

## Highland PAC Meeting Minutes

### February 27, 2023

**In Attendance:** Dean Patterson (Principal), Stephanie Baker (Vice-Principal), Adam Thompson (Chairperson), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson), Jennifer Vaino (Secretary), Emma Thompson, Linn East, Nadine Beaulieu, Vivian Vaillant (DPAC Liaison), Colin Hines (DPAC Liaison), Svitlana K & Gael A, Kim Curtis, Jenny Goodwin

Virtual: Susan Leslie (Trustee Liaison), Spring Halasz (Treasurer)

**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**

**Guest Speaker** – Stephanie Baker – Building a School in Guatemala sponsored by LifeTouch with a program called Hug it Forward. Stephanie was 1 of only 2 educators in Canada chosen. Learned about their culture, worked alongside the students, wiring in filled pop bottles to act as insulation between the concrete walls. Were welcomed into their homes and community, Stephanie's best part. Highland has sister schools in Italy, France & Japan. Looking into possible future school trips to immerse in a culture

**Approval of previous minutes (January 2023)** – Motioned by Jenny Goodwin; seconded by Adam Thompson. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Approval of agenda** – Motioned by Emma Thompson; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence**

- nil

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **Chairperson Report (Adam)**

- nil

##### **Treasurer Report**

- As of February 27, 2023:
  - \$1,659.18 in the General account
  - \$21,694.89 in the Gaming account
  - \$2,018.95 in the Grad Account (2020) – amount for 1 bike rack will be deducted from this amount. The school purchased 8.

Spring is having issues printing the cheques, so the \$12 300 to reimburse the school hasn't been paid out yet. Will contact RBC if problem persists.

##### **DPAC Report:**

- DPAC wanted to know about our Emergency Trailer and Family Emergency Funding

- Emergency Trailer – was inventoried last week, district is going to do a bulk order and then if the school feels things are still missing will approach PAC
- Family Emergency Funding – some was spent, for notes look at November PAC minutes item #9. Money does not need to be spent by June now, so school might hold onto some for next year.
- DPAC draft minutes for the last meeting held on February 6, 2023 can be accessed via the following link:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfug9fg4bb6j/AAD8n4o9kCgE657LIMSspByHa/MINUTES%202023-02-06%20SD71%20DPAC%20-%20DRAFT.pdf?dl=0>

## **Principal's Report**

### **Athletics –**

Basketball      Senior Boys – placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Islands, Senior Girls made it to Islands, Junior Boys 5<sup>th</sup> at North Zone Tournament, Junior Girls 5<sup>th</sup> at North Zone Tournament, Grade 8 Girls, only 1 loss at North Zone Tournament, Grade 8 boys playing this weekend

Ski Team      no advances to Provincials

Spring Sports – Golf, Soccer, Badminton, Track & Field, Mountain Biking, Ultimate Frisbee (uniforms will be needed), Rugby (uniforms will be needed)

**Improv** – Juniors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Seniors placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Robotics** – 1 team made it to the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals

**Skills Canada** – Grade 12 students - placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Electronics; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Welding

ICBC Presentation – Kevin Brooks <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/teaching/Pages/Kevin-Brooks.aspx>

Sexual Health Presentation – Kerri Isham <https://www.powerupeducation.com/>

Student programming in continuing

Student surveys – Student Learning Survey (Grade 4, 7, 10 & 12); Youth Development Instrument (Grade 11); McCreay BC Adolescent Health Survey (Grades 7 - 12); Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (Grade 8)

### **Upcoming**

Ongoing	Art show at Comox Recreation Centre, then the Pearl Ellis Gallery
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Highland Has Heart assembly Showcase Music Concert
March 15 - 18 <sup>th</sup>	District Musical – Matilda

## **Trustee Report**

- The last Board meeting was January 31, 2023. The minutes, once they have been approved, they will be here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/board-meetings/>
- The next Board meeting is February 28, 2023
- Representatives from our school district met with the Minister of Education to learn about the addition of daycare & child care in schools. The Minister was also invited to come to our district.
- A literacy & numeracy presentation was given discussing a common assessment tool to promote continuity in K-12

- February 17<sup>th</sup> was a Professional Development Day where the focus was on Indigenous Learning and Sharing, the cultural significance of local places and how to incorporate more into the classroom

#### **Old Business**

- Nil

#### **New Business**

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**Next Meeting** – April 17, 2023. Dean Patterson is going to try and book Steve Claasen, Trades Programs.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm