

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 6:00 to 7:30pm

Location: Google classroom/online

Chairs: **Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber**

HPAS admin rep: Vice-Principal – Lillian Papel

HPAS teacher reps: Helena Mendes-Guarda, Anastasia Ali

In attendance: **Mahima Madhava**, Angelica de Jesus-Bretschneider, Marlene Leung, Kimberly Booker, Chuck Carr

Absent: **John Tummonds**

Meeting started at 6:02pm

1. **Introductions, Land acknowledgement, and acceptance of the minutes**, led by Roberta Brown
 - i. Land acknowledgement was presented by Roberta.
2. **Admin report**, presented by Vice-Principal Lillian
 - i. **New Staffing and Staff Updates**
 - David joined in January to cover Eva's 5/6class
 - Niamh – Will be join HPAS in February to cover Daniel's KG class (LTO)
 - Andrew Hesp a Child Youth Worker (CYW) will support HPAS and ASPS, working with Chloe.
 - Danielle is working with ASPS intermediate teachers on a literacy initiative including reading resources.
 - ii. **Student Voice Committee**
 - Student Council has four subcommittees, of which Student Voice Committee is to encourage student attention and input
 - They have been working on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and have examined our school as a whole to see how HPAS can be more inclusive for all students.
 - Students will share their observations and offering suggestions to Trustee King in the first week of February, during her visit. They have already presented to a group of visiting Principals.
 - iii. **Graduation Trip** – Students will go to Muskoka Woods from June 11 to 13. The cost is \$500 per student for accommodation and food. Additional funds may be requested for food during travel.

- iv. **African and Chinese Heritage Month** – There will be activities/events held in February to celebrate both African and Chinese Heritage.
- v. **Swimming skills**– Classes will be conducted for all grade 4 students.
- vi. **Mural** outside of library has been completed.

3. **Teacher Report**, Presented by Helena and Anastasia

- i. **Winter Stations** - March 4, 2025
 - We will need parent volunteers (all parents should complete vulnerable sector check) <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>
- ii. **Yearbook** -
 - We are experiencing challenges with the yearbook. We need a parent volunteer who can attend lunchtime club
 - It has worked best when it is a volunteer led activity. But the nature of the yearbook club we need urgent support. Danielle is teacher supervisor, but has taken on more roles this year (guidance counsellor, heading Intermediate literacy initiative)
 - Volunteer commitment look like (it should be 1 day a week)
 - a. Collecting photos and adding them to the Yearbook program (Creator Studio under the publisher's license)
 - b. Supporting students
 - Cover has been selected
 - *Note: Discussion with Danielle post-meeting indicates that a large part of the problem is technical with the TDSB protections for student accounts resulting in lack of authentication to use the Yearbook program. Danielle winds up signing kids into her account which can take half of the club's time.*
- iii. **Grad Sweatshirts/Hoodies** – The cost has risen again and teachers are suggesting that students families take on some of the cost. The students want a design with signatures inside a "25". Due to the size of the class the image will be higher resolution than last year to keep smaller signatures crisp - higher resolution images cost more to print.

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

Status of the Account

Our current balance is **\$16033.96**, at the November meeting our balance was \$5442.34

- i. **INCOMING total +\$12020.28**
 - Nov 26th - \$12019.28 (this was the deposit made just prior to our November meeting, that hadn't shown up yet - they seem to have backdated it a bit)

- Dec 2nd - \$1.00 (this shows up as a transfer - we're not sure where this is from or what it is in regards to)
- ii. **OUTGOING total -1428.66**
 - Dec 18th - \$728.40 - Fresh From the Farm
 - Dec 20th - \$70.05 - Teacher Wishlist
 - Dec 30th - \$532.75 - December Pizza Lunch
 - Jan 20th - \$97.46 - HPAS Haunt (this was the outstanding receipts for coffee and Lego previously listed as approx \$100 in the pending category)
- iii. **PENDING - OUTGOING**
 - \$532.75 - January Pizza Lunch (cheque issued)
 - \$350.25 - Movie Night Pizza (cheque issued)
 - *(cheques have not yet been issued for anything below)*
 - \$44.00 - Movie Night Popcorn
 - \$100 - (approx) Movie Night Snacks
 - \$244.25 - HPAS Haunt and Admin (reimbursements for me, waiting on CIBC approving third signatory)
 - \$32.00 - Donation to Daily Bread
 - \$19.00 - Donation to High Park Nature Centre
 - \$40 - (approx) Teacher Wishlist (Betty, musical instruments)
- iv. **PENDING - INCOMING**
 - \$134.00 - Winter Concert donations
 - Also some pizza lunch money for added slices - Joanne was ill in January, so was not able to collect it from Marlene's office
 - \$110.70 - Sparkplug Coffee fundraiser
 - \$645.68 - SCO Movie Night Pizza sales

5. Committee reports

- i. **Lunch and Learn Committee** -led by Julia Swaigen
 - Lunch and Learns are held for teachers and evening workshops for parents/caregivers. The focus of the second pair of sessions is on managing big emotions. Julia will facilitate the sessions.
 - This week is the second teacher session – Jan 31, 2025.
- ii. **Pizza lunch** – Ivanka is leading this.
 - This year's remaining dates: February 6th, March 6th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th
- iii. **Movie Night** – Was successful overall. At the one hour mark children get restless so we should consider the runtime of the movie.
 - Suggestion to have a 10 minute intermission.
- i. **Big Chill** – **Led by John Tummonds**. Update given by Joanne. The Big Chill is an annual (half day) skating event held off school at one of the

local arenas. There is skating, snacks and hot drinks, coffee. Will be held at George Bell on Feb 3rd.

- Still need more parent volunteers for snack tables.
- **MOTION** to add \$250 to Big Chill budget to support purchase of Bob (trainer) skates and crafts table. **Motion Carried.**
- iv. **HPAS Reads** – Community picnic with readers. We need to decide on a date and get volunteer parent readers.
 - a. This was a successful event last year. It would include pizza dinner.
- v. **Eco Fair** – This year's iteration of STEM Night, will be held on May 1st
- vi. **Kindergarten Welcome** – No date decided yet.
- vii. **Mabel's Labels** – Put slips into KG bags. This is to sell labels for kids going to summer camp, KG, etc... Angelica volunteered to be lead on setting this up.
- viii. **Grad Committee** – Need a call for volunteers to help with the Graduation ceremonies.

6. Other business

i. Parent Council Meetings

- Meetings will be on the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm start time.
- The dates will be: Feb 26, April 30, May 28, June 25.
 - Council will hold some meetings in person and some meetings online.

Meeting was adjourned by Roberta Brown at 7:07 p.m.