

# HPAS School Council

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 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: Lillian Tsim, Eva Gelberger-Brown

In attendance: **Mahima Madhava**, Susan Gallelo, Julia Swaigen, Marlene Leung, Kimberly Booker

Absent: **John Tummonds**

Meeting started at 6:34pm

1. **Introductions, Land acknowledgement, and acceptance of the minutes**, led by Joanne Huber.
  - Land acknowledgement was presented by Joanne Huber.
2. **Admin report**, presented by Principal Lillian Papel
  - i. The TDSB Budget is \$22,794. Can be found on TDSB site.
  - ii. Teacher Wish List – **\$5,680** (excluding playground revitalization and Grad)
    - Classroom Resources \$1280
    - Workshops –
    - Indigenous Ed - \$500 cost that will be split with Annette
    - Whole School Performances - \$1500
    - Digital Scoreboard (shared -\$150)
    - School programs (spotlight) shared cost and HPAS share is \$250
    - Playground Revitalization – TBD – Will need to apply. There are Grants through the TDSB to go through.
    - Field Trips – Vulnerable Students - \$250 subsidy for kids
  - iii. Upcoming Special Events –
    - *November 2<sup>nd</sup>*: HPAS Halloween Event
    - *November 13<sup>th</sup>*: November Report Cards Home
    - *November 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>* - November Parent Teacher Interviews –Families will need to book interviews online through scheduling app.
    - *December 2/3* – HPAS Open House – Need Parent volunteers
    - *Dec 11* – HPAS Winter Concert - Potentially at 6pm

### 3. **Teacher report**, Presented by Lillian Tsim

- *Teacher Wish List*: Discussed in budget above.
- *Community Action Days* – Will update the format of Community Circles to ensure there is more ‘activation’ in the day.
- Will meet with families in Ravina, 3 times a year. Older classes will branch out into the community to observe and take note of what can be done to our land and place.
  - i. Younger classes will stay closer to Ravina others will go to High Park, do community cleanups. We will require more parent volunteers for this.
  - ii. Dates –
    - November 27, 2024
    - February 26, 2024
    - May 28, 2024

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

- **Status of the Account**  
CIBC bank balance is **\$6679.82**.
  - i. *EXPENSES* (expected) in November include:
    - \$532.75 - Pizza Lunch
    - ~\$1000 - HPAS Haunt expenses
    - Other approved expenses once budget passes - teacher wishlist, kindie welcome bag items
    - Donations to Daily Bread Food Bank and High Park Nature Centre, amounts to be determined by the kids at the HPAS Haunt.
  - ii. *INCOMING*:
    - \$9065.25 - SCO transfer for Pizza Lunch
    - \$1190.00 - SCO transfer for Fresh From the Farm
    - There will also be a cash and cheques deposit (\$1,461.00) made in early November (after HPAS Haunt) that will include:
      - \$310 - Cheque from Sparkplug Coffee for September fundraiser
      - \$46 - cheque for FFtF
      - \$420.75 - Cheques for Pizza Lunch
      - \$40 - Cheque for yearbook
      - \$644.25 - Cash (For yearbook and pizza lunch.

2024/2025 Budget – Doc attached.

*i. Fundraising*

- Pizza Lunch – Expecting about \$5000
- Flip Give – Won't take \$ out and will leave it in.
- Yearbook - \$1100 costs (to cover deposit to company in April)
- Envelope Fundraiser - \$2500
- Winter Concert Bake Sale \$150
- FFtF - \$1,190
- SparkPlug Coffee- Coffee raised \$310. Upcoming Hot Chocolate fundraiser - \$200

*ii. Grants*

- MoE School Council Funding - \$300
- PIC Grant \$500

*iii. Operating Expenses*

- School Requests – May require more than \$1,120 (Playground revitalization)
- Teacher Requests – Slightly more than \$1,200 (additional costs for speakers/presentations)

*iv. Committees/Events*

- Extra Hungry Tummys - \$200 is it still required?- Teachers to follow up if this funding is still required?
- Community Support – Access for additional support- \$36 used from \$400
- Park Play Dates/Cleanups - \$50

<b>Committees/Events</b>	
Extra Hungry Tummys Program	\$200.00
Community Support	\$400.00
Parent-Teacher Get Together (aka Adult Mixer)	\$0.00
Arts Committee	
Park Playdates/clean-ups	\$50.00
Movie Night	\$500.00
The Big Chill	\$100.00
Kindie Welcome Bags	\$500.00
Play Day	\$1,500.00
Graduation	\$1,400.00
HPAS Haunt 2024	\$1,000.00
Lunch and Learn lunches	\$300.00
HPAS Reads Readaloud picnic 2025	\$500.00
Fees for Indigenous speakers	\$500.00
Buses for Play Day	\$600.00

**MOTION to Approve HPAS 2024/2025 Parent Council Budget –All in Favour. No objections, no abstentions. Motion carries.**

**MOTION to raise the Teachers Wish List amount by \$150. All in Favour. No objections, no abstentions. Motion carries.**

## **5. Committee reports**

- i. **Pizza lunch** – Ivanka is leading this and first one went well.
  - This year's dates: November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>
- ii. **Java with Jummi Report** – Next date to be communicated later.
- iii. **Park Play Date** – Happened October 16, after school and was attended by 12 children. Another one is scheduled in the spring.
- iv. **Lunch and Learn Committee** -led by Julia Swaigen
  - Lunch and Learns are open to teachers and parents/caregivers to be held, every second month for teachers and parents. 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.
  - Three LnLs for teachers have been set up. Two options:
    - The Third Path Strategy – Will look at different levels of schools. Teachers come together and examining/bolstering relationships at different levels.
    - Behavioural reduced emotions – de-escalation strategy.
    - Teacher Dates;
      1. Nov 26, 2024
      2. Jan 10, 2025
      3. March 2, 2025
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> – LnL for Parents/caregivers (at 5pm to 6 pm)  
Date to be confirmed.
- v. **Volunteer Days – A new (Parent/Caregiver) Volunteer Coordinator is required.**
  - Parents have started to come in once a week to help with Halloween decorations.
- vi. **Halloween Haunt– Led by Roberta** November 2 – Adventurous kids wanted to explore High Park – Organization has gone well. Need more parent volunteers.
  - **MOTION to add \$200 to Halloween Haunt to \$1200. Motion Approved , Motion Carried. All in Favour. No objections, no abstentions. Motion carries.**
- vii. **Big Chill – Led by John Tummonds.** Update given by Lillian. The Big Chill is an annual (half day) skating event held off school at one of the

local arenas. There is skating, snacks (donated by parents) and hot drinks, coffee, water some snacks (provided by Council)

- Will be held at George Bell but unclear about the date. Challenge in reserving January 31 or Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Lillian followed up for dates and only date available would be a Monday – February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Lillian to follow up with John to see if there is a cost.
- viii. **Yearbook** – Led by Renee Munn. Renee will help with the yearbook and take photos. Grade 5/6 students from Danielle’s class will take an active role as they did last year.
  - Forms have gone out for permissions.
  - Cover art contest will go out earlier but it may go out pre-Winter Break.
- ix. **Intentionality Committee**– Have more sustainable/reusable things like crochet balloons, HPAS Graduation Banner

## 6. Other business

- **Parent Council Meetings**
  - i. Meetings will be on the last Wednesday of every month, except December and March, when we do not meet.
  - ii. The dates will be: November 27, January 29, Feb 26, April 30, May 28, June 25.
    - Pending Admin approval, 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.
- **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.