



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – www.hastingspac.ca
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday October 29th, 2014

Members Present: See sign in sheet

Staff Present: Donna Emeno and Janis Myers

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of minutes from September 30, 2014

Motion: To approve minutes from the Sept 30th, 2014.

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3. Hastings Administration Report Donna Emeno – Principal

- Shake Out BC earthquake evacuation - very comprehensive plan was executed. Student release on May 7 2015. For this drill, parents will come and pick up their children and sign them out. They will be wearing a pouch on a lanyard with emergency contacts. Parents or designated emergency contact will sign off. If parents cannot find their child at the school then there will be a student release table.
- There have also been 2 fire drills and there will be a Code Red (dangerous intruder) drill in January. Code Red is a lock down procedure – all doors are locked, lights are off and rooms are absolutely silent.
- First patrol training is coming up with the VPD. Nov.16 &17. Ms Kat Wong is the sponsor teacher. The crossing guards will be at Franklin and Penticton and Pentiction and Pandora ? Students grade 5-7 can participate as crossing guards. Those interested will bring home an extensive permission slip.
- Remembrance day assembly Friday Nov. 7th. Monday the 10th is a district closure day and Nov.11th is the stat.
- Staff had a great ProD on Science and curriculum last Monday October 27th.
- Thank you to the outgoing executive.
- CASL consent forms were sent home to receive information about school fundraisers etc. and to meet the Anti-Spam legislation requirements. There seems to be a two-year grace period to implement the consent. 5 divisions didn't get the forms yet. Of all the divisions that did get the form, we have all but 20 consent forms returned. Donna is going to send a letter home to those parents to see if the form was merely overlooked or if they do not want to receive these types of emails from the school.

Janis Myers- Vice Principal

- Parent teacher conferences. Going with the online sign up system for appointments. Decision to go with this was made with feedback from parents and teachers. If you have any feedback about the online sign up, please stop by, email or call and let Janis know. Early dismissal for the conferences Nov.5 and Nov.6. The school is tracking whether there is an increase in parents signing up or not with the new online system. Informally, teachers felt there were more parents signing up. Translations and translator contact info are added to the system. You can also log into the school website and access the sign up there. If a family does not sign up, the teachers contact them directly to arrange an appointment.
- Tech Committee recently met. 5 teachers have joined an inquiry group to meet and attend some afterschool programs and learn how to integrate technology into the new curriculum (and how to

make best use of the iPod carts and the new iPod minis cart). The committee decides where the school/ teachers want to go with technology.

4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- PAC Classroom Rep update: Pauline reported that Ms. Reno, Ms. Wall, Ms. Patrick, Ms. Ma, Mr. Archer, Ms' Morrow/Burkett still need reps. Two parents at the meeting volunteered to do Ms Patrick and Ms Ma's classes. The feedback she is getting from the reps, is that some teachers are reluctant to give out the class list contact info. Pauline will send out the contact info of the class reps through synervoice so that parents can contact them.
- New photographers, Mountain West. Any feedback? There has been an extension of the order deadline Nov. 4 to return forms to the school. If you order online the deadline is Nov. 9. Dec. 6th is a day if you missed photo day and retake day (Janeen will put that in newsletter). It will be at the Mountain West studio and is for all schools. Just drop in, not appointment necessary. Retake day is Nov. 18th. Marc followed up with admin to see if the signing bonus cheque has been received yet and it has not arrived yet. The PAC receives a portion of all the photo orders. Most years this works about to about \$800.00.
- Hydro Box in the primary playground. The box has to stay, but it can be painted to improve it appearance. Janeen asked if there were artists in our community that would be interested in working on it. Melina mentioned the Magpie Collective that paints murals. Maia Griffiths also volunteered to paint it with her friend.

Annual General Meeting

Review of the minutes of the 2013 AGM, October 22th, 2012

Motion: to accept the AGM 2013 minutes

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Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

- Presentation of the financials of last year. The proposed budget outlines expenditures, but not all revenue is listed here, as the events to raise funds have not yet happened. In addition to some of our usual fundraising activities, we also may do a crowd sourcing fundraising campaign this year. We did a short-term appeal with crowd sourcing last year as trial. The proposed budget is based on the budget for the previous year. One small change is to contribute \$150.00 (instead of \$100) to each enrolling classroom teacher for classroom expenses. Diana mentions that the requests for funds that go out to teachers are also available to parents who may want take on a project for the school. Any ideas for fundraising are welcome.

Motion: to accept the budget for the 2014-2015 as presented by the treasurer.

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- The membership voted at the Sept. 30, 2014 meeting to invest up to \$68,000.00 from the grounds account into an easily accessible term deposit at VanCity credit union. The wording of the Sept. 2014 motion lacked specific detail and a new motion has been written. The membership must vote on the revised wording of this motion.

Motion: To open an account at Vancity Branch 3 with signing authority by any two of the following three officers: Chair: (Janeen Patchell), Treasurer: (Diana Bennett), Secretary: (Nancy Tait), with the intention of investing up to \$68,000.00 from the PAC Grounds account in term deposits.

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- Popcorn Machine purchase? More research needs to be done to collect more info. They are expensive and we are looking into what model would best serve our needs and to see if we can buy it at a second hand food equipment store. Currently we borrow the pop corn machine from the Hastings North Community Association but it is not big enough to meet the needs of the school population.

The Election of Officers:

Vice-Chair (2 year term)- Kelly Henry
Secretary (2 year term)- Nancy Tait
Member at Large (2 year term)- Kaila Comeau

Member at Large (1 year term)

- Ali Morris
- Bettina Alexander
- Sarah Johns
- James Stubbs

DPAC Rep (1 year term)- Marcie Bailey

School Planning Council – (1 year term)

-Executive Rep- Janeen Patchell
-Parent Rep- Mike Melnychuk
-Parent Rep- Marc Carey

Motion: *To accept the slate of officers for the 2014-15 school year*

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2. Other Business

- Rockin for a Good Cause, this Saturday Nov. 1. Maritime Labourers Centre at Victoria and Triumph. Multi-charity fundraising event. Get your tickets from Diana Bennett or Diana Pollock. Tickets bought at the door will not benefit Hastings PAC.
- Giants Game on Nov. 21. Tickets available from Adrianna and the Community School Office. The event includes a hotdog dinner, some entertainment and activities. They will be playing the Regina Pats. A match that only comes once every two years.
- Quebec Trip fundraising dance and silent auction. Nov. 29th at Astorino's. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from Janeen or Jen Westoby. It's a super fun time.
- Quebec Trip bottle drive this Saturday Nov. 1. 10-Noon. Call Janeen or Jen Westoby for a pick up.
- Our community school co-ordinator is Jennifer Scott. She is the co-ordinator for the Templeton Hub. The VSB has decided to shuffle all 12-community school co-ordinators in the district. Diana Pollock would like to write a letter on behalf of our PAC to question this decision and questioning their lack of consultation with parents. This is suppose to come into effect in January, which will mean a lot shifting and potential confusion mid way through the school year. There is concern on many levels and some feedback is required. Melina suggests posting a template on the school website. Also to encourage the DPAC to get on board to take this issue up as well.
- Pancake breakfast next Friday Nov. 7. Starting at 7:45 am

Reminder of the next meeting Monday, Nov. 24th, 2014

Motion: *To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.*

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