

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

In Attendance: Dean Patterson (Principal), Don McRae (Vice-Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson), Jennifer Vaino (Secretary), Colin Hines (DPAC Liaison), Brenda Cairncross, Vicky Trill, Krista Tupper

Regrets: Adam Thompson (Chairperson), Vivian Vaillant (DPAC Liaison)

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

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 – Ryan Buchanan- Robotics. Reece, Nick & Tim demonstrated their robots. This is a district program. The lab is in the old autoshop at Highland Secondary. They meet Tuesdays & Thursdays. Currently there are 36 in the club, from all the secondary schools. Each team usually consists of 3-4 people. 1 builder, 2-3 drivers/coders. This year Ryan is taking teams to the Worlds in Dallas, Texas. Each year the game changes that the robots need to compete in, this is announced at the championships. Here is a link to the livestream of the Island Championships, where SD71 won 3 spots for Worlds: <https://www.brentwood.ca/livestreams/167>. This is a highlight video of the same championships <https://youtu.be/tkw19LycHOw>

Approval of previous minutes (February 2023) – Motioned by Colin Hines; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Jennifer Vaino; seconded by Don McRae. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- nil

REPORTS:

Chairperson Report (Adam)

- nil

Treasurer Report

- As of April 17, 2023:
 - \$1,659.18 in the General account
 - \$21,694.92 in the Gaming account
 - \$2,006.14 in the Grad Account (2020) – amount for 1 bike rack will be deducted from this amount. The school purchased 8.

Spring needs a second signature (Adam) on a cheque for the school.

The BCCPAC AGM is May 5-7 in Richmond, BC. The early bird registration discount was extended until April 20th.

The proxy voting form needs to be signed for the AGM.

DPAC Report:

- no report
- 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/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=MINUTES+2023-04-12+SD71+DPAC+DRAFT.pdf>

Principal's Report

New volunteer forms with code of conduct <https://forms.office.com/r/P90Ztb7LeB>, kept at Board office, applicable to all schools in district

Athletics – Spring – Rugby, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Disk Golf, Golf, Track & Field, Mountain Biking & Badminton

Music – April 19-20 Grade 8's to Victoria; April 28th Seniors to the feeder schools; May 15-18th Grades 9-12 to Vancouver; May 24th Spring Concert

Drama – Provincial Drama Festival May 4-7 in Vancouver

Robotics – World Championships April 23- 30 in Dallas, Texas

Programming, timetable building, staffing & scheduling for 23/24 underway

Counsellors will be visiting the feeder schools after the music visits

Earth Week – HEAT has organized a daily event

Graduation – Valedictorians (2), Minuet, Grad Song, Family BBQ May 18th, Ceremony May 27th

A question was asked if the name of Girl's Fitness can be changed to not include gender. The GSA was asked for suggestions.

Dean asked if we could delay the teacher's request for funds until the September meeting as we have lots of turn around this year.

What is happening for Indigenous Day, June 21st?

Trustee Report

- The last Board meeting was March 21, 2023. The minutes, once approved will be here:
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/board-meetings/#toggle-id-1>
- The next Board meeting is April 25, 2023
- 23/24 strategic plan & budget are being created. The 1st public hearing for the budget was April 11th. The next one is May 9th.
- Enrolment is up, already met the expected numbers for the year.
- A new code of conduct volunteer policy is in affect. Link is under Principal.
- Emergency Supplies – inventory is complete. Looking at what is needed for replenishment.

Old Business

- Nil

New Business

- Nil

Next Meeting – May 15, 2023. Dean Patterson is going to try and book Steve Claasen, Trades Programs. And also see if the new administration team can join us, Dean Patterson – Principal and Don McRae – Vice Principal are retiring.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm