

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 27th, 2024, 6:00 to 7:30pm

Location: Google classroom/online

Chairs: **Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber**

HPAS admin rep: Principal Jummi Kim

HPAS teacher reps: Daniel Rodriguez, Danielle Offenbacher

In attendance: Rosa Duran, Heather Phillips

Absent: **Mahima Madhava** (regrets), **John Tummonds**

Meeting started at 6:05pm

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 Jummi Kim
 - i. We will have a staffing change for our Methods & Resource staff member (technically Annette's but they share) as the current educator is going on maternity leave.
 - ii. Jummi also reported on Professional Development: Our Intermediate and Senior teachers did some Literary Diagnostic PD with Ms Iggers, while Primary and Kindie teachers had PD about Self-Regulation in the Classroom. Some teachers opted to also attend Julia Swaigen's Lunch n Learn about Big Emotions, which those who experienced both said paralleled well with the Self-Reg teachings. Teachers are looking forward to Julia's next session in the new year.
 - iii. Upcoming Performances – We have an Indigenous group from Prologue Performances booked, as well as Paul Davis speaking about online safety (for older students)
 - iv. Upcoming renovations: There will be a new staircase built in the tower. Students picked the colour scheme (blue). This work is being undertaken for safety reasons. We do not yet have a planned start date.

3. **Teacher report**, Presented by Daniel Rodriguez

- *Winter Concert*: This year's theme is Snow. Kindie and Primary teachers will communicate colours preferred for student costumes to parents in their classes. Time and date were confirmed: December 10th from 6-7 (this is a change from what was originally announced, to avoid a conflict with HumberSide CI's information night for Grade 8 students). Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes would like parents to sit with classes, and help them navigate their way to the stage and back again this year.
- *Open House* – Monday, December 2nd from 6-7pm. Teachers have not get a lot of volunteers yet. The website and slide presentation are being updated.

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

- **Status of the Account**

CIBC bank balance is **\$5442.34**.

A deposit of **\$12019.28** was picked up from the school on Monday, but had not register in the account at the time of the meeting. This deposit represented Pizza Lunch, Fresh from the Farm, the September Sparkplug Coffee Fundraiser, as well as some late Yearbook purchases.

Current Sparkplug Coffee fundraiser has earned just under \$60 and is extended to the end of the week.

Roberta is still in process to become our third signatory. Jummi has not yet heard back from CIBC.

5. **Committee reports**

- Lunch'n'Learns and Parent Workshops** – First parent workshop will take place from 5-6:30pm on December 2nd. The last half hour will be Q&A so parents volunteering at Open House can leave if they need to. Jummi confirmed that information about the parent workshops can be shared by teachers in their Google Classrooms.
- Movie Night** – A date of January 24th was discussed. Jummi to confirm. Teachers had suggested Harold and the Purple Crayon: it is an hour and a half, which might be a more reasonable time than last year's film. It was noted that given timing of December and January newsletters and need for SCO pizza sales to start at the beginning of session in 2025, that major decisions must be finalized before the break and ideally earlier.
- HPAS Haunt report** – The HPAS Haunt was very successful. It came in under budget at \$674.04 to date (two invoices are outstanding).
- Big Chill** - The Grade 7/8 Class have not expressed great interest in planning this year, and Danielle cannot support them, so we are back to parent volunteer planning. Joanne and Roberta will be joining the

committee, and seeking more volunteers. We discussed budget and decided that despite no receipts being turned in, in previous years, we would like to see the burden of paying for snack not go to those also running the event (and donating their time and effort). *VOTE: Motion to raise The Big Chill's budget by \$50, bringing it to a total of \$150.00. Vote was unanimous in favour, motion carried.*

v. **Yearbook**

- Cover contest will be announced in the next newsletter. Deadline will be the end of January to allow both kids to work on it over the break, and teachers to incorporate it into classroom learning, if possible.

vi. **Winter Concert Baked Goods Table/Sparkplug Coffee** - We will once again have a Baked Goods Table, we've started getting volunteers, and will distribute the November Sparkplug Coffee orders at that time.

6. Other business

- **Grade 7/8s building Turtle Protectors** - Danielle has been looking into it, and there are significant barriers. There is still a possibility of something happening with Humberside shop support, but it is unlikely for this year.
- **Safe Spaces** - Council asked how ASPS's plans were going and whether the spaces they were creating would be available to HPAS students, or if there was somewhere we could create our own. Jummi expressed that she had not heard anything, which suggests that the ASPS plans have been put on hold, but that she would look into it. Parents asked how these spaces would be supervised, and Council expressed its support for plans if they move ahead.
- **Air Conditioning/Cooling Options** - Looking ahead to warmer months Council asked about possibilities, with the knowledge that the building's electrical system cannot support AC in every classroom. Personal cooling fans (the type with ice or water that a fan blows over) were brought up, but unfortunately we were informed that those would not be allowed. The cooling centres of the LLC, the lunchroom and the music room continue to be the plan, though it was recognized that they are not adequate.
- **Playscape Revitalization** - We discussed this. Joanne shared some of the advice given during her meeting with Evergreen Brickworks Climate Ready Schools team, the main point of which was to take time to consult everyone, especially students and to do a land use survey (ideally over the whole year) to identify problem areas, needs and what parts of the yard are successful. Jummi told us that she has not yet had a response from the TDSB and doesn't want to go too far into planning, until she has a budget and knows more about grants that could be applied for, etc ... Jummi assured us that student voice would be heard when making plans (and it was generally agreed that we have a large contingent of soccer-enthusiasts whose needs are not currently being met).
- **Instagram** - This is a new social media format that School Council wants to launch. We are looking for a volunteer to manage it. One name was raised, and that parent will be asked if they are interested.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Joanne Huber and Roberta Brown at 7:05 p.m.