



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday October 22<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** Carol Andison and Janice Meyers

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Review of minutes from September 25, 2013

*Motion: To approve minutes from the Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.*

M/S/C

## 3. Hastings Administration Report

**Carol Andison – Interim Principal**

**Janis Myers- Vice Principal**

- Welcome to Carol Andison.
- Donna Emeno's surgery went well and she is in frequent contact with the school through Janis and Carol.
- Terry Fox run was a huge success
- Cross Country meet went well with Hastings students receiving 3 medals
- Visit from the teacher regulation branch. Visited 3 different classrooms
- Pro D – out staff participated in the "mind up program" on the Provincial Pro D
- Circus performer spending the week working with every class teaching a variety of circus styles to all the students.
- Lunch room noise is trying to be controlled with educational initiatives – teachers discussing the Hastings Code of Contact with their classes

## 4. Playground Report –Janeen & Diana

- Grand opening October 9<sup>th</sup>. Many VIPs, donors, and alumni were present at the event. The primary students put together a song presentation w/ Mme Sylvie's help.
- It is all done except some funding for the final piece of equipment.
- There are some serious concerns with the sand in the sandbox. There was a meeting this morning with the VSB grounds rep and the solution was to remove the sandbox. This was deemed an unsuitable solution. We are hopeful that there will be an amicable resolution soon. In the meantime a letter will be written to the school trustee. The fences are down now and the sandbox has re-opened.
- There is a planting day Tuesday next week. 5 teachers have volunteered to participate with their classes. Vicki is looking for volunteers and trowels for the day. 4 - 5 volunteers are needed. The day will run from 9 – 2 and the day will be broken to 20-minute segments of planting times. They need to find a place to store plants from Monday drop to Tuesday planting.
- There is a catch 22 regarding the VSB and who can dig the holes for the trees. Parent volunteers could do it. Murray from VSB will talk to Habitat and perhaps give them permission to use an auger to dig the holes.

## AGM

## Review of the minutes of the 2012 AGM, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*Motion to accept the AGM 2012 minutes:*

M/S/C

## **The Election of Officers:**

Chair (2 year term)– Janeen Patchell  
Vice-Chair (1 year term)- Carolyn Reemeyer  
Treasurer (2 year term)- Diana Bennett  
Member at Large (2 year term)- Jennifer Law

Member at Large (1 year term)  
- Fatan Salem  
- Maia Griffiths  
- Vicki Leung  
- Katie McKenzie

DPAC Rep (1 year term)- Sheelagh Davis  
Past Chair (1 year term) –Tim Wearing

School Planning Council – (1 year term)  
-Executive Rep- Tim Wearing  
-Parent Rep- Laura Lightbown  
-Parent Rep- Mike Melnychuk

## **2. Other Business**

- Rockin' for a Good Cause. Suggestion for the Moms to go to the dance and the Dads go to the Giants game with the kids.
- Giants fundraiser between the all the Templeton hub schools. The tickets are \$17. Pre-game party with activities for kids, hot dog dinner etc.
- Meaningful Movies – PAC receives the proceeds from the concession.
- Scrooge fundraiser in Dec. is also at St. David's church

**Motion: To adjourn at 8:10 p.m. M/S/C**



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** Carol Andison and Janis Myers

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Guest Speakers:

**Tony**, grade 7 French Immersion parent.

- Quebec Dance and Silent Auction – an annual community event and fundraiser for the grade 7 FI trip to Quebec. This is Tony's second time organizing this event as one of the grade 7 parents. It's a lot of fun and useful to observe if your child is in the FI program, as you will be organizing the dance one day. The money is raised for the annual trip for grade 7's - any surplus money raised by the class will be donated back to the PAC/school.

### 3. Review of minutes from October 22, 2013:

*Motion to approve minutes from the October 22, 2013.*

*M/S/C*

### 4. Hastings Administration Report

#### Carol Andison – Interim Principal

- School has received 80 tickets for the production, "Frog and Toad" at the Norman Rothstein theatre. Younger primary English division students are going to go.
- Movie night was a success. The school does not charge an admission for the screening. We are not charging admission due to copyright laws.
- Planting day was a success. Thanks to all who came out and helped.
- The dog poo issue has receded. Mme. Natalie's class made funny PSA posters to educate playground users on properly curbing your dog.
- Remembrance Day assembly was a success.
- Volleyball is going well. Carol reminds us to be sure to thank all the teachers who help with extra curricular programs such as this.
- 416 plates consumed at the recent pancake breakfast. The biggest turn out to date.
- Ms. Bion led a "yoga-thon" to support kids going to Camp Sasamat.
- Christmas dinner is coming up, Dec. 5. An RSVP from invitees and families in need are accepted first, then all others hoping to attend may receive a ticket by lottery selection.
- Pro D this Friday.
- Kindergarten registration – it will be done a bit differently and done on line. If you are doing French Immersion (a choice program), you have to register in your English catchment school, and then register in the choice program. The registration is all on line and the time lines will be strictly adhered to. Nov. 1 and January 31 for English. French Immersion will be January 10 – 31.
- The VSB is doing a "Revisioning Project" about inner-city areas. We have been asked to participate to assess the level of vulnerability amongst our student population. The VSB staff went through and analyzed every class with the teacher and the counselling team. They determined there were about 200 students with notable vulnerabilities, which is double what the administration thought it would be. When the description of what defines 'vulnerable children' is available, parents will be given a copy.

- **Foundation Skills Assessments for Grade 4 & 7 students.** Parents can go on line and look at sample questions etc. The FSAs are controversial because the Fraser Institute is believed to skew the results and do not represent the statistics accurately. What the FSAs do offer, is that it gives a child an opportunity to write a formal, standardized test. Also, schools can take the data to see how we are doing as a school i.e., "Math results declining etc". Carol asks parents to think seriously about whether they want to have their kids opt out of writing the exam. She suggests you go after the Fraser Institute instead, and urge them to represent the test scores accurately. The more that people are aware of the "game that they are playing" the better. The province does look at the test score to help determine curriculum, as it is the only standardized test that is administered province wide. Last year 18% of Hastings students did not write the exam. Students and parents need to understand that the results tell us little about how a student is doing at school. Although the test results are meaningless, parents can emphasize doing 'the best you can' and treat it as a useful exercise for test writing. You can opt your child out, but it requires parents to take that action to not participate by writing a note stating your choice of not having your child take the test. There is a website for parents to lobby against the FSA if interested. Pulling bright kids out doesn't help the stats. The BCTF wants to see the test abolished. Carol thinks it is good training for formal test taking but The Fraser Institute is doing an increasingly terrible job of interpreting and reporting the stats.

#### **5. President's report – Janeen Patchell**

- We had a successful first executive meeting with the new 2013/2014 members.
- The PAC netted \$440 from the ticket sales to the 60's dance.
- Seth Oldham requested an opportunity to come chat about Templeton School. The deadline for parents to apply for choice secondary programs is in February.
- We are looking at introducing 'Please Mum' fundraiser, for shopping purchases made at their on-line children's wear store. Look for more information about this in the next newsletter.
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#### **6. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett.**

- Presented the proposed budget for the next year.
- \$2600, total, will be donated from the PAC for each enrolling classroom teacher to spend \$100 on school supplies or class activities.
- Janeen explained that the budget is based on previous year's budget
- Within the PAC budget, there is money available for teachers to make special requests for funding. The form will go out to teachers in Dec. The requests received will be looked at in January and money allocated in February.
- Line Item, Events, are things like spring fair etc. Usually fundraising events. Spending money to make money.

***Motion to accept the 2013 – 2014 budget as presented.***

***M/S/C***

#### **7. Playground Report**

- Diana P. drafted a letter, and Janeen signed it, to Patti Baccus, VSB chair. This letter was to express our displeasure with the VSB's suggestion to remove the sandbox and replace it with bark mulch. Jim Machino, head of VSB grounds, responded promptly. He thinks the type of sand used was an appropriate choice, and students are now learning to brush off excess sand from their clothing. Sand being tracked into the school has not been as big an issue since the rain started. The sandbox's location close to the air vents is still an issue. VSB grounds have suggested a buffer zone, within the sandbox, to change the proximity of the sand to the vents. We have made it clear that we will not pay any further money to resolve the issue, but we do insist on having a say in the solution.
- We are still required to plant 3 more trees to fulfill the Evergreen grant. We are in a catch 22 situation because there is no VSB personnel available to do the planting. Also, a decision on tree placement should be deferred until the sandbox location and issues are resolved.

- There is a playground drainage issue. Today there was pool forming over the central drain. Diana Bennett cleared the blockage but found it difficult to replace the drain grate. The issue is that there is a basket underneath the drain grate, which gets blocked with bark mulch and thick gravel. Whose responsibility is it to clear the mulch from the traffic area? It is not a custodial responsibility, but more likely a VSB grounds responsibility. Parents and students can help to take care of this by periodically clearing the bark mulch and gravel from the area of the drain.

#### **6. Stream of Dreams**

- Two more grants have been applied for (Kinder Morgan and TD). We are still looking for another \$5000 -\$6000 to complete the funding for this project.
- We are booking the project for March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Pauline G is going to approach a fishing company she used to work for, for a donation.

#### **7. Fundraising**

- Meaningful Movies @ St. David's church every third Thursday of the month – Hastings PAC runs the concession, so come out and support the PAC. This month Sara, Katie, and Maia are volunteering. The documentary "What would Jesus Buy" will be screened Nov. 21st.
- "Scrooge – a dramatic reading" will be produced at historic St. David's Church. It's Hastings turn to benefit from the proceeds from this community event. Dec. 17 & 18th, are the purposed dates. There will be a concession and bake sale. This is a very enjoyable seasonal event performed by professional actors. We are really trying to sell out the 2 nights to make a potential profit of \$1200.00. Diana B and Diana P will be selling tickets soon.
- Kids Clothing sale and Book Sale will be done in conjunction with Earth Week. Book Sale will be held as in the past- leaving the book rack out in the foyer for the week and money collected on the honour system. Please start saving your books and kids clothes for these sales.

#### **8. Other Business**

- Diana B. suggested parents take their children to "Pencils and Playgrounds/Chalk and Lockers – Tales from schools" which is coming up this week at Strathcona elementary. Very fun performance - retelling of hilarious stories from schools, presented by Raincity Chronicles.

**Thanks.**

***Motion: To adjourn at 8:38 p.m.***

***M/S/C***



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Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**M/S/C**

## 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. 7<sup>th</sup>. Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> is a district closure day and Nov.11<sup>th</sup> is the stat.
- Staff had a great ProD on Science and curriculum last Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*Motion: to accept the AGM 2013 minutes*

**M/S/C**

#### 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.*

**M/S/C**

- 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.*

**M/S/C**

- 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*

***M/S/C***

## **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. 29<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

***M/S/C***





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Minutes - Meeting 7pm Monday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Members Present: See sign in sheet  
Staff Present: Donna Eneo and Janis Myers

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Review of minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*Motion: To approve minutes from the Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

**M/S/C**

### 3. Hastings Administration Report

#### Donna Eneo – Principal

- Reports coming home on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Is this earlier than usual? Trying out a new day.
- Christmas dinner Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup> (which is also Chinese New Year), next day is a ProD. Thursday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> is the alternate date with regular school the next day. The 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. 29<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**M/S/C**

- **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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

***M/S/C***



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Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

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

**1. Guest Speaker:**

**Jason Lauzon – VP Templeton Secondary**

- Here to answer questions about grade 7 transitions to grade 8. Opportunity to find out more about the school at an open house to parents of the grade 6 & 7 students this Thursday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students who are leaving FI program and would like to go to Templeton would likely be placed in grade 10 French. They also have an opportunity to Spanish or Mandarin. Temp has a French Intensive program to offer to students who have studied French in Elementary school in the English stream. He is open to answering questions at any time and you can give him a call anytime at the school if you can't make the open house. Templeton's enrolment has shrunk over the last few years – they are currently at 800. Check out their website for grade 8 application process. Feb. 13 there will be an onsite at Hastings orientation for the grade 7's. They come back in April and speak specifically to students who will be going to Templeton. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> there is an orientation/articulation at Templeton for new students and new parents. Templeton has great programming: Culinary Arts Program, Drama and Film making, STEM program (science, tech, Engineering and Math).

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Review of minutes from Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

*Motion: To approve minutes from the Nov. 18, 2013*

*M/S/C*

**4. Hastings Administration Report**

**Donna Emeno – Principal**

- Administration is meeting with Secondary (Van Tech and Templeton) schools in the area for about the grade 7 transitions. More information about articulation will be out to families soon.
- Enrolment projections – Student population will remain about the same, about 580 students but we are down in English about 20 students and up about 13 -14 students in French. There will be the same number of divisions in French Immersion but we may lose a division in English.
- Code Red drill next Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be instructing students what to do during a full lock down. We let the students know it is a safety drill and the staff and students take it very seriously! This year the staff will implement changes to the drill from suggestions made by the VPD liaison officer last year.
- What happens in a Code Red in a classroom with a bay window? The rooms with bay windows have an inside connection to another room where the teacher and students can go.

**Janis Myers**

- FSAs for students in grades 4 & 7 are happening over two weeks starting the first week of February. There is an online satisfaction survey going out after the FSAs for students and parents. This is a general satisfaction survey about your school experience. It is still too early to tell how many students will be opting out this year.

- Ready, Set, learn last week with Children's Author - only 6 families attended.
- French Immersion Kindergarten Information night was recently held. About 25 families came.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions will be held in June.

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

- Sandra Simmonds (former Hastings VP) passed away suddenly on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2013. PAC would like to make a donation to her son, Jayden, for his future education. The money would be given as a one-time gift to the family to administer.
- Diana B suggests the PAC could afford a gift of \$500 from a miscellaneous budget line item. Parents are also able to donate as individuals. There will be an announcement made in the next newsletter regarding the PAC donation as well as an announcement for parents who wish to donate individually.

***Motion: to donate \$500 of PAC funds toward Sandra Simmonds' son Jayden for his future education.*** ***M/S/C***

- Feb. 13 is the date for our Second Annual Bingo night. It will be a valentine's theme and on a school night so the event won't run late. Looking for about 20 prizes for the night that appropriate for both kids and adults. We will be pre-selling bingo cards and food tickets. We need volunteers for the night and Diana P is passing a sign up sheet around.
- Burger and Beer Night. Tentative date of March 7<sup>th</sup>. Venue is still undecided. Last year we made \$1400.
- Earth Week - the week of April 21<sup>nd</sup> -. Hosting a book sale in the main foyer of the school where a book rack will be set up for the week. Please hold on to your books for donations until after spring break. There will be a notice in the newsletter regarding this and when they can be brought by the school to be stored for the sale. Adult and children's books accepted –no textbooks. Also there will be a kids clothing sale, please hang onto your used clothes to donate. We will need lots of volunteers to help organize and run the sale. The exact date is not yet determined.
- Spring Fair- May 9<sup>th</sup> -an event run with the community school office and is a joint benefit fundraiser for the Community School Office and the PAC. We run a perennial plant sale, bouncy castle, face painting, & cakewalk. There was some discussion on how to attract more participants: Carnival rides, Food Trucks, Pasta dinners. Franklin uses a punch card system to pay for all the food and events
- Change of date for the next meeting because the 20<sup>th</sup> was conflicting with Meaningful Movies and was the night before a Pro –D. January's screening was about the same as every month. There were about 20 patrons.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report – Diana B**

- Currently have \$14,000 minus the \$2600 for the enrolling classroom teachers taking it down to 11,400.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

- **Stream of Dreams** – we applied for funding but were not successful in getting the grants applied for. \$3000 in funds have already been secured. We have planned to go ahead with the program and the PAC exec will put in \$3000 to secure the event and ask families to contribute \$5 per child and hope to raise the last \$3000 with this campaign. If we secure more money through grants, donations or Hastings families then it will offset the PAC contribution. The project costs \$9000. There are two more grants that are being applied for (RBC Bluewater Fund and Vancity). Sara Leckie will be the liaison between the school and Stream of Dreams.
- **Playground** – There will be an announcement in the newsletter about Playground developments

## 7. Fundraising Report

- Meaningful Movies. Hastings in part of the North Hastings Community Partners group; we help to host and sell the concession and get the proceeds from the sale. It also helps to promote school in the community. The next one is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers for the 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers need to be there from 6 – 9 pm.
- Scrooge, a dramatic reading at St. David's in December. It was a great event. Tends to be a difficult sell to people who haven't been there before. \$563 on the bake sale, there was a parishioner who donated \$300. Future events are up in the air as the current priest is leaving and it will be up to his replacement to decide if he/she wants to continue.
- Neighbourhood small grants applications are being currently accepted and we could perhaps apply for one to help with the Scrooge event if it happens this year. We usually apply for one the Spring Fair. We may apply for a grant for the Stream of Dreams but the timeline for that might be tight.

## 8. Other Business

- Carolyn R presented the idea of starting a French Course through Canadian Parents for French here at the school and was wondering if there is some interest. We need more than 6 parents in order to run a course.
- We are wondering if our Facebook page is useful. Right now our Facebook page is not functioning well. Katie McKenzie volunteered herself and her husband to update it.
- Family French camp put on Canadian Parents for French. There are a few around the province, it's a lot a fun and they are accepting registrations now. Check out the CPF website for more info. You have to be a member of CPF to register.

Thanks.

*Motion: To adjourn at 8:42 p.m.*

*M/S/C*



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.***

***M/S/C***



**Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday April 16, 2014**

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Review of minutes from Thursday February 27th, 2014**

***Motion:*** *To approve minutes from the February 27th, 2014* **M/S/C**

**3. Hastings Administration Report**

**Donna Emeno – Principal**

- Thank you to all volunteers for the new hemisphere climber install, and as well with those who helped out with the Stream of Dreams install. It looks fantastic. Thanks to Jennifer, Sara and Mike for their hard work. Most of the fish are up on the fence but there a few yet to be added.
- Earth Day assembly on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> am to kick off earth week. Anyone wanting to speak at this assembly should let Donna know. On the environmental note, VSB will now be picking up food scraps. Will be starting Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and hopefully will well for our lunch program
- VSB preliminary budget proposals and cut backs. Proposed budget document is available to be viewed, on the VSB website. No teacher layoffs but some will be laid off, but there will be many teachers surplussed across the district.
- Cutbacks in 4 major areas. The educational areas are Continuing Ed will be discontinued, band and strings will be discontinued, liaison workers reduction, area counsellors reduction of 3 positions, educational psychologists reduction of 1 position, speech and language pathologists reduction of 1 position, multicultural liaison workers reduction of 2 positions, library services and supplies a budget reduction, literacy mentor consultant reduction of position, ELL consultants reduction of 1 position, peer to peer mentorship elimination of program, athletic co-ordinator elimination of position, pro-d co-ordinator elimination of position. Adding 3 additional days of non-instructional days to the school calendar.
- [VSB DPAC.ca](http://VSB DPAC.ca) you can find a survey monkey to express concerns about the budget cut backs to the DPAC.
- Budget will come into effect on Sept. 2014, if accepted.
- Everything that is cut affects the students and the school environment.
- **Omar Bhijimi -Project Manager: Hub For Active School Travel – City of Vancouver.** The report is complete and Donna has the final copy if interested in

viewing it. Interesting results from the survey that our families filled out. Recommendations to install crosswalks at Penticton and Franklin along with sidewalk bulges making it easier for parents to park in the London Drugs/community parking lot and walk their children to the school from there. Improved crossing on the Adanac corridor improvements, and traffic calming on Dundas.

- We love have parents and families in the school, but please keep your conversation outside or in the lounge area once school begins.
- Next meeting Donna will talk about request for classroom placements and classroom compositions.
- Crossing guards? We lost our sponsor teacher to illness and the window of opportunity to train with the VPD has passed. We will be eligible for this training again next year.

#### **Janis Myers- Vice principal**

- Bell schedule handed out.
- Draft of the school calendar was handed out. The only thing that should change at all, are the goal setting conference dates.
- If the VSB passes the addition of 3 non-instructional days in Nov., it will affect the bell schedule. The revised calendar/bell schedule will be distributed to families at the end of May.
- School fees proposals. What we are look at right now are the supply fees from the district \$25 and the \$10 for the agendas but this year will be \$7 due to receiving a reduced rate from the distributor.
- Two grade 7 fees: Camp \$200 and Quebec Trip \$1000. Band program \$125. Performance fees of \$15 to pay for the performers who come to the school. When the proposals are submitted to the board, they then approve them and are then available to be published.

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

- Distributed a petition to the board to save the band and strings program.
- Earth Week- lunchtime activities of skipping ropes, hula-hoops, and sidewalk chalk. We need one or two volunteers/ per day, to help monitor the play equipment. We'd like the playground equipment be out and available to kids on days other than Earth Week.
- Used book sale- Please bring in your used adult and children's books to donate. We haven't worked out a pricing yet, but it will be cheep and all funds raised go to the PAC. Frances R. will be looking over the books first for the library.
- Kids Clothing Sale- Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Multi purpose room. We are still working out pricing details.
- Burger and Bevvie night – March 7<sup>th</sup> and we raised \$1240. Big success and if you have comments or thoughts for next time, please let us know.
- All student bathrooms now have a push button tap on at least one faucet.
- Spring Fair – Diana Pollock: May 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30- 5:30
  - We received a grant. There will be pony rides, bouncy castles and carnival games, cotton candy, popcorn, food vendor, cake walk.

- Looking for someone to take on the perennial plant sale, as Jane cannot do it. It involves setting up on the day, categorizing plants, getting donations of perennials from the neighbourhood.
- Cakes for cake walk. Looking to get some cakes donated from bakeries?
- Set up starts about 1 pm if you can help out.

## 5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

- We are in a good financial place. Last meeting we approved the teachers' request and just a couple have been spent so far.
- SoD was covered by grants and parents donations and we have not needed to donate from the PAC. Any fundraising that comes in now will be money in the bank, however we still need finish paying the VSB for the playground.
- Michael Thompson just was able to find a TV for Frances at the library at a good price \$600~ and we will have to buy an apple TV for \$100. He is also going to personally donate 2 projectors.

## 6. DPAC Report- Sheelagh Davis

- She attended the pre-budget meeting at the board.
- One thing is hitting her about the budget coming out is that the state of funding to public education. They presented a fantastic power point about the state of funding public education. There was a lot frustration on the part of board. This is not just a moment to hammer the VSB. They do need to be asked hard questions. She is not seeing anything coming from DPAC to go after the government about the state of funding. The funding is the worst it's ever been and it's going to get far worse.
- It's been 12 years of inadequate funding. The year the budget short fall is \$12.4 million; next year they are projecting a shortfall of \$23 million.
- Sheelagh has asked for the VSB PowerPoint to be sent to her.

## 7. Committee Reports

### Stream of Dreams (SoD) – Sara Leckie

- Kids who missed it that week will have an opportunity to make it up and do a portion of the educational proponent. The date is uncertain. We will get a SoD facilitator to come for that.
- The fish were all installed by parents (~30) and varnished by 10 parents.
- Pacific Salmon Foundation, Vancity grant came in at the last moment, Hastings Racecourse and the parents made up the last monies.
- Final reports to funders are just being drawn up now.

## 8. Other Fundraising Opportunities

- Meaningful Movies Hosted by Hastings North Community Assc and Hastings PAC receives revenue from the concession. April 17<sup>th</sup>. "Martin Luther King in Palestine". Sheelagh and Sara will do the concession and bring some baking. Next one is May 15<sup>th</sup>, and the last one is June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Day At the Races – Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Still organizing details about the time etc. The tickets will be for sale at a good price. Typically it is 1 – 4 and there is a raffle - Come for a light lunch, raffle etc. Garibaldi is hoping to turn it into more

of a bigger fundraiser, in which case Jennifer Law may need more help organizing and on the day.

## 9. Other Business

- **Bike to School Week** – Sheelagh Davis (w/Seth Oldham): Our Community Bike Club, is going well. Bike to school week is coming up last week in May. Looking to hear from parents who are already in a culture of biking and perhaps get a mass bike ride together. Thinking of designating 3 meeting spots to connect with other parents and kids to bike to school in a safe group during BTSW. Maybe a fun greeting when they get to school to raise the profile of the week. Is there a potential leadership role of older students involved with Our Community Bike Club? Earth week assembly and Spring Fair might be opportunity to promote the BTSW with kids and parents. We could incorporate information from Omar's report and give it some profile.
- **Any ideas to promote BTSW?** We can set up a table at the spring fair and pinpoint 3 meeting spots and get the students involved with generating interest.
- "Hub" will often do come and a bike tune up session at the school if poorly working bikes is a barrier for anyone
- New bike racks are available, but we have to pay to install them and figure out where they go.
- Seth is looking at getting some prizes from some bike stores that he has some connections with.
- Bike decorating idea at the Spring Fair? Tune up guy at the Spring Fair? Spin art bike on a stationary bike at the SF?
- Blurb in the newsletter about Travis and Our Community Bike Club (also part of Hub) to connect with him in the broader school community.
- **School Photos**- Janeen has heard from a parent a few times pushing to find a new school photographer. We need to research a new photo company and it needs to be done soon as the contract gets signed in June for the following year. Bestway is in arrears for 6 years in composite photos and has not delivered on books of student photos for the administration. Bestway gives us about \$800 of their proceeds that we get in June; as do most other photo companies. Some complaints about Bestway have been about backgrounds, settings for group shots, and giving the kids a "once over" before the photo is taken etc.
- Marc "Bennett" has volunteered to research a new photography company. Mountain West is a big one and there are 3 or 4 others to look into.
- **Synervoic**e emails are not working great. People are finding that no link to the newsletter is a barrier to reading it.
- The crash of the VSB site just after spring break was an unusual perfect storm of unfortunate events.

**Reminder of next PAC meeting Monday May 12, 2014**

**Thanks.**

***Motion: To adjourn at 8:39 pm***

***M/S/C***



**Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Monday May 12, 2014**

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Cheyanne and Andrew from the YMCA**

- Presenting brochure for the day camps being offered by the YMCA this summer.
- Many great programs and offer, and they do fill up quickly.
- Main camps are 9 am to 4 pm, but there are options for extended childcare from 7:30 am to 6 pm.
- Registration on line is starting now.

**3. Review of minutes from Wednesday April 16, 2014**

**Motion:** *To approve minutes from the April 16, 2014*

**M/S/C**

**4. Hastings Administration Report**

**Donna Emeno – Principal**

- Best Spring Fair EVER.
- Job action – might be moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of action with rotating strikes. VSB website and the BCTF websites will provide continuous updates on the job action.
- Dorothy Simmons is in to replace councillor Nicola Ingram who is receiving treatment for Breast Cancer. Dorothy is a retired councillor and a friend of Nicola's.
- Requests for class placement will be accepted until Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please put any requests in writing. There will be 13 divisions each of both English and French Immersion. The finalized list of which teachers will be teaching which grade, will be in the May newsletter. School calendar will also be in the May newsletter.
- Meeting with the school planning council. Teachers will not be meeting with the school planning council due to job action. Donna will be the school representative at the meeting. Will be continuing to discuss the same goals as last few years, literacy, social responsibility and aboriginal education.
- Thanks to Janeen and the PAC executive and all parents who volunteer.
- Volunteer tea is next Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stephanie will be sending out invitations
- Newsletter comes out in a Synervice email as an attachment, which is working much better

- Rotating strike, students can still be dropped off at the school, but only administrators are in the school and no classes are conducted.

#### **Janis Myers- Vice principal**

- Tech committee update. The 3 apple TVs were installed today and they have been set up with 1 new document cameras and 1 new projector. Michael and Michelle Thompson donated 2 more projectors. French Immersion e learning money was available and teachers voted to purchase some more document cameras. Teachers did training with the cameras on the most recent pro D.
- Welcome to Kindergarten is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 44 students currently registered in French Immersion and 40 currently registered in English kindergarten.
- Ms Brothers and the leadership team have organized a week of activities for literacy week. Grande Finale is a primary obstacle course.

#### **5. President's Report – Janeen Patchell**

- Great Spring Fair! Thanks to Diana P and Stephanie for organizing the whole thing. There were many new features from previous years (pony rides, food, carnival games, new punch card system etc).
- We made \$3700 approx. which gets split 3 ways between the community school, the PAC and the school.
- Diana wants to acknowledge the Culinary Institute of Vancouver. Warren came and donated the food he and his students made.
- Diana P met with Stephanie to figure out what they could do to improve next year. A thank you will go out to parents along with suggestions for next year.
- \$450~ made on the book sale
- \$330 made on the clothing sale
- We are not looking to collect more clothes. Stephanie will pull some emergency clothes for the school. We will donate what is left over due to a storage issues. The timing for the sale may be changed to an afterschool time.
- Staff Appreciation – Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be a breakfast brunch. We ask for donations of coffee and breakfast/lunch items. We may need a bit of help for set up.
- The Skipping ropes, which belong to the school, are getting pretty ratty. We are thinking of using some funds to buy a few more, as well as some new soccer balls. Janeen is asking the PAC for approval to buy some new activity equipment. At least a class set of 30 short skipping ropes, and 6 long ropes.
- There are usually soccer balls in each classroom and they are getting worn out so we would look at replacing some of those. We will ask for donations of balls from the school community.
- Donna will talk to Sandra Patrick as to what the best system for kids to retrieve a ball or a skipping rope – either from their classroom or from the community office?

**Motion:** *To spend up to \$300 of PAC funds on skipping ropes*

**M/S/C**

#### **6. Treasurer's Report – Janeen Patchell reporting for Diana Bennett**

- We have \$8,300.00~. General operating account with some deposits pending.
- Gaming is \$12,000.00 ~.



- Total roughly \$20,000.00. We still have some expenditures to go out from this total- \$4,000~
- \$69,000.00 ~ still in the playground account. We still have outstanding expenditures for the playground which total more than this amount.
- Roughly estimating there is about \$4,000.00 in outstanding expenditures from the \$20,000.00. Efrem suggested buying a GIC if we had a lump sum to invest for 6 months or so. Diana B has also thought about this and is looking into it.

## 7. Other Fundraising Opportunities

- Meaningful Movies – May 15<sup>th</sup>, Manufacturing Landscapes. Janeen will need one more volunteer. Next month we can choose the film, a family orientated film. A suggestion needs to be submitted to HNCC by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After some discussion, we decided to submit The Princess Bride
- Day At the Races – Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Shared fundraiser with Garibaldi Annex. This year will be an Ice Cream Social and there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$5. There are usually 10 races a day.
- We get a \$2,500.00 cash donation, proceeds from raffle and ticket sales.

## 8. Other Business

- **Bike to School Week** – Sheelagh Davis (w/Seth Oldham):
- May 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – there will be some organized group rides to school.
- Seth had a table at the spring fair and had some flyers made up. The community bike club has been making posters. There is a grade 7 student teacher who is trying organizing some of the grade 7 students to ride to school the previous week (due to class camp trip on the Bike To School Week).
- Encouraging students to arrive to school at 8:45 to get stickers, breakfast treats etc.
- **School Photos**- Class photos will be on the May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Marc is talking to 5 different photographers and they all seem to be willing to meet our needs. He is asking for a higher percentage of the fees and a breakdown of who orders which packages. Marc just needs to figure out their sale pitches. He hopes to have it narrowed down in a few weeks and then the PAC can make a decision of who to go with.
- Bestway, the current photographer, is 6 years in arrears with composite photos and other items they are contractually obliged to.
- Some companies offer to do all the photos on one day. The administration decides on the dates to have the photographers.
- **Before and Afterschool Care Survey**- A.R. Lord and Hastings Community Centre have decided to proceed to provide this program and we have a few pre-registration forms for those who are looking for childcare in Sept.
- **Alice in the French Underground performances. Mme. Natasha's grade 3 class** – PAC funded. The class will run the concession. If they make any money from sales and donations at the door, they will contribute back to the PAC.
- **How to get more parents out the PAC meetings**. – Efrem suggested moving back to the PAC generated emails, as there are issue with both parents not

receiving the synervoice emails. Donna said that the second parent can send her or Maria an email to be added to the synervoice email list.

- **Other ideas** – Sending handbill announcements home with students a day or two before the meetings. Also, a day time coffee meeting, reaching out to the REAL parent group etc. Language tends to be a barrier for Cantonese and Mandarin speaking parents at the school. We want to approach REAL parents to see if there is at least one parent representative who could attend the PAC meetings.
- We will try out a daytime PAC meeting to see if we get a different group of parents.
- **Corn Roast will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder of next PAC meeting Tuesday September 23rd, 2014**

Thanks.

*Motion: To adjourn at 8:45 pm*

*M/S/C*



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.

**M/S/C**

## 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.**

**M/S/C**



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** Donna Emeno and Armin Samiei

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Review of minutes from September 22, 2015

**Motion:** To approve minutes from the Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

**M/S/C**

## 3. Hastings Administration Report

### Donna Emeno – Principal

- Thank you to Diana Bennett and Diana Pollock organizing for a successful Art for the Sky project this Sept.
- Shake out BC – Earthquake evacuation drill Oct.16<sup>th</sup>.. We have a very detailed plan for earthquake evacuations and the safety committee practiced: Set up stations; training in electrical, gas and water shut downs; search and rescue; and student release. Our alternate site in case of and emergency is Hastings Community centre. We've had two fire drills this fall.
- Nov.25<sup>th</sup> Code red drill. This is practiced twice a year. A code red is a lock down in the instance of a dangerous intruder within the school. All doors are locked and window coverings are put in place. Students are instructed to quietly crouch and hide in corner of the room away from windows and doors. Teachers do brief and educate the students to assure them this is a drill and how to keep safe in the school.
- Pancake breakfast next Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:45 -9:00
- Remembrance Day assembly is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.
- Annual Christmas dinner is Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Invitations are going out next week and are accepted by a lottery draw.
- Thank you to all the out going executive

### Armin Samiei- Vice Principal

- No Report

## 4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- School communication. There are a few ways the school communicates to families at home. A couple of years ago the school tried to go paperless and eliminate hardcopy notices home in the backpack. We have recently gone electronic with emails home. You should be receiving emails in the form of: upcoming events, newsletters, and reminders. The emails will go to just one parent. If you are not getting them then check with the other parent listed on your child's emergency release forms. If neither parent is receiving the emails, please contact Maria in the office. The PAC also has parent class reps for every classroom who can also be used to relay communications home. The class rep will send emails on behalf of the school, the PAC and on behalf of other fundraising efforts in the school. Pauline G. is our class rep liaison. Communication is an ongoing work in progress and we are trying to work with the school to reduce electronic glitches. Please spread the word to other parents to check to see if they are getting emails. Maria is trying to work out all the email issues. Different teachers will use blogs or notices home to communicate. There is a PAC calendar on the PAC website. If someone does

not have access to email, the onus is on the family to go to the office for the hardcopy of the newsletter from the office and check with Maria.

- Follow Hastings on Twitter: [hastings\\_elem](#)
- The Hydro box in the primary playground can be painted and we have talked to Blake Wydeman, a mural artist and former Hastings student to come up with a design and paint the box. Blake recently designed and painted the hording on Hastings at the Hastings Community Gardens site.

### **Other Business**

- Parent Advocacy Network Meeting (PAN): Charlie Kiers. The PAN is a grassroots network with the aim to hopefully have all the PACs in Vancouver join this network to share ideas and problem solving strategies. This is early days for the PAN and they eventually aim to establish a website where all PACs contribute. There is also the DPAC (district pac), but according to the PAN, DPAC is under reorganization. The intention is to still work with the DPAC but they hope to advocate on different levels. Only in PAN is only in Vancouver so far.
- Quebec Dance: Every year we send the grade 7 students to Quebec on a cultural immersion trip. The dance and silent auction is a fundraiser in support of this trip and in particular to fund bursaries so that all the students can go, regardless of economic barriers. There is a great band this year, The Undercovers, and a Silent Auction- the event will be at Astorino's on Nov.28th. The English grade 7 students go on a camp later in the year. Comment on the French Immersion program is a social stratifier in the school in the school and can the PAC address this issue. The PAC is definitely interested in promoting both English and French programs and to have equal representation on the PAC executive. We also prioritise funding both French and English classes equally. Historically the English stream families have not been as active on the PAC or on other fundraising projects. The Quebec Trip is organized and funded by the parents of grade 7 French Immersion students. It is not a PAC fundraiser. The demographics of the area are changing and that is changing the demographic of the English classes, so in future, there may be more interest on the part of the parents of children in the English program to fund a similar trip.
- Combining the French and English streams in school activities is often difficult due to the very strict guidelines as to how much French the student is exposed to over the course of their daily classes. There must be French spoken 100% of the time in the primary grades and 85% for the intermediate grades. Two years ago there was an initiative to take both streams of grade 6 students on a trip, but that effort was kyboshed by the teacher's strike.

### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **Review of the minutes of the 2014 AGM, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Motion: to accept the AGM 2014 minutes*

**M/S/C**

#### **Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett**

- Proposed 2015-2016 budget is presented.
- The PAC gets \$20 per student from the BC Gaming grants. Some of what the PAC funds: we recently undertook a new primary playground, we spent \$4000 on classroom supplies for enrolling classroom teachers, we sponsored two evening workshops for parents, school wide grade 3 silk art program, scholarships for ex-Hastings students graduating from Van Tech and Templeton, bus charters for field trips, Lunar New Year activities, school wide grade 4 theatre project, we bought a laptop cart, Science workshops, a popcorn machine spent a total \$12,400 from our main account. Some ways we raised funds have been through family photo portraits, a signing bonus from Mountain West Photography studios and a percentage of all student portrait packages purchased is donated to the PAC by Mountain West, student portraits, a Day at the Races, donations from Quebec Trip fundraiser, Hastings North Community Partners grants, Burger Bevvie Night, plant sale at the Spring Fair and a family bingo night.
- The PAC is a sound financial position. We have \$13,000 at our immediate disposal, which is on the budget to spend this year. We also have \$50,000.00 in a term deposit at Vancity. This is a large contingency fund and we are hoping to use in a seriously impactful way to benefit the school
- We have already spent some money on Art for the Sky, we bought the t-shirts and there were donations and grants to pay for the artist. The PAC funding for this was approved last year. Other funders for this project were the Hastings Community Partners and the Quebec Trip 2015 fundraising excesses.

- Chris Archer (Hastings Teacher), said he would take the project/purchases ideas to staff for feedback and other ideas.
- Request for funding forms will go out to teachers tomorrow. The money to pay for the requests comes out of specific line items (sports, technology, arts etc). There was a suggestion to put more money in the technology account than allocated in the proposed technology line item. The parent was concerned the computer access in his child's classroom is inadequate and would like the PAC to help rectify this. Chris Archer will take it back to the teachers to ask if their access to computers is something the PAC could significantly help with.
- Trees for the Primary Playground. Money was raised to plant some trees (\$50,000 in Vancity), but the vision was never realized because of VSB maintenance budget constraints.

**Motion:** *to accept the budget for the 2015-2016 as presented by the treasurer.*

**M/S/C**

**The Election of Officers:**

4-Members at large (1year term)- Peter Murphy, Ron Wallace, Jaclynn Reyes, Erika Fritz

1 member at large (2 year term)- Maria Hudspith

1 member at large- (2 year – fulfilling year two for former member Kaila Comeau)- Efreim Swartz

DPAC (1 year term)- Charlie Kiers

Treasurer (2 year term)- Jennifer Law

Vice-Chair (1 year- fulfilling the two year term for former vice-chair Kelly Henry)- Marcie Bailey

Chair (2 year)- James Stubbs

School planning council

1 executive and 2 parent reps – Maia Griffiths, Sara Leckie, Maria Hudspith (exec)

**Motion:** *to elect the officers as stated*

**M/S/C**

**Motion:** *To adjourn at 8:38 p.m.*

**M/S/C**

Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Agenda - Meeting 7pm Monday Jan.20th, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of minutes from Nov. 24th, 2014

*Motion to accept the minutes from Nov.24th, 2014*

3. Administration Report  
Principal – Donna Emeno  
Vice Principal – Janis Myers

4. President's Report – Janeen Patchell

- **School Communications** – PAC executive discussed having more frequent communications from the school about what's happening on weekly or bi-weekly basis.
- **Parent Education Night** – We have contacted 3 different presenters who all offer workshops on How to talk to your kids about sex and sexual issues. Marnie Goldenberg – The Sexplainer (\$400 for 2 x 1.5 hr), Clayton Boehler – [sexualeducation.ca](http://sexualeducation.ca) (\$600 for 2 x 3 hr)(Nancy) and Jessica Wollon (Ali). We are aiming to have two workshops on one evening in the later half of April. One workshop will focus on issues for parents of primary age children and the other will be for parents of intermediate age children. We need to decide which presenter is of most interest to us.
- **Family Photo Night** – Potentially on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and a week later on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Marc Carey is looking in on booking those dates.
- **Bingo Night** – February 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We will be selling pizza, popcorn, veggie bags and juice boxes. Pre-sales on food orders, bingo cards and combo packages will go out the week before.
- **Burger and Beer Night** – April 24<sup>th</sup> at The Slocan. Ticket will get you a burger and a beer, karaoke and dancing.
- **Art in the Sky and Spring Fair** – we need volunteers to apply for community small grants.
- **School Choice Questionnaire** – Parent is doing her thesis on how parents make decisions on how they choose a school for their children. She needs a few parents to volunteer to participate in her study.

5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

- Request for funding forms have been returned from the staff.
- Looking for suggestions of a larger purchase that the PAC could fund?

6. Other Business

- **Multicultural Breakfast** – (Jen Westoby and Frances Pollock) Possible dates are April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, to coincide with Earth Week. Volunteers are needed. There will be a planning meeting in February.
- **Community School changes** – (Diana Pollock) We are getting a new coordinator(s). We hope to get them out to a future PAC meeting.
- **School Board Trustee** – Christopher Richardson, we will also invite him to a future PAC meeting.
- **Feedback on Mountain West Service.** A brief questionnaire might be sent out when we notify parents about the Family Photo Night(s)

**Reminder of next meeting Thursday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*Motion to adjourn the Meeting*



# Minutes- Meeting 7pm Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of minutes from Jan. 20th, 2015

*Motion to accept the minutes from Jan.20th, 2015*

*M/S/C*

3. Administration Report  
Principal – Donna Emeno

Vice Principal – Janis Myers

4. President's Report – Janeen Patchell

- **Bingo night recap** – Great evening and we were full to capacity with both French and English stream families attending. We made \$640. There was a comment that there needs to be more opportunities to win. Maybe make more calls on single games, or a hold a draw for leftover prizes? We are open to suggestions.
- **Family Photo Night Recap** – 1<sup>st</sup> time event. We had 13 pre-booked appointments. We made \$260. Hoping to drum up more interest in this event and book it for before Christmas.
- **PAC Parent Ed nights April 16<sup>th</sup> w/ Jessica Wollen (grades k-3) and April 20<sup>th</sup> w/ Clayton Boehler. (grades 4-7)** The Eventbrite platform be up and running to accept registration etc.. March 31<sup>st</sup> is when registration will begin. Tillicum annex should be included. We will forward info on to them for their March newsletter. We will hold these talks in the multipurpose room and borrow some some more comfy chairs from the VSB.
- **Burger and Beer night update** – April 24<sup>th</sup>. \$20.00 tix for a burger and beer. Nancy and Jonathan are meeting with the Slokan staff to work out the details.

5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

**-\$68,000.00 Grounds acct in Vancity term deposit**

**-\$22,000.00 -Gaming Account.**

**~\$11,000.00 in the General Account**

**~\$33,000.00 Total**

- We are applying for two grants for the Spring Fair and for the Art in the Sky Project. Diana B is asking for two local signatories for the applications. Kelly Barker and Marcie EB signed the applications. If the grant application is successful, the signatories need to go an opening reception to present the project and also go to a closing where photos and report on the events are presented.
- Request for funding forms will go out to staff before spring break and will be asked to be returned shortly after spring break.
- Diana B has offered to go the tea receptions either to accept the cheque or to do the report after the event

6. Other Business

- **Multicultural Breakfast Reminder:** April 22nd– (Jen Westoby and Frances Pollock). It will be Earth Day. Bring a breakfast item of any kind that might reflect your heritage. There will be lots food! Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. More info will be sent out to the school after March Break.
- Feedback on Mountain West Service. A brief questionnaire might be sent out when we notify parents about the Family Photo Night(s)
- **Earth Week** – April 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a used book sale. Please donate any books you might have. It will be set up again in the foyer out side the community school office. No textbooks please
- **Spring Fair May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sandra's husband has agreed to do the food. We will look into getting more ponies, and same face painters hopefully.
- **Bike to school week** – Sheelagh and Seth are going to organize hubs again. Dates will be TBA.

- **Art for the Sky project.** - Diana B. Donna was going to discuss with the staff if the thought it was worthwhile. The staff thought it was a nice event but the cost was high and the money could be spent elsewhere. June 10, 11, 12 are the best days of year for the school but Grade 7 English students will still be at camp on the 10<sup>th</sup> but could be there for the last 2 days. September was suggested as a better time to undertake this project. We will ask the artist about dates in possibly September.
- Diana Bennett has looked into alternatives for cheaper T-shirts. Total cost would be about \$9000.00. The motion to spend this money would cover the total cost of the project precluding all other funding possibilities. Part of the funding could come from families who could kick in for the T-shirts. We may receive a grant and will look into the Pacific Salmon Foundation and Community Small Grants, and the Fraser River Keepers Society, for possible sponsorship or grants. We are still open to the image that will be created. Last time Hastings Created a baby Salmon image. It does not have to be fish related but if we get grants from PSF or FRKS, they may require the educational component to reflect their mandate. There will be a musical component and a video of the event, and everyone gets a photo of the image. Some of the staff who felt this money could be spent elsewhere on a bigger ticket item, there was a suggestion to purchase a grade 3 focused kit for early intervention for about \$6000.00. The resource teachers and Donna will get together to put together a comprehensive information package as to what they would like to purchase in this regard. There may be also an opportunity to receive some funds from the Variety Club for the kit. **Motion: To spend up to \$9000.00 from PAC accounts to create Art for the Sky Project. M/S/c**
- **Salvation Army Clothing Drive-** We will have to donate 300 bags of clothing minimum. \$.10 /lb up to 5000 lbs. Above 5000 lbs, they pay \$.12/lbs. We will also do this in conjunction with earth week. We should send out a synervoice as a reminder for people to save their items to donate.
- Marcie has a fundraiser idea to create a T-shirt that we can sell for \$20, similar to AR Lord's "East Van" T-shirt fundraiser.

**Reminder of next meeting Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:45pm**

**M/S/C**



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Tuesday April 8th, 2014

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

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

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Review of minutes from February 26, 2015

**Motion:** To approve minutes from February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**M/S/C**

## 3. Hastings Administration Report

### Donna Emeno – Principal

- The VSB budget is out. Donna has a copy of it in its entirety if you want to see it. The cuts have been kept out of the classroom. The focus has been on revenue generating, raising band fees and closing some schools that have empty classrooms.
- The Big One at 2 emergency evacuation drill. May 7<sup>th</sup>. This time we will be practicing the student release to see how it works. Parents should have an emergency designate on the release form. You cannot ask someone on the day to pick up your child; if they are not named as an official emergency contact, the staff will not release your child. There will be a large student release table on the field, as well as by division. A map of where the divisions will be lined up, will be sent out with the notice
- Evening at Laura Secord, Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Urs Revary on brain development'. It is hosted by the association Vancouver Principals and vice principals.
- Beginning of May we will have staffing decisions made and parent requests for classroom placements will be available around the end of May.

### Janis Myers- Vice Principal

- The Draft of the Calendar put out by the VSB. At our next Pro- D the staff will discuss dates and topics of next year's Pro-Ds. Final version will go home in May.
- Proposed School Fees. \$25 for school supplies, agendas \$7, performing arts fee \$15, grade 7 camp \$250, grade 7 Quebec trip \$1000, Band \$50 (not including the instrument rental).

## 4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- Due to a glitch with the school synvoice system the April newsletters went out to only 11 families. We sent out a message through the PAC classroom reps. The newsletter is available on the Hastings website.
- Parent Ed nights. Two guest speakers delivering Askable Adult work shops. The first is on April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8 Jessica Wollen is directing her talk to parents of K-3. Clayton Boehler is giving a talk for parents on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> of children aged 4-7. Reservations can be made on Eventbrite and childminding is available. We are offering these talks to Hastings and Tillicum families. If the evenings don't fill up we will extend the offer to other schools.
- Burger and Bevvie night. Adult only event, no child minding. \$20 for a burger and beverage, karaoke, dancing and other fun.
- Spring Fair. Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 5:30. Lots of fun of activities – cake walk, games, pony ride perennial fair, food etc. Janeen sent around sign up sheets for volunteers. Please consider donating perennials from your garden, if you are dividing them up.
- Treats in the classroom. Does the school have any sort of blanket policy about treats in the school and given at school. Is there a way to develop a policy. Sara Leckie described her children's experience with regard to sweets at school for celebrations and as classroom favours.

The VSB has a healthy school policy. Efreem expressed his frustration with the food and sweets given to his child at school. Sarah Johns mentioned her experience at Tillicum was the polar opposite to her experience at Hastings. Donna responded by saying it would be necessary to get the teachers involved. She will bring it up at the staff meeting tomorrow as to what message the school is sending out and what the school policy should be. Teachers who reward with candy should be addressed and encouraged to stop. Reframing the celebrations may be a solution or finding another item to reward with.

**Motion: The PAC is in favour of working with the staff and administration to develop a school wide policy regarding how food is used in the classroom for celebration and rewards.** **M/S/C**

Sara Leckie is happy to coordinate a committee to start discussion.

- The REM class will be moved to Hastings from Strathcona. A REM class is for 7-15 remedial students with behaviour problems. It was clearly stated that the school was chosen because of it's size and that it has two administrators. The class is very heavily staffed with a high student to teacher ratio. The sensory room will likely be the room chosen to house this class. Donna was told that program would not likely be relocated back to Strathcona after the renovations are done.
- Community Small grants- we received both - \$1500 for the Spring Fair and \$1500 for Art for the Sky. We will undertake the Art for the Sky in Sept. Diana B will be sending the artist a deposit.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett**

- Funding requests by teachers. \$200- Science afternoon project for any interested intermediate classes to do science experiments. \$340 to charter a bus for the Salmon release and \$2200 for a theatre project for all grade 4/5 class.

**Motion: To fund the projects as requested except we would like to offer up to \$500 for the science afternoons and up to \$1500 for the grade 4/5 theatre project, we would like to include up to \$100 for bike to school week** **M/S/C**

- We will like to order some new skipping ropes (7' and 12'-14' length) and hulu hoops. Janis will look into ordering through a school supplier.

#### **6. Other Business**

- **The Multicultural Breakfast.** Jen Westoby. April 23<sup>nd</sup> on Earth Day. A google doc was sent out by class reps and it is on the website. Drop off food at 7:45 – 8:00. Bring some breakfast food item that might reflect your heritage.
- **Earth Week-** Salvation Army Clothing drive, the truck is coming on the 28<sup>th</sup> so please bring bags to close to that date if possible as the school has very little storage room. Frances Pollock will be organizing some lunch time activities.
- **Book Sale** - drop books off for earth week to front foyer.
- **Skipping Ropes and Hula-hoops** – Donna said that the equipment will be available to kids year round. They will be available on a sign out basis through the Fiz leaders.

#### **7. DPAC news-** Rally Families Against Cuts to Public Education. This Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Reminder of the next meeting Tuesday May 5th, 2015

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

**M/S/C**



Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Tuesday May 5th, 2014

Members Present: See sign in sheet

Staff Present: Donna Emeno and Janis Myers

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Review of minutes from April 8th, 2015

*Motion: To approve minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

**M/S/C**

## 3. Hastings Administration Report

### Donna Emeno – Principal

- School organization. The school has received their staffing allotment. Donna is working on a tentative plan for next year and will be in the newsletter at the end of May. Parent requests for classroom placement should be received in writing by June 12<sup>th</sup>. We have been allocated 13 divisions in French Immersion and 13 in English. Staffing is about the same as last year. We are losing of our inner city staff, which is a project teacher and will be replaced by a literacy teacher. This means the projects will still happen, but will be much more literacy based. This staffing reallocation is part of the inner city designation, which has been removed from Hastings.
- Band will now only be for grades 6 & 7. Grade 5 band will no longer be offered district wide. Our band teacher will lose 2 blocks.
- Student release component during the 'Big One at Two' emergency evacuation drill, will be tried out this coming Thursday. Classroom stations and student release stations are organized and a map of all the stations went home on Monday. Only parents, guardians, or emergency designate can pick up at 2:15 or the child can wait until 3 pm for regular dismissal
- The school will be totally green by September 2015, new food scraps bins will be in every classroom and staffroom. The bins get picked up every day and will be dumped in a dumpster outside. The program has been piloted in several schools and now is going district wide.
- School planning council met last Thursday. They reviewed the data in all core subject areas as well as social responsibility, behaviour and office referrals. Good progress has been made in the core subject areas, with increased percentages of students meeting and exceeding expectations. We are happy with our progress of English language learners in reading and writing. There is still room for improvement, particularly with the number of office referrals. The council for the upcoming school year made great contributions to furthering the school goals. Three school goals: Social responsibilities, aboriginal education (specifically improving attendance ).
- Great meeting with the Tillicum annex PAC and Hastings' PAC
- Thank you to Janeen and the PAC executive for their hard work over the year.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the volunteer tea in the library at 1:30 to 3.
- Donna is away for the next week and Janis will be holding down the fort!

### Janis Myers- Vice Principal

- No report

## 4. President's Report- Janeen Patchell

- **Burger and Bevvie night recap-** Successful event and we made \$1700. The interest in the event has been building every year and it has run more smoothly from year to year.
- **Earth Week events recap –** Book sale went well with lots of donations and is still trickling on in the school foyer. The multicultural breakfast went well and was well attended. The clothing drive: we collected 165 bags which amounted to \$412. There was a bit of a hiccup when the charity that we originally partnered with would not accept fewer than 400 bags, so we went with Big Brothers and they were paying more per bag! Big Brothers will pick up as few as 20 bags and we will use them again next year for Earth Week.

- **Guest Speakers recap** - Jessie Wollon and Clayton Boehler – the talks were attended by low numbers but this did not affect the quality of the workshops. The PAC would like to host more parent education nights and are looking for suggestions as to topics parents would be interested in. The workshop suggestions should have an adult focus about raising kids.
- **Treats in the Classroom** – PAC would like to work with the staff to come up with a school healthy eating plan. We would like to formulate a policy on how much and when, treats are given out in the classroom. Sara Leckie is going to draft a survey to send out to parents to assess the level of concern about this issue. We are hoping to have some sort of policy in place by September.
- **Communication between school and families** – Due to a glitch with the synervoice system, it took a long time to get information out to families during an important incident at the school. There was a code yellow at the school on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, and a message did eventually go out, but it went to the Hastings parent who is not normally contacted with school communications. This problem with synervoice originates with the school board office, but we are wondering if there could be a hardcopy notice to be sent home to check the website regularly when the school is experiencing technical difficulties. Such a notice could have been sent home when the technical issues started and it would have been easier to communicate the information around the code yellow. Donna responded to this by saying that synervoice was never intended for emergency situations as it could take up to 24 hours to get the emails out. It is meant for newsletters only. It is a program that the high schools use, and because we are such a large elementary school we were set up to use it as well for mass communications. Now that the VSB is moving into MyEd.bc, which uses the first name on the child's registration, it is that parent who will be the default contact, not necessarily the parent who has been, up to this point, the contact for school communications. Synervoice system is old and we will have to reassess and look for a communication system to replace it. The school board's preference would be that all the schools used twitter to tweet reminders to check the school's website.
- **Spring Fair** – Friday afternoon May 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 to 5:30. There will be face painters, a Henna artist, balloon twisters, pony rides, cotton candy, carnival games, perennial plant sale and a cakewalk. We will use a punch card system again this year. It is an afterschool event and children who are in afterschool care, will go with their caregivers.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report – Diana Bennett

- Gaming account \$22,000.00, General Acct. \$15,800.00
- Two requests for funding: Chartering a bus for a field trip for 3 classes (Berger, Corrie and Nadeau), to go Burnaby Village Museum for \$325.00 and a laptop cart \$3359.99.

***Motion: To approve the requests for funding of the charter of a school bus to Burnaby Village Museum and for the Laptop computer cart.*** ***M/S/C***

#### 6. Other Business

- **Art for the Sky** – September 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. An interactive art, educational and musical event that involves the whole school. This year the art rendering will be a wolf to reflect the new school mascot. We have a grant of \$1500, some PAC money and donation from last year's grade 7 Quebec trip fundraising surplus. We are looking at sourcing other funding opportunities.
- **Bike to school week May 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a table set up at the Spring Fair with more information about where the hubs will be located. They are trying to bike at least 2-3 days that week. Information will be sent home from the school in coming weeks.
- **Staff appreciation breakfast.** – Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are asking parents to donate some baking, fruit and veggies to help us show our appreciation to the staff at the school.
- **No PAC meeting June.** – Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> we will have more of social meeting with a potluck. Time and place TBD
- **Sports Day** – June 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Grade 7 Graduation** – June 23<sup>th</sup> (Ceremony, lunch and dance)

Reminder of the next meeting September 22, 2015.

***Motion: To adjourn at 8:29 p.m.***

***M/S/C***