

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022

In Attendance: Dean Patterson (Principal), Stephanie Baker (Vice Principal), Don McRae (Vice Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson/Secretary), Spring Halasz (Treasurer/DPAC Rep), Jennifer Gallagher, Krista Tupper, Vicky Trill, Kristi Kennedy, Jennifer Vaino, Vivian Vaillant, Jim Wright, Brooke Finlayson, Megan Tomlinson, Colin Hanes, Emma Thompson

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Acknowledgement: We would 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 (September 2022) – Motioned by Jennifer Gallagher; seconded by Emma. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Megan; seconded by Vivian. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- nil

REPORTS:

Chairperson Report (Adam)

- nil

Treasurer Report (Spring)

- As of October 17, 2022:
 - \$1,659.18 in the General account
 - \$21,184.81 in the Gaming account (includes the 2022/23 gaming grant of \$13,060.00)
 - \$2,008.51 in the Grad Account (2020)
- Emma requested a 50/50 raffle gaming licence for the Grade 12 Dessert Night on December 1. Spring will submit the necessary paperwork to obtain a licence.
- Spring will be purchasing a BCCPAC membership at a cost of \$75.00, she can submit her receipt to school administration for reimbursement.

DPAC Report (Vivian):

- Susan Leslie (Comox) & Shannon Aldinger (Courtenay) are two newly elected school trustees
- Parents/guardians can access past Speakers Series presentations via the SD71 DPAC Speaker Series Facebook page

- DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on October 3, 2022 can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=AGENDA+2022-10-6-3+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Principal's Report (Dean/Stephanie/Don)

- 1. Truth & Reconciliation Day (Week)** – During the last week of September students and staff acknowledged Truth & Reconciliation Day by participating in a walk and creating videos & artwork displays.
- 2. Outdoor Club Activities** – Participating students enjoyed an overnight trip to Quay Lake and a day hike to Mount Becher. There will be more trips to come throughout the year.
- 3. Art Starts Ache Brasil/Colours of Brazil** – Grade 9/10 students experienced a dance/martial arts cultural presentation on October 3.
- 4. Terry Fox Run/Walk** – Our school community raised \$3400 in donations!
- 5. Remembrance Day Assemblies** – Student led assemblies will be held on November 10, local veterans have been invited to attend.
- 6. Parent/Teacher Interviews & Report Cards** – School is in session on November 17. Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians during the week of November 14 to 18 to arrange meetings for those wishing to discuss student progress. Report cards for term 1 will be issued during this week.
- 7. Sexual Education/Consent Talk** – A guest speaker will be meeting with grade 11/12 students next Monday (October 24) to discuss sexual education/consent.
- 8. Calendar of Events:**
 - Picture Re-take Day – November 2
 - Grad Photos – November 21 to 23
 - BC Post Secondary Institution Information Evening @ Highland – November 3 from 6:30 to 8:30

Trustee Report (Tonia)

- Nil (not in attendance)
- Melissa will reach out to Tonia to express our appreciation for her years of service as our trustee

Old Business

- **Grad Funds (2020)**
 - Funds raised for our 2020 grads have not been utilized to date. Attempts to find volunteers willing to organize an event to celebrate the students of this grad year have continued to be unsuccessful.
 - We explored/discussed options to spend these funds in a meaningful way.
 - **MOTION: Vicky and Emma motioned to utilize the 2020 grad funds to purchase a bike rack (with a plaque acknowledging 2020 grads), plant a tree (with a plaque acknowledging 2020 grads) and split the remaining funds between two bursaries. Ten voted in favour, two were opposed (Kristi and Brooke). Motion passed.**

- **Communication**
 - Mike was not in attendance to discuss his proposal for increasing communication amongst the PAC/school population. This item can be carried forward to the next meeting.

New Business

- **Nominations for Board Positions**
 - Chairperson – Adam Thompson (nominated by Emma Thompson)
 - Vice Chairperson – Melissa Preston (nominated by Vivian Vaillant)
 - Treasurer / Gaming – Spring Halaz (nominated by Vivian Vaillant)
 - Secretary – Jennifer Vaino (nominated by Megan Tomlinson)
 - DPAC – Vivian Vaillant (nominated by Brooke Finlayson) and Colin Hanes (nominated by Megan Tomlinson)
- **Guest Presentations at Future PAC Meetings**
 - Dean sought feedback to determine the type of presentations/presenters our PAC would like to see at future meetings. Interest was expressed for the following: cultural safety, university transfer (dual credits), The Foundry, Comox Youth Climate Council and the RCMP. Dean will make inquiries to arrange presentations at future meetings.

Additional Items

- **Class 4 Licences – PAC Support**
 - Vicky inquired if the school requires financial support from the PAC in order to for more staff members to obtain class 4 licences. Don advised that the challenge is generally not a financial one but rather in identifying staff who are willing to obtain the licence.

Next Meeting – November 21, 2022

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm