

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

In Attendance: Laura Roberts (Principal), Stephanie Baker (Vice Principal), Wayne Kuhnert (Vice Principal), Melissa Preston (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vaino (Secretary), Spring Halasz (Treasurer), Marie Lacrampe, Karen Pritchard, Megan Tomlinson, Doug Ure, Vicky Trill, Tamara Deering

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 (May 2022) – Motioned by Vicky Trill; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Spring Halasz; seconded by Marie Lacrampe. All in favour. Motion carried. Spring would like to add the topic of Salad Bars to the new business. Marie Lacrampe would like to learn more about Feeding Futures, Laura Roberts will speak about it in her Principal report.

Correspondence

- nil

REPORTS:

Chair Report (new one to be voted on in October)

- nil

Treasurer Report (Spring)

- As of September 1st, 2023:
 - \$1,137.55 in the General account; cheques were withdrawn from this account for staff appreciation \$98, \$189.02, \$64.99, \$169.62
 - \$5,525.60 in the Gaming account; cheques were withdrawn from this account for \$510 from the 50/50 raffle for the Grad dessert night, \$3359.37 & \$12300 to the school for claims reimbursements of asked for and allotted funds
 - \$1.78 in the Grad Account (2020) this account was closed and showing a \$0 balance. Spring is going to look into this.
 - The BCCPAC membership will be paid for by the school in-service account, a discussion was held about whether or not to renew the membership. It was decided we would keep it as there is no cost to the PAC.
 - Gaming application was due at the end of June, it was submitted and the funds should be deposited by the first week of October, \$20/full time student, based on the previous year's enrolment numbers.

DPAC Report

- DPAC Rep was absent, no report provided
- DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on June 5, 2023 can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfug9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=MINUTES+2023-06-05+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Principal's Report (Laura)

A smooth opening was reported, with a gradual transition to full time study. The week started with a Professional Day for the staff, Indigenous Based to help get grounded for the year, the next day was the Grade 8's, International & new students for a half day, followed by the entire school for two days and then the weekend.

- Current enrolment numbers are 736 students, including 59 international and 26 Enter 2 students (Tech based)
- A Robotics open house was held last week(the 15th) with over 40 families interested
- a new Family Memo is being sent out every 2 weeks, a PAC corner can be added to provide information to parents
- Cross Country & volleyball have started
 - always looking for volunteers to help make activities happen
- Feeding Futures – Funds from the Ministry of Education to support families with rising costs, can be used for food, food safe courses, purchasing appliances to provide food to students, clothing as well if needed, this is covering the \$25 student fee (23/24 year)
 - Marie Lacrampe is on a Francophone Women's Committee to help out in communities, she is part of the inclusive education committee that includes food, racism & anti-bullying, she asked about the Federal funding that was announced in 2019
 - looking into where insecurities are related to food
 - there is currently a breakfast program that everyone can access, lunch is always provided to anyone who asks for it, there is no lunch program at the moment
- Student Learning Reporting has changed for Grades K – 9, letter grades & percentages for Grades 10-12 will continue for now. The link for more information is https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/student_reporting-brochure_for_families.pdf

This month

Club Day – September 18th – all the clubs set up around the library to inform students and can sign ups

Consent Week – September 18 – 23

Photo Day – September 19th

Truth & Reconciliation Day – September 28th

Terry Fox Run – October 4th

Trustee Report

- Nil (trustee not in attendance)

Old Business

- Nil

New Business

- **Salad Bar** – Spring & Tara C started the process prior to Covid, where are we at now, is this an option? Other schools in the district currently offer it; Isfeld 1/week @ \$4 salad, Robb Rd, Aspen & Brooklyn, it was suggested the students & parents be surveyed to gauge interest.

- **ERASE** – a link be added to the bi-monthly newsletter, the link is <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>
- **50/50 lottery license** for the German Exchange Trip
 - Spring is working with Deanna & James to fill out a special application and to use rafflebox.ca
- **Funds requests** – some applications have been received
 - Laura is going to sort through them, specific criteria need to be met, then she will forward them to the Executive
 - a new application form needs to be produced listing the specific criteria for what funds can be used for
 - the funding criteria link is <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-pac.pdf>
- **Elections** – will be held at the October meeting along with the nominations

Next Meeting – October 16, 2023

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm