

**Highland PAC Meeting**  
**November 19, 2020 Minutes**

**Meeting commenced:** 7:05 PM (via Zoom)

**In Attendance:** Dean Patterson, Adam Thompson, Tracy Malyon, Melissa Preston, Spring Halasz, Gwynn Whyte, Carmen Costantino

**Introductions**

**Approval of previous minutes:** Motion proposed by Tracy, seconded by Adam. All in favour.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion proposed by Adam, seconded by Gwynn. All in favour.

**Correspondence:** Mail from BCTF.

**Old business:** None

**New business:** Elections for executive positions.

**Chair:** None

**Treasurer:** Tracy reported that grad funds were received.

**DPAC:**

- Feedback is being requested from all DPAC Reps on Mental Health at their schools. What are parents asking for? What is our focus in the new year? What do we want to accomplish at our school, especially in terms of mental health?
- Issues with the Quarter system are being looked at & district is finding the best ways to support kids, especially those going through post-secondary. We may be on the same schooling model next year.

- BCCPAC is looking for memberships. Each school can contact the school board & have the membership paid for with the in-service account. Membership benefits include having our voices heard in provincial policy efforts.
- There is more collaboration & work being done in the area of Sexual Health development.
- There are several great online presentations coming up within the Speaker Series & parents will be sent out all the info in the new year.
- SD71 is now the largest employer in the valley & has now surpassed the base as being the largest employer.
- 6 schools are receiving outdoor learning structures this year, with the end goal to be that all schools will receive one.

**Trustee:** None

**Principal:**

- First day of Term 2
- Marks up on MyEd
- The impact of this current Quarter (Copernican) system are being weighed out. Some students were able to begin school today, instead of needing to wait until February.
- There are blended learning opportunities for kids to learn more independently, such as utilizing Canvas & the Enter program.
- New fitness equipment has finally arrived & the room is getting set up.
- There is a new pathway outside the school
- There is 145 Grade 8's & the gym is currently being used as their lunchroom
- The school will get an outdoor classroom installed in the spring. It will be a timber-frame structure. PAC can be involved with helping to decide what type of furniture to put in.
- No traditional Christmas concert this year. Links will be sent out for concert material to be viewed online. Senior band likely won't do too much for Christmas this year.
- There could be potential for COVID-related closures before/after the holidays, as there have already been some closures on the mainland, though the province seems to be taking a regional approach.
- The district musical will be hosted by Vanier this year.

**Elections for Exec:**

- Chair: Adam elected by acclamation.
- Vice-Chair: Melissa elected by acclamation.
- Treasurer: Tracy elected by acclamation.
- DPAC Rep: Spring elected by acclamation.
- Secretary: Motion proposed by Melissa to elect Gwynn Whyte as secretary, seconded by Adam. All in favour.

**Next Meeting:** January 18, 2020

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:03 PM