

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 6:30 to 8:10pm

Location: Google classroom/online

Chairs: **Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber**

HPAS admin rep: Principal Jummi Kim

HPAS teacher reps: Alicia Belvedere

In attendance: **John Tummonds, Ivanka Slywynska, Mahima Madhava**, Kim Booker, Kate Fagan-Garcia, Lee Jensen, Shannon Bramer, Renee Munn, Julia Swaigen, Kelly Fricker, Rosa Duran, Melissa Korn, Daniela Dias, Marlene Leung

Absent: Janine Naumann, Amy Katz

Regrets: Maggie Dunlop

Meeting started at 6:30pm

1. **Introductions, Land acknowledgement, and acceptance of the minutes**, led by Joanne Huber.
 - Land acknowledgement was presented by Joanne Huber.
 - We welcomed the 2024/25 School Council: Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber, Mahima Madhava.
 - John Tummonds volunteered to join and was appointed by the Council.

2. **Admin report**, presented by Principal Jummi Kim
 - Person of Responsibility for HPAS – Lillian Tsim KG teacher. Lillian is the main teacher liaison and coordinator with Council.
 - Budget –
 - i. The TDSB Budgets have not been finalized or published by TDSB. They will be shared once ready.
 - ii. Waiting to get signing authority for HPAS in place at new bank CIBC.
 - Curriculum
 - i. CCAT Testing – Oct 21 – 25 for all Grade 3 students
 - ii. PA Day Sept 27 – Teachers will be working on one School Improvement Plan goal. Focus on books.
 - Facilities - No work orders
 - Upcoming Special Events –

- September 30th: Truth and Reconciliation Day
- October 2nd: Start of Rosh Hashanah
- October 7th-15th: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 9th: Cross Country Meet @ Winston Churchill Park
- October 10th: Curriculum Night (info to come)
- October 10th: IEPs go home
- October 12th: Yom Kippur
- *October 16th – 3:30 to 4:30: Park Play Date (Ravina)*
- October 21st: Photo Day
- October 23rd: Grade 7&8 Immunization Clinic
- *November 2nd: HPAS Halloween Event*

3. **Teacher report**, Presented by Alicia Belvedere

- Teacher Wish List: Nothing to report.
 - i. The list will be shared. Joanne asked if it could be shared before the next meeting so we have more accurate numbers for the budget.

4. **HPAS Council Budget report** – Presented by Joanne

- The budget is being discussed and developed between now and the next Parent Council Meeting. It will be finalized at the October 30th Meeting.
- **Status of the Account**
 - i. June 18 -
 - Total Funds - \$7,221.57 in accounts (Combined amount from Alterna acct \$965 and CIBC account \$6,256.57)
 - \$227.31- 2 cheques that need to be reissued.
 - Outgoing June 18 to Sept 25 - **Total outgoing = \$8892.90**
 - Incoming June 18 to 25 - **Total incoming = \$6450.51**
 - Cheque Signatories –
 - Current signatory is Joanne, CIBC have only recently opened the process for new signatories, Jummi will replace Shauna
 - A third Cheque Signatory is **required**.
- **Fundraising Initiatives Overview**
 - **FlipGive:** A fundraising app that all of the HPAS Community (Parents, caregivers, teachers, friends/family.) can participate in by just earning cash back for our school on everyday spending with over 700 top brands.
 - Last year this initiative raised only \$98.00.
 - The administration of the App is low.
 - We need to inform the HPAS Community of the parents of app (via the newsletter and social media) so it is used more often. Lee volunteered to help with some of the social media work.
 - Council decided to continue with it.

- **Envelope Fundraiser:** Unsure if we require one or not this year but if we do it will likely be in support of the playground revitalization.
- **Fresh From the Farm** – Reminder has gone out and parents/caregivers can order until October 3rd.
 - **Last year there were too few parent/caregiver volunteers.** We require 5 to 6 parent volunteers for half a day sometime between November 5th and December 6th. FFF will let us know the delivery date, at least 10 days prior to delivery.

5. Committee reports

- **Pizza lunch** – Ivanka will be the lead coordinator and they have reached out to last year's volunteers.
 - This year's dates: October 10th, November 7th, December 12th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th
- **Java with Jummi Report** – Was very well attended and received by parents/caregivers who attended. School Council had a table at the event.
 - Jummi will continue to do this on a monthly basis and try to do an event after school as well to catch those who are there for pickup.
- **Curriculum Night** – Oct 10
- **HPAS Reads** – For various reasons the Read-Aloud Picnic is not being scheduled October. We will try to schedule this event in the spring.
- **Park Play Date** – Will happen October 16, after school. It would include a Scavenger Hunt and a treat.
- **Lunch and Learn Committee** -led by Julia Swaigen
 - i. Lunch and Learns that are open to teachers and sessions for parents/caregivers to be held, every second month for teachers or parents (with one joint session possibly). The focus of the sessions will be on managing emotions/behaviours and having a common language when interacting with children. Julia will facilitate the sessions.
 - Format of the sessions may include a Book study that can be discussed or other formats dependent on the topic being discussed and number of attendees.
 - Julia will work with Lillian Tsim to organize the LnLs.
- **A new (Parent/Caregiver) Volunteer Coordinator is required.**
- **Volunteer Days**
 - i. Parents come in once a week (or whenever their schedules permit and are available) to help teachers complete tasks that need to be done. It is ideal to have a couple of parents weekly to perform duties. This can be done on a rotating basis.
 - Organizing resource centres
 - Cabinet cleanouts
 - Etc...
- **Halloween** – **Led by Roberta** November 2 – Adventurous kids wanted to explore High Park –

- i. **Activities to include** Haunted Gingerbread, Art projects that tie in with Halloween that some of the classes may be able to participate in, etc...
 - Will require about 20 parent/caregiver volunteers.
 - ii. Event will be held in the school gym.
 - iii. **MOTION** to move \$500 from HPAS Reads (which is not happening) to add to Halloween event. Overall budget will be \$1000.
 - **Moved by Roberta, Seconded by John.**
 - a. **All in Favour. No objections, no abstentions.**
- **Big Chill** – Led by John Tummonds. The Big Chill is an annual (half day) skating event held at one of the local arenas. There is skating, snacks (donated by parents) and hot drinks, coffee.
 - i. Will be held at George Bell but unclear about the date. Either on January 31 or Feb 7th. John will follow up.
- **Yearbook** – Led by Renee Munn. Renee will help with the yearbook and take photos. A lunchtime club for Grade 5 to 8 students will be run by Danielle, so interested students can take an active role in creating the yearbook, as they did last year.
 - i. There will be a link to add photos from school events throughout the year in the next newsletter.
 - ii. We will need to provide a deposit for the yearbook in April unless sales have already begun.
 - iii. To start sales earlier, we will need to run the yearbook cover contest earlier than last year.

6. Other business

- **School Council Meetings**
 - i. Meetings will be on the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm start time.
 - ii. The dates will be: October 30, November 27, January 29, Feb 26, April 30, May 28, June 25.
 - Council will hold some meetings in person and some meetings online. Council will also attempt to make the in-person meetings into a hybrid model but are still working out technical issues. To do a successful hybrid we should have good quality speakers.
 - Council will host a table at Curriculum Night.
- **We NEED more parents/caregivers on Council.**
 - i. HPAS council addresses issues that are important to parents and school administrators. We advocate for funding and issues that affect various aspects of education and student well-being.
 - We think it is imperative to have as many parent voices at the table and to help at our school and school community events.
 - Parent council involvement helps the HPAS community stay connected and allows us to interact with other parents/caregivers, with the staff/school and allows all of

us to gain a broader perspective on the ways we can play a supportive role..

- It is also a good way to network and make connections with other parents, business partners in our community and agencies that share a common goal of student achievement.
- Working in partnership together helps build a stronger foundation for students to grow and thrive.
- Without sufficient support, Council will need to limit the number of activities that are done throughout the year.

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Huber and Roberta Brown at 8:10 p.m.