

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

(via Zoom)

In Attendance: Dean Patterson (Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson/Secretary), Spring Halasz (DPAC Rep), Tonia Frawley (Trustee), Emma Thompson, Brenda Cairncross, Elisha D'Agostino, Nicole Martin, Paul Vaillant, Brenda Blakely

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

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 (Nov 2021) – Motioned by Emma; seconded by Brenda Cairncross. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Spring motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of *Election of Treasurer Position to Old Business*; Emma seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- nil

REPORTS:

Chairperson Report (Adam absent)

- nil

Treasurer Report (Tracy absent)

- nil

DPAC Report (Spring):

- Elections were held at the January meeting
- There are a number of 'Speaker Series' presentations upcoming in January/February
- DPAC meeting minutes (December 2021 & January 2022) can be accessed via the following links:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=AGENDA+2021-12-06+SD71+DPAC.pdf>
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=AGENDA+2022-1-10+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Principal's Report (Dean)

Past Events:

1. Joe Roberts Presentation

- a. Grade 10 students attended the presentation
- b. Roberts spoke to students about his life as a former drug addict/homeless person and his experience of trekking across Canada while pushing a shopping cart to raise awareness of youth homelessness

2. Grade 12 Dessert Night

- a. The December event was very successful and students thoroughly enjoyed a fun evening

3. Christmas Concert

- a. This was the first concert in a few years; the event was well executed and held in accordance to current health protocols

Covid:

- 1. Continuity of Learning** – Staff spent the first week of January developing plans to address potential disruptions to routine operations relating to staff/student absences, possible functional closures and/or transitions to online learning.
- 2. Safety Measures** – Previously established health and safety measures will remain in place. A temporary elimination of the AG block will minimize student/staff transitions.
- 3. Athletics** – Practices and games are currently permitted; tournaments are not permitted at this time. Spectators are not permitted at games/practices until further notice.
- 4. Attendance for Staff/Students** – Attendance patterns are being monitored for anomalies. Families are asked to keep students home if they are unwell.
- 5. Notifications** – Contact tracing notifications are no longer being conducted as they were in the past.
- 6. Challenges Moving Forward**
 - a. **Tournaments** – Adjustments will be necessary if tournaments are not permitted to proceed as they have in the past.
 - b. **Robotics** – Adjustments will be necessary if robotics events cannot proceed as they have in the past.
 - c. **Musical** – Planning for the district musical has been challenging given the current restrictions in place (no spectators, performers required to wear masks). Alternately the performance(s) could be recorded and made available in an online format.
 - d. **Band Trips** – Three band trips are planned for the spring; it is unknown at this point if those trips will be moving ahead as anticipated.
 - e. **Trade Programs** – Trade programs will be moving ahead as planned.

Programming:

- 1. Enrollment** – Student enrollment is anticipated to increase for the 2022/23 school year
- 2. Classroom Visits** – Students will be canvassed to determine interest in available programming for next school year

Student Surveys:

1. **Student Learning Surveys** – Student learning surveys will be going out to grade 10 & 12 students and parents/guardians of 10/12 students.
2. **YDI (Youth Development Instrument)** – Students in grades 10 to 12 will be completing a questionnaire created/conducted by SFU. Dean will share the results of the survey in a future PAC meeting.

Trustee Report (Tonia)

- Tonia was recently elected as the new board chair
- The school board is currently drafting the 2022/23 budget
- The next board meeting is January 25
- The long-range facilities plan is being reviewed; the influx of enrolling students has proved challenging
- Catchment boundaries will be re-examined in hopes of alleviating issues resulting from the significant population growth in our community
- Our district continues to follow Covid protocols as set out by the provincial health authorities

Old Business

- **Election of Treasurer Position**
 - Melissa nominated Spring for the position of Treasurer; Spring accepted the nomination. All in favour. Spring Halasz is our new PAC Treasurer.
- **Online Access to PAC Bank Accounts**
 - Our PAC bank accounts at RBC will be set up with online access
 - Tracy Malyon will be removed as a signer on the Highland PAC bank accounts; Spring Halasz, Adam Thompson and Melissa Preston will remain as signers on the accounts
- **Salad Bar**
 - The application deadline for the grant funding is upcoming
 - Dean will speak to Tara Colborne to assess her interest in participating in a salad bar program
 - Spring has spoken to parents who would be interested in volunteering

New Business

- Nil

Next Meeting – February 28, 2022

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm