



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – www.hastingspac.ca
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Monday Nov. 24th, 2014
Members Present: See sign in sheet
Staff Present: Donna Eneo and Janis Myers

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of minutes from October 29th, 2014

Motion: To approve minutes from the Oct. 29th, 2014.

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3. Hastings Administration Report

Donna Eneo – Principal

- Reports coming home on Dec. 12th. Is this earlier than usual? Trying out a new day.
- Christmas dinner Dec. 8th. Superintendent Steve Cardwell, will be serving.
- Traffic patrols first day today. Their training is done. A comment was made that the patrols were actually stopping traffic, which is not what they were trained to do. Donna will follow up with teacher sponsor
- Kerri Serwetinik here running a Soccer seminars for girls. Kerri is the first female inductee to the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame. Program is for girls grades 4-7, lunch time on Fridays.
- School Planning Council had a successful meeting today.
- Bettina asked about similar program as the Soccer for girls, for boys. She was hoping for a program to unit boys on the playground to organize all-inclusive games. Jennifer Law told us about Red Fox Healthy Living Society, that might be an organization we could possibly pursue to run a program for boys. Janis mentioned there is an organized Hockey programmer that comes on Wednesdays for 8-10 weeks at a time. In the new year will on Mondays, grades 5-7
- Thanks to PAC executive to being a support to the staff and administration

Janis Myers- Vice Principal

- No report

4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- Rockin' for a Good Cause Nov. 1st, 2014. We made \$360.00. Next year it will be Nov. 7, 2015. Some community networking happened where some attendees to the dance ended up donating a great prize to the Quebec Silent Auction
- Part of the PAC mandate is to bring an educational component to the PAC members. We are discussing hosting Marnie Goldenberg "The Sexplainer". We can try to tie the presentation to when the students are getting the sex ed. component of the curriculum – which normally happens in the spring. We can look at other presenters that could be guest speakers on other topics that can present on an educational component to parents. We will set a deadline of Dec. 19th for anyone who wants to submit an alternate suggestion. A few parents say they have not received any indication of any sex ed. component from the school that it is being covered in their child's classroom. Suggestion was made to put a link on the PAC website to the ministry's curriculum and a suggestion for Parents to discuss with their child's teacher.
- Dec. 19th an informal Christmas 'meet and greet' with Admin and teachers. We will have some seasonal refreshments. 5 – 6:30 in the library.
- Dates for future PAC meetings. Tues. Jan 20, Thur. Feb. 26, Wednesday April 8, Tuesday May 5. The dates will be in the newsletter this Thursday.

- Bingo Night. Janeen asked which date is best. Wed. Feb. 19th (which is also Chinese New Year), next day is a ProD. Thursday Feb. 12th is the alternate date with regular school the next day. The 12th was decided on.
- Burger and Beer night will be in April.
- Kaila brought up the Magazine subscription fundraiser. Janeen will keep an eye out for an information package coming to the school soon. She will pass it on to Kaila to write up a little blurb to go out to class reps before Christmas. The Synervoice system could be used as only 10 families have opted out the promotional emails. The subscriptions do not have to be linked to any specific student, but rather will be linked to the PAC.

5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

- Request for funding forms have gone out to all the teachers in the school. They are due back on Dec. 19th, 2014. The PAC then decides which requests best benefit the students and the school.
- Gaming Acct. deposit (\$11,580.00) has been received for this year and that account now sits at \$23,210.00
- General Account sits at \$13,260.86.
- Pou4fq1ru1 1` ijqkkk2k2kkkww1Vancity term deposits have been purchased with \$68,000.00 from the grounds account for longer-term savings until the funds will be needed.
- Diana will be going to the reception tomorrow night for the Hastings North Community Assc. For the grant they gave us for the spring fair.

6. Other Business

- **Quebec dance and Silent Auction** is this Saturday Nov. 29th, 2014. Tix still available. It is at Astorino's, 2 bands, cash bar. No tickets are being sold at the door.
- Family Photo night fundraiser. Mountain West comes in with the photographers and the PAC charges a sitting fee, which is 100% ours. Mountain West receives the revenue from the prints. It is up to the PAC to decide on an appropriate sitting fee. The photos are 8"x10". Mountain West doesn't require an minimum number of sign ups. Perhaps if it looks popular, we could get more than one photographer from MW on the night. What is the turn around time for mother's day? Marc will look into it and we will set a date based on what they say about turning around time. He will ask about how long a sitting time is required.
- **The Multicultural Breakfast.** Jen Westoby. One was held two years ago as a breakfast potluck. It's a gathering for the school and a community-building event. It is done in conjunction with REAL parents. She was just checking to see if the PAC were interested in being involved again this year
- **School Planning Council.** Marc discussed what went on at today's meeting. Today they signed off on the current school plan, next meeting they will discuss the plan for the next academic year. The specifics of the meeting are available only to the SPC. The plan is on the Hastings website.
- **Art for the Sky-** 4 years ago we did a project where we created a picture of a baby salmon and was photographed from above. This year we could follow up and do another design, maybe an adult salmon? Or some other topical issue? The cost is \$11,000.00. We received grants to cover most of the cost. One of the main costs is supplying the T-shirts for the kids. One of the benefits of this project is it involves the entire school and the next day the kids get to see the video of the previous day's project. If we were undertake this project we would need to start applying for grants and we would ask parents to kick in \$5 per kid to help cover the cost of the T-shirts.
- **Popcorn machine purchase.** The price range for the size of maker we need is \$359 from Costco, and ranges up to \$2000.00 for special ordered machines. Diana P suggested we try the Costco model to try out. If we don't like it, we can return it. The purposed use of the machine would be to allow it to be out on loan to the school community for fundraising or spring fair, bingo nights etc. Regular popcorn sales could be set with various groups running and benefiting from it.

Motion: To Buy the Costco popcorn machine model

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- **Community School Co-Ordinators** positions are not being changed at this time and are currently on hold.
- **Giant's game** was successful. One complaint that the only drinks available at the event were pop.
- We will send a notice of the Dec. 16th meet and greet will go out via the PAC reps and then send out a synervoice email a reminder.
- Keep and eye out for English grade 7 fundraising (turkey raffle etc)

Reminder of the next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 2014

Motion: To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

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