



## Highland PAC Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

**In Attendance:** Laura Roberts (Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vaino (Chair), Brenda Cairncross, Brooke Finlayson (DPAC Rep)

**Online attendance:** Spring Halasz (Treasurer), Susan Leslie (Trustee)

**Regrets sent for:** Vivian Vaillant (DPAC Rep)

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 (January 2023)** – Motioned by Brenda Cairncross; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Approval of agenda** – Motioned by Brooke Finlayson; seconded by Brenda Cairncross. All in favour. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Trustee Report (Susan Leslie)**

- Strategic Plan survey sent out to school community
- Feeding Futures, who is going to coordinate this
- gender based violence committee started

#### **Chair Report**

- nil

#### **Treasurer Report (Spring)**

- As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024:
  - Gaming account \$20145.68 – this includes the \$800 from the Grad 50/50
  - General account \$1,129.35
  - The Germany exchange 50/50 raffle raised \$4545.00 – \$2272.50 to the winner, \$356.33 for Rafflebox fees, \$169.34 Stripe fees, leaving \$1746.83 for the Germany Exchange Fund
  - The Grad 50/50 raffle raised \$800 - \$400 to the winner, \$62.72 for Rafflebox fees, \$32.51 Stripe fees, leaving \$304.77 for the Grad fund
  - The Band 50/50 raffle is up & running from December 14<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>, as of today \$1320, hoping for \$5000.
  - Debbie has a 1<sup>st</sup> semester report for us, \$ money by school
  - using Rafflebox and Stripe is a learning curve. The money for Stripe should have been left in the Rafflebox account, it wasn't, the full amount of the 50/50 withdrawn leaving the Stripe payment

to come out of the Germany Exchange on the Rafflebox page and our bank deposits and withdrawals, but the money is in our gaming account and will be given to the band fund. It will balance

### **DPAC Report (by Jen)**

- Physical Literacy – Jina Taylor, see link

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&e=1&preview=February+Active+Fun+Guide+-+Jina+Taylor+SD71.pdf>

- a board anti-racism committee is in the works
- Arden school was very impressed by Ben's bike safety talks that he did, age appropriate and very impactful

Full DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on February 5th can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&e=1&preview=MINUTES+2024-2-05+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Next DPAC is March 4th, starting at 6:30pm in the Isfeld library.

### **Principal's Report (Laura)**

- School is working on their strategic plan in relation to the board's, things are evolving, looking at putting emphasis back in the classroom, including SOGI, anti-racism(policy found under Human Rights & equity diversity) gender & equality
- Talks about racism brought up naturally by incidents around the school, a teacher lesson plan was found integrating it into core competencies and part of social justice
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Pro-D day, talked about de-colonizing and social justice and integrating anti-racism into curriculum like Indegenous
- Skills Canada competition was last weeknd in Campbell River
- Something Rotten musical Mar 4-8<sup>th</sup> at Highland, get your tickets
- 24/25 course selections are almost done
- Highland has Heart assembly is Feb 29, students make the nomination
- At April's meeting, the staffing process will be discussed
- Feeding Futures – Highland has a CUPE employee at school, 5 or 6 on committee, looking for ideas on ways to feed students, has money needs ideas about food, space & volunteers
- Carver is working with Indigenous Leadership to design a logo for Highland to add to H logo, he is also being commissioned to create artwork for inside the main doors
- Plaques are needed for the current artwork around the school
- Looking for seating for the pergola, teachers want to use it, but benches or picnic tables are needed, is it a \$ thing or a volunteer thing

### **Old Business**

- Thank you to Vivian & Brooke for their work organizing the Staff Appreciation event in December. Apologies were given by Jennifer for not bringing it up at the January meeting. Jennifer Vaino made a motion to e-transfer Vivian \$75.86 for purchases made for the event. Seconded by Melissa Preston, all in favour, motion passed.
- A draft copy of bylaws were emailed to all for review

### **New Business**

Requests for PAC funds

- ➔ Indigenous Leadership – Tribune Bay closed, so an amendment was submitted, \$1000 was originally approved, only requesting \$550 now
- ➔ Earth Science 11 Brad St.Pierre requested \$550 for an all-day floating classroom experience by Cumberland Lake Park Society.
- ➔ Economics 11 Brad St.Pierre requested \$300.05 for an all-day Economics Seminar at the Fraser Institute.
- ➔ Band Carly Swain requested any amount of funding to go towards upcoming trips.

Jennifer Vaino made a motion to approve funding up to \$300.05 for Economics 11, up to \$550 For Earth Science 11 and \$1000 for Band. Brooke Finlayson seconded the motion. All in favour, motion carried.

**Next Meeting** – April 15, 2024

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm