

HPAS School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6:00 to 7:30pm

Location: Google classroom/online

Chairs: **Roberta Brown, Joanne Huber**

HPAS admin rep: Principal – Jummi Kim

HPAS teacher reps: Betty Orton. Alicia Belvedere

In attendance: **Mahima Madhava**, Angelica de Jesus-Bretschneider, Kimberly Booker

Absent: **John Tummonds**

Meeting started at 6:04pm

1. **Introductions, Land acknowledgement, and acceptance of the minutes**, led by Jummi Kim
 - i. Land acknowledgement was presented by Jummi.
2. **Admin report**, presented by Principal Jummi Kim
 - i. **Enrolment**
 - Offers have gone out to new JK Students (20 students)
 - There have been a few offers sent to junior and intermediate students
 - ii. **New Staffing and Staff Updates**
 - David has left Eva's 5/6 class. Administration is looking for another LTO replacement.
 - Administration is working on a Multi-Year Strategic Plan with teachers and will require input from parents
 - Working with staff to incorporate learning goals into tasks and School Improvement Plan
 - Incorporating Indigenous Learning
- ii. **Anti-Black Racism**
 - There has been an increase in incidents. Librarian Kelly Iggers is working with classes to provide resources to address the issues.
 - Centre of Black Excellence is coming into provide guidance and helping build course curriculum to better discuss Anti-Black Racism.
 - The Student Voice Committee did a survey and will be starting a BSA (Black Student Alliance) in March.

- iii. **Facilities**
 - Admin's Playground meeting will take place March 21st.
 - Work on the staircase is ongoing and should be finished during March Break.
- iv. **Lunch and Learn Committee** -led by Julia Swaigen
 - 2nd Workshop was done with staff (Co-Regulation)
 - The other workshop will need to be rescheduled as the intended date was cancelled due to the snow day.
- v. **Parent Parking Attendants:** Staff need help at student drop off and pick up as some parents/caregivers are not following proper procedures (i.e., idling vehicles to get out and walk students, making three-point turns on Jennings and Clendenan, etc....)
 - Having on-going parent volunteers to help assist would be an effective long-term solution.
 - Have a 'parking blitz' (short-term solution)
- vi. **School Safety: Snow stays on ground.** No throwing snowballs.
 - There is an increase in incidents/injuries with snow
 - Parents/caregivers should talk to their children about snow safety.
- vii. **Graduation Trip** – Students will go to Muskoka Woods from June 11 to 13. The cost is \$500 per student for accommodation and food.
- viii. **African and Chinese Heritage Month** –Activities/events have been held this month to celebrate both African and Chinese Heritage.

3. Teacher report, Presented by Betty and Alicia

- i. **Community Action Circle** –
 - Circle was a success and thanks to everyone who came out.
- ii. **Winter Stations** - March 4, 2025
 - We will need parent volunteers (all parents should complete vulnerability check) <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>
- iii. **Grad Shirts/Spirit Wear** – As part of Graduation activities Parent Council will pay for hoodies for the 12 graduates (the students have requested more customization with lettering and signatures on sleeves, which would cost more, and some of the cost may have to be paid directly by parents - Grad Committee will address this.)
 - Further discussion around Spirit Wear for all students at HPAS. It is something that used to be offered but isn't any longer. A suggestion was made to move to an online system for order placing and management.
 - Marchant's – Jummi to send pricing information to Roberta.
- iv. **Shovels** –
 - Request for additional shovels (10) for kids to help clear snow.
 - MOTION was made to put \$200 towards the purchase of kids snow shovels. Motion passed.

4. HPAS Council Budget report – Presented by Joanne

Status of the Account

Our current balance is **\$14504.80**, at the January meeting our balance was \$16033.96

- I. INCOMING - \$0.00
- II. OUTGOING total -**1529.16**
 - \$532.75 - January Pizza Lunch
 - \$350.25 - Movie Night Pizza
 - \$532.75 - February Pizza Lunch
 - \$113.41 - Lillian T, Big Chill (\$60.40) and Teacher Wishlist (\$53.01)
- III. PENDING - OUTGOING
 - \$45.19- Teacher Wishlist (Betty, musical instruments) (Cheque issued)
 - \$33.00 - Movie Night Popcorn (Cheque issued)
 - \$100 - (approx.) Movie Night Snacks
 - \$300 - (approx.) Big Chill art supplies and snacks
 - \$244.25 - HPAS Haunt and Admin (reimbursements, waiting on CIBC approving third signatory)
 - \$32.00 - Donation to Daily Bread
 - \$19.00 - Donation to High Park Nature Centre
- IV. PENDING - INCOMING
 - \$134.00 - Winter Concert donations
 - Also, some pizza lunch money for added slices - ~ \$25.
 - \$110.70 - Sparkplug Coffee fundraiser
 - \$645.68 - SCO Movie Night Pizza sales

There are lots of items pending, due to receipts not being submitted and challenges with timing for making deposits.

5. Committee reports

- i. **Lunch and Learn Committee** -led by Julia Swaigen
 - The workshop could be rescheduled for the same night as ASPS's Movie Night. Annette School Council are probably choosing the date at their meeting, so we will follow up with Jummi later this week.
- ii. **Pizza lunch** – Ivanka is leading this.
 - This year's remaining dates: March 6th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th

- iii. **Big Chill – Led by John Tummonds.** Update given by Roberta
 - Was held at George Bell on Feb 3rd.
 - It was very successful. The arts/crafts station was a welcome addition.
 - Hot chocolate making was an issue
 - Still need to pay expenses (parents need to submit receipts)
- iv. **HPAS Reads – Led by Mahima** -Community picnic with readers. We need to decide on a date and get volunteer parent readers.
 - This was a successful event last year. The event will include pre-ordered pizza, reading circles by grade levels, some activity stations run by senior students (paper airplane making, etc....)
 - Joanne will reach out to past readers and Council will need to pick a date for the event.
- v. **Eco Fair – May 1st**
- vi. **Kindergarten Welcome – No date decided yet.**
 - We will add in the book The Little Caterpillar into KG bags (Note: Post-meeting it was learned front office staff had already purchased a different book out of a desire for bags from Annette and HPAS to be the same.)
- vii. **Mabel’s Labels – Led by Angelica** - Put slips into KG bags. This is to sell labels for kids going to summer camp, KG, etc...
 - It is free to sign up and campaign should last 3 months
 - We get 20% of sales (min \$50 in profit)
- viii. **Grad Committee – Need a call for volunteers to help with the Graduation ceremonies.**
- ix. **Yearbook -**
 - The technical issues with and permissions to the yearbook software have been resolved and work seems to be underway.
 - Still need one dedicated parent volunteer to lead this. Danielle is teacher supervisor. Need more help overall.
 - Volunteer commitment look like (1 day a week)
 - a. Collecting /editing photos,
 - b. Layout
 - c. They are working with creator studio
- x. **Play Day – No Parent Lead identified**
 - i. Kimberly and Lilian Tsim will crochet yarn water balloons
 - ii. Need a Play Day date - we identified a preferred date and will get Marlene to secure the permit.

6. Other business

i. Parent Council Meetings

- Meetings will be on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6pm start time.
- The dates will be: April 30, May 28, June 25.
 - Council will hold some meetings in person and some meetings online.

Meeting was adjourned by Roberta Brown at 7:22 p.m.