



Highland PAC Meeting Minutes January 15, 2024

In Attendance: Laura Roberts (Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vaino (Chair), Brenda Cairncross,

Online attendance: Spring Halasz (Treasurer)

Regrets sent for: Brooke Finlayson, Vivian Vaillant, Susan Leslie

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 (November 2023) – Motioned by Melissa Preston; seconded by Brenda Cairncross. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Spring Halasz added the BC Transit Strike to New Business. Motioned by Brenda Cairncross; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

REPORTS:

Trustee Report (Susan Leslie)

- Absent from meeting, no report.

Chair Report

- nil

Treasurer Report (Spring)

- As of January 1st, 2024:
 - Gaming account \$19345.66
 - General account \$1,129.34
 - The Germany exchange 50/50 raffle is up and running from November 1st – February 14th, as of today \$3000, hoping for \$20000.
 - The Band 50/50 raffle is up & running from December 14th – March 14th, as of today \$635, hoping for \$5000.
 - The Grad 50/50 raffle is up & running from January 11th – January 29th, as of today \$260, hoping for \$5000. Spring asked how the raffle was presented during the dessert night.

DPAC Report

- This was our DPAC AGM. Chair Jennifer Fisher thanked Spring for her 3 years of volunteer service as our DPAC Treasurer. In those three years Spring was organized and very efficient in this role. She saved us money in bank fees; completed and secured our Gaming Grant applications; if she couldn't attend a mtg

in person, she was running around looking for WiFi or zooming in!, she provided accurate financials, and worked collaboratively with parents as an Executive member. Thank you Spring, we will miss you

- Impressive "Year in Review" list from the Chair
- Superintendent Report:-
 - New 3 year calendar is in the works and will be released when complete
 - Feeding Futures Report-will be submitted to Trustees this week in draft form and reported on at the next Board meeting.
- Trustee Report: Continuing their work around the Strategic Plan.

Elections:

Chair-Jennifer Fisher (Isfeld)

Vice Chair-Joanne Barr (Miracle Beach)

Treasurer-Kendall Packham (Arden, Lake Trail, Glacier View)

Secretary-Megan Cowling (Brooklyn)

PAC sharing:

-Spring raised the issue of the transit strike and the burden that that has placed on families to pay for transportation for their children to attend school. This generated a lot of conversation amongst parents and was highlighted on the nightly news with the District's communication manager addressing the issues and difficulties for families and students.

Full DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on January 8th can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfuq9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=MINUTES+2024-01-08+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Next DPAC is February 5/24, starting at 6:30pm in the Isfeld library.

Principal's Report (Laura)

- Is proud to be Principal of this school. Feels very welcome
- 2 weeks left in 1st semester
- Staff presentations are aligned with the district strategic plan focusing on learning and What's Important
- January 29th is a non-instruction day, instead of parent/teacher interviews
- January 30th, 1st day of Semester 2
- Grades 8 & 9 have had assemblies on impact of focus, cell phone use, communication – when taking a tie out – are you ok? Do you need to talk to someone?, make kids accountable for their timelines
- Grades 10 – 12 will have assemblies in February and will focus on course selections
- The school currently has 4 video cameras outside of the school, they are installing 6 inside the school in the hallway surrounding the library. These will be installed as soon as possible. The district will be paying for these. All the cameras can record, but can't be shared with anyone outside of the school district. The cameras are being installed to help with the current vandalism problem, over \$8000 in damage to date.
- Grade Dessert Night, January 11th. 15 teachers helped out. Thank you. More volunteers are needed for set up/tear down. Looking into getting Grade 11 students & parents to help out.
- Wednesday, January 17th is a dual credit information session at Vanier.

Old Business

- Where is PAC going? If we want to continue to support the school and staff appreciation some sort of fundraiser will need to be done. Ideas are 50/50, raffles, bake sale, easy peasy, craft fairs.
- PAC Bylaws & Constitution
- Salad Bar – a staff member has to be involved. Tara Colborne is not interested. Laura will check with her Food & Security Committee. Then we will need to speak to parents/guardians and secure lots of volunteers. There are specific timelines to follow. A list of equipment that we have and what is needed is required. Are there grants still available? Melissa is going to talk to her contacts about what is involved, # of volunteers needed, time involved, etc. Spring is going to contact Isfeld & Vanier about their salad bars. A link to a google survey could be used to gauge interest.
- Christmas Staff Appreciation – December 11th

New Business

- BC Transit Strike – is anyone struggling? Do they have to choose between rent & gas? Is it affecting attendance? Laura says NO. Most people live in the catchment area. If struggling, reach out to the school – maybe they can help. What else can be done – suggestions are district adds buses with various pick up points, facilitate a ride share group. Reach out to your MLA, Minister of Education & Minister of Transportation, BC Transit and anyone else you can think of.
- PAC newsletter blurb, add link to Facebook page. Put the minutes on Facebook page. Check out what Isfeld & Vanier do – Facebook, newsletter etc..

Next Meeting – February 26, 2024

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm