

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022 (via Zoom)

In Attendance: Dean Patterson (Principal), Adam Thompson (Chairperson), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson/Secretary), Spring Halasz (Treasurer/DPAC Rep), Tonia Frawley (Trustee), Emma Thompson, Vicky Trill, Esther Karasova, Roger Langill

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Acknowledgement: We'd like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territories of the K'omoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of previous minutes (January 2022) – Motioned by Emma; seconded by Spring. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Melissa; seconded by Spring. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Spring received a copy of the BC Teachers' Federation magazine; at future in-person meetings these mailings can be shared with the group

REPORTS:

Chairperson Report (Adam)

- nil

Treasurer Report (Spring)

- As of January 1, 2022 we have \$1,958.02 in the General account and \$23,898.52 in the Gaming account

DPAC Report (Spring):

- DPAC meeting minutes (February 7, 2022) and Speaker Series session information can be accessed via the following links:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/j59ca5xxbcapfs/MINUTES-%202022-2-7%20SD71%20DPAC.pdf?dl=0>

<https://www.facebook.com/SD71-DPAC-Speaker-Series-104837054772183/>

Principal's Report (Dean)

Covid Update:

1. **Return to AG** – Advisory Group resumed today
2. **Spectators** – Spectators are once again permitted at school events (sports, performances)
3. **Visitors** – Visitors are now permitted into the school
4. **Tournaments** – School tournaments have resumed
5. **Robotics** – Robotics events are proceeding as planned
6. **Musical** – An in-person audience will be permitted for district musical
7. **Band Trips** – Spring band trips are proceeding as planned
8. **Grad** – Grad events will be proceeding as planned

Past Events:

1. **Basketball Seasons Completed**
 - a. Grade 8 boys & girls had successful season
 - b. Senior boys & girls teams participated in the Island playoffs
2. **Hosted Robotics Tournament** – Highland recently hosted a robotics tournament

Programming:

1. **Classroom Visits** - Students have been canvassed to determine interest in programming for next school year; students should be bringing home course selection sheets
2. **Online Requests** – Next week students will be inputting course requests online; parents/guardians can access this information via MyEdBC
3. **Staffing** – There will be some staff changeover next school year due to retirements, etc; approximately 6 to 8 staff positions will be posted after spring break to fill the anticipated vacancies

Student Surveys:

1. **Student Learning Surveys** – Surveys went out to grade 10 & 12 students and parents/guardians
2. **YDI (Youth Development Instrument)** – Survey was completed by grade 11 students; the data has not been released to date
3. **Health Behaviour in School-Age Children (HBSC Study)** – This survey, which is designed to assess the impact of Covid on students, will be completed by grade 8, 9, 10 students; it's targeted to be completed prior to spring break
4. **Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)** – Grade 10 students will be completing this assessment after spring break; the assessment measures abilities in reading/math/science and compares results against students/countries across the world

Spring Athletics

- Badminton, mountain biking, girls' soccer, girls' rugby, track & field will be offered; sign up for girls' soccer and girls' rugby was last week but students can still sign up if interested

Musical Spongebob Squarepants

- Highland is hosting the district musical; performances commence next week
- Highland offers a max seating capacity of 150 as per current provincial health guidelines; performances will also be available online
- Nancy Cox & Lisa Williams are the producers of the musical

Trustee Report (Tonia)

- School board recently passed the amended budget; there were some cost increases due to Covid
- Ministry of Education and Ministry of Child Care are amalgamating
- Board is receiving numerous requests to support \$10/day childcare
- Long range facilities plan is being re-examined due to our community's significant population growth
- Catchment boundary for Royston Elementary has been shifted as Royston Elementary is currently operating at 166% capacity; the senior leadership team is currently in the transition plan stage and is in communication with affected families
- BC Assessment building has been purchased by the district for administrative purposes (school board offices); this purchase will free up classroom spaces in a number of schools
- Policy 24, which addresses equity and non-discrimination, has been approved by the board and will be implemented throughout the district

Old Business

- **Salad Bar**
 - Parent volunteers are necessary to offer this program to students
 - Vicky Trill has offered to undertake the grant application
 - We could start small with a one-day food event for students; Spring will explore the possibility of using Gaming funds to financially support this event

New Business

- Nil

Next Meeting – April 25, 2022

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm