*
  - TDSB is conducting a Math Event. So, the Jump Math session will not be held by Council.
- *TD Park People Grant - Mahima*
  - \$2,000 Micro-grant – Council will begin working on the Grant Application which is due Feb 27
  - Grant will support 2 activities:
    - **Activity 1 Name:** Caring Together: Protecting Painted Turtle and their Hatchlings – May 2024 at High Park, partnering with Turtle Protectors.
    - **Activity 2 Name:** The Sharing Economy: HPAS Repair Café and Clothing Swap – October 2024 – Location TBD.

- *Indigenous Walk*
  - Carolyn 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*
  - Planning has started and is moving along well.
  - Link for uploading photos has been sent out.
  - Grades 5-8 have started a Yearbook Club (Danielle is teacher in charge) and Cover contest has been launched.
- *Play Day*
  - Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Need to book High Park.
  - Diana Holec will return as lead
- *Arts. Night*
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup>-
  - Just in the planning phase.
  - Council is looking for parent volunteers.
  - A suggestion was made that for next year, we could have the Repair Café as part of the STEM night.

## 6. Other Business

- *Partnership with Mountview*
  - Consider a partnership with another alternative school to promote partnership building.
  - Enables us to talk of different issues facing alternative schools and potentially conducting combined events.
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- *Ad hoc items*
  - Consider smaller initiatives to build the community engagement (ice cream social after school, coffee social before school)
  - Creation of a Safe Space was suggested. Annette SC are doing this with a goal for one on each floor. We should look into having one on the HPAS floor.
  - Kindergarten Welcome Event -Have Parent Council pay for the creation of welcome bags for new KG families
    - Bags could include items such as: magnetic numbers, letters, play doh, book, labels.
  - **Motion:** Approve Council to fund \$400 towards the creation Kindergarten Welcome Bags.
    - Moved by Joanne Huber,
    - Second – John Tummonds
  - **Motion Carries**

- NO Meeting in March.

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Huber at 7:38 p.m.