



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Tuesday September 22, 2015

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

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

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Review of minutes from May 5th, 2015

**Motion:** To approve minutes from May 5th 2015.

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## 3. Hastings Administration Report

### Donna Emeno – Principal

- Welcome back everybody.
- Smooth opening and students were in classes by the first Friday back . 618 students, 298 in English
- Thanks for coming to the corn roast. Good turn out.
- New Staff Kelly Haun from the annex, District REM teacher, Amber Logie W/ a family worker and district support worker in the Rem class. New band teacher – Kyle Ledingham starting after Thanksgiving. Band is only for 6 & 7 students. New primary music teacher who has lots of exciting plans.
- We've lost our librarian, Frances Renzullo. Still hoping to fill her position from the staff and have Frances come back one day a week as well.
- Pro- D on Monday. Topic is self-regulation
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Shake Out BC, emergency evacuation drill. We had fire drill last week and the school was cleared under 2 minutes.
- Staff is encouraging students to ride bikes or walk to school. Reminder for students to walk bikes on the school grounds.
- Crossing guard training started today with trustee Christopher Richardson.
- Participation report asks for students to be outside for physical activity on recess and lunch breaks. Please make sure kids

### Armin Samiei- Vice Principal

- We have started tweeting out information. Please add #hastings\_elem to your twitter feed.

## 4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- Every Hastings parent is part of the Hastings PAC. We have our bylaws and constitution on the PAC website. [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca).
- We try to keep it up to date and we looking for help from the parent group.
- We have a small Exec group that meets once an month, then meet with the larger membership once a month.
- Events and Programs... See voice memo.
- Some events are fundraisers and some are just for community building.
- We are looking for new members to join the PAC exec from both English and French streams.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Community school and the community policing centre are hosting a night at the Giants game. There will be some food and games before hand from 5 – 6, skating on the rink and there is Zamboni ride all for \$20. Tickets are available from the community school office.

## 5. Art for the Sky– Diana Bennett & Diana Pollock

- A giant image is made on the ground with the students and the artist takes a photo from a crane. The artist delivers an environmental message about being an important part of a larger whole. He presents this at an assembly on the first day.
- The final video will be shown at an assembly on Friday.

- The photo will be taken after lunch on Thursday. The process takes about an hour. The field will be gridded out on Wednesday. Black bark mulch, donated by Home Depot, to mark the outline, will be placed on the field as well.
- PAC is funding this project with some grants and generous discounts (on t-shirts)
- We need more blue jeans for the blue fill. If you want them back just tag them and they will be returned.
- This event happens rain or shine.
- The total cost of the shirts was \$5000. We are asking parents to contribute \$5 for their shirts. We will send an envelope and photo home and ask for \$ contributions to the t-shirts to be sent back in the envelope if desired.

## 6. Other Business

- **Class Reps – Pauline** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year using the Class Reps. It is very low commitment to be a rep. Pauline is the liaison to the PAC and she forwards the info to the rep, who then forwards her email to the parents in the class
- **Synervoice – Janeen** It is a VSB wide information system. When the contact info forms come home next week, synervoice will pull an email off that the contact form to use as a home contact. It will only take one email off the contact form. It will pull the “Parent/ Guardian” email contact.
- There was a question about sending both hard copies and electronic of the communications. We are trying to reduce paper usage, so most communications will be electronic.
- **Healthy Eating in the Classroom – Sara L.** This is an initiative to help advise classroom teachers about the amount of sweet treats in classrooms. A small committee was formed and they are hoping to collaborate with teachers to come up with a school healthy eating plan. Efriem mentioned the two issues that bother him the most. One is the time and financial pressure to bring some baking or treats for a child’s birthday and the kids are not eating healthy food from home due to birthday treats given out at school. The other is that teachers use candy and food for rewards in the classroom. The PAC needs to canvas the opinion of the larger parent group whether this issue for the majority. Sara is also concerned with the volume of the treats that are given out, even though the treats are given out of kind generosity. Marcie iterated that whole inative was meant to raise concerns and promote a healthy school environment, not to dictate a protocol.

## 7. Treasurer’s Report – Diana Bennett

- See voice memo for account info
- Funding Requests- this goes out to staff and parents, in a pdf form, and funds for projects or events can be requested. The first send out will go out next week to be delivered in January. The next one will go out in the early spring.
- See voice memo for things the pac sponsors.

## 8. Annual General Meeting and Potluck: October 28<sup>th</sup>

- Positions up for election Chair (2 year), Vice- Chair (1 Year), Treasurer (2 year), Member at Large (2 year), Member at Large x4 (1 year), DPAC rep (1 year). Secretary position will be vacated by the end of the school year.
- The time commitment is not huge. 2 meetings a month. Depending on your level of interest and commitment you may take on a project.
- Come to the AGM or let one of the executive know you are interested and please let others know.

Reminder of the next meeting October 28th, 2015.

**Motion: To adjourn at 8:35 p.m.**

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