



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Thursday February 27, 2014

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** Donna Emeno and Janis Myers

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Review of minutes from Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Motion:** To approve minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 **M/S/C**

### 3. Hastings Administration Report

**Donna Emeno – Principal**

- Christina Harris had a baby boy.
- Inner City Report-
  - A thorough well written report looks at vulnerabilities in schools such as mental health, poverty, physical health etc. The report discusses what works to support vulnerable children in schools such as literacy, early intervention strategies, early learning, social/emotional support and family engagement. A “tier system” classifies school by the number of vulnerable students attending.
  - Tier one, two and three schools
  - Schools ranked by highest concentration of poverty ( the social services index defines poverty by households earning under \$30,000.00 per year), single mother families of two or more kids, recent immigration population, special needs/behavioural, English language learners and aboriginal population . Hastings has been classified as a Tier Two school. The following support programs are required in a Tier Two school Breakfast and lunch programs, Jr. Kindergarten, a literary specialist, social emotional support, at least two more CUPE employees (SSA and neighbourhood worker), Out of school programming and summer programs. All of these positions would become district positions. Currently they are school positions. This could mean less flexibility within the school-this means that the employees can get moved around the district to other schools with lower tier rankings.
  - We may lose two positions at the school because we share the positions with the annex. We currently share 5 positions with the annex and we will be going down to sharing 4 positions.
  - Re-evaluations would happen every 5 years

- The Tillicum annex, as Hastings annex school, bumps us up to a tier two school, otherwise we would be a tier three school. Hastings administration will be involved in making the staffing changes.
- The changes will come into effect Sept 2015
- The Hastings Breakfast program is funded by Colliers. They donate to the VSB. The board, in turn, chose Hastings as one of their recipients of the Breakfast Program funding.
- Enrolment projections:
  - Up 10 in French Immersion and down 10 in English. Class size and composition is yet to be determined.
  - Currently there are about 30 on the French Immersion Kindergarten waitlist for September. This next fall we will not run a K/1 class, as there is no room for it.

### Janis Myers-

- Great trip to Quebec. It was cold. Students and staff had a terrific time.
- On line conference booking system: T
  - Teachers requested the school try an online conference booking system. Janis feels this is one of the better online systems out there and is being used by numerous Vancouver schools. One teacher has opted out because she is not having conferences at the same time as others.
  - The options for families with out access to the Internet could go to the office or they can talk to their teacher. Because they are student led conferences, there are multiple conferences available at a single time slot.
  - What's wrong with the old system? The teachers want to instigate it because it cuts down on their administration and organization time.
  - Janis can alter the amount of personal information that the system requires. A few parents would like to see less personal information required by the system. She will try to see if changes are possible half way through the process.
  - There will be another email to go out to remind parents to sign up. The teachers can then look to see who has not registered and signed up, and then contact them personally.
  - It came up tonight that there was a fair bit of confusion by users who did not realize there were multiple conferences held at once. The wording on the site is a bit unclear about that.
  - Also some concerns were raised this evening, that the wording in the letter home implied that there were no other options for signing up for conferences.
  - This is on a "trial basis" and will be evaluated for next time.
- As far as Donna knows the impending job action will not happen before Spring Break and there by affect the conferences.

### 4. President's Report – Janeen Patchell

- **Bingo night** recap. The night was very successful. There were 50+ adults there, or 40 families. Fantastic prizes donated. \$429 was raised and was an awesome family event.

- **Burger and Bevvie night** on March 7<sup>th</sup> at The Slocan. Not encouraging people to bring their kids but they can come. 50/50 draw. This is a fun social event for parents and a community-building event.
- **Earth week** – Lunchtime activities etc. There will also be a used book sale (will run for the week)– some storage is available but would like the bulk of donations to come in after Spring Break.
- Gently used Kids Clothing Sale- We hope to get some volunteers. Maia has offered to volunteer and with Earth Week in general.

## 5. Treasurer’s Report – Diana Bennett

- Presented our current budget. Currently operating within our budget.
- Diana gave a brief rundown on the funding requests by teachers. \$7,269 has been allocated to fund requests made by school staff and project leaders. She presented a paired down list that the funding committee settled on as worthwhile requests and what would most benefit the students.
- One item on the list is still in limbo – a request from Frances Renzullo for a large screen TV for \$1500.
  - This would be open for all teachers to have access to this even if Frances is not there. If the PAC contributes this money will guarantee the TV will be purchased, the school board will then provide the remaining \$1500 for the installation.
  - There are some concerns about having a TV as part of a Librarian’s teaching resource.
  - Frances needs to teach digital media as part of her role as teacher librarian.
  - The librarian is a valuable resource for Internet research and how to navigate social media. It will help to teach the students how to manage and handle technology, which is an inevitable part of their education and need to learn how to use screens effectively and efficiently.
  - \$3000 includes the installation. The TV itself and the Apple TV will be under \$1500.

**Motion:** to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> portion of funding requests from staff as discussed, excluding the \$1500 request from Frances Renzullo **M/S/C**

**Motion:** to contribute a maximum of \$1500 for a TV for the library **M/S/C**  
One member opposed.

## 6. Committee Reports

### Stream of Dreams (SoD)

- Sara Leckie applied for the ‘Day at the Races’ with the Hastings Racetrack. We have been granted the event but dates are not set. The \$2,500 granted to us by this event, will be given to the PAC, who in turn will give the money to SoD.
- -SoD will be in the school March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Install day is April 5<sup>th</sup>, - volunteers will be needed.

- There will be letter asking families for donations to complete the funding for SoD, is scheduled to go home next week. Money will be collected in the office. The letter asks for \$5 to be donated for each child at the school.
- There is still a chance for other grants to be awarded for this event.

## **7. Other Fundraising Opportunities**

- Meaningful Movies Hosted by Hastings North Community Assc and Hastings PAC receives revenue from the concession. March 20<sup>th</sup> is the next one, Diana and Katie will help Janeen. The upcoming screening is on April 17<sup>th</sup> –Sara will be looking for two volunteers to help her with that.
- St. David's priest, Michael Batten is switching to another parish. St. David's is future is up in the air.

## **8. Other Business**

- FACEBOOK Search 'Hastings PAC' and "like" it and invite your friends. They will post events etc., no pictures. Katie M and her husband will be monitoring the page.
- Stephanie, the new neighbourhood worker, called Diana P about the Spring Fair and she is very keen to work the PAC to make it an exciting event. We have applied for a neighbourhood small grant. She will make some tentative bookings (for inflatables etc) and we will see how the funding looks closer to the date. We should know by the end of March if we receive the grant.
- Shane Simpson has invited the elementary school PAC chairs to meet with him on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Janeen would like to hear from parents if there is anything they would like her to ask or share with Shane.

**Reminder of next PAC meeting Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Thanks.**

***Motion: To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.***

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