

Hornby Island Community School Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday November 9, 2022
Multipurpose Room @ 3:55pm

Recognition of Traditional Territories

We respectfully acknowledge that we are living, learning and playing on the beautiful unceded traditional territory of the Pentlatch Peoples and the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Agenda

1. Introductions

→ In attendance

- ◆ Braea Walmsley, Rob Zelinski, Casey Doss, Jala Klone, Judith Ayers, Ashley Faith Martens, Amy LeBaron, Darcy McMurray, Kailey Hegg, Deirdre Atkinson, Britt Hanson, Alexandra Lamont, Meredith McEvoy, Jayden Dinney, Ondrea Rogers
- New School trustee Area A Chelsea McCannel-Keene
 - ◆ hello via zoom, lives in Royston
 - ◆ Excited to serve Island community schools and Royston

2. Old Business

→ Swing Update (Dierdre)

- ◆ Deirdre and Alex met with Ian, looked at site/potential locations (SD71 would cover the cost of installation ~\$6000)
- ◆ Swing Time quote: 4 swings (3 plus one accessible) \$10,000
- ◆ Ground cover is most expensive element, options are:
 - Rubber tiles \$28000
 - Engineered wood chips \$7000
- ◆ Other funding opportunities:
 - Variety Club accessibility grant, submitting next week, \$10,000
 - Go Fund Me, community donors, make it community project
- ◆ Next step: Budget for approval by Ian, send to CVRD, apply for grants etc
- ◆ Braea proposes a motion to move forwards, Jala seconds this motion

→ Gardening (Jala)

- ◆ Kayla applied for the grant
- ◆ Heather is teaching the kids about three sisters garden
- ◆ Barb White - tea garden?
- ◆ Denman does a Fall Feast. Who would tend over summer? Family weekly sign up?
- ◆ Baby steps!

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3. Reports

→ Judi Ayers (VP)

- ◆ Remembrance day assembly tomorrow, led by students (5-7 class)
- ◆ Getting ready for parent teacher conferences for next week, no school next thursday
- ◆ FSA winding up this week for grades 4-7
- ◆ Staff formed committee for winter concert, has met and planning has begun
- ◆ Classes have gone to the Natural history Centre this week for introduction
 - tying in learning with Heather as well (tying in indigenous ways of knowing into their class learning)

→ Casey Doss (G2-4)

- ◆ FSA
- ◆ Literacy, science, PE (handball, ball, throwing)
- ◆ Preparing for winter concert, will be looking for help (will be in the evening), can call on non parent community members
- ◆ Building math program to implement with all levels
- ◆ Outdoor learning
- ◆ loving class!

→ Kayla Myles (K-1)

- ◆ See attached report

→ Treasurer's Report (Braea)

- ◆ Gaming money hasn't come through
- ◆ \$9632.58 chequing
- ◆ \$25 equity
- ◆ \$1520 pending from tea towels
- ◆ Tuna has been purchased!

4. Committee Reports

→ Field Trips

- ◆ tabled for next meeting

→ Winter Faire

- ◆ Jade will organize soup (make as group, or individually?), Hummingbird will donate bread
- ◆ Faith and Jala will organize
- ◆ Teen involvement? Interested in selling, if we have enough room (Yes!)

→ Wreaths (Darcy)

- ◆ Room to Grow booked (can drive in, Judi says so)
 - base assembly Nov 28 12:30-17:30 (book 2, 2-hr shifts 1-5PM)
 - decorating Dec 1 12:30 - 7:30 (book 3, 2-hr shifts 1-7PM)
 - Will need shift for clean up
- ◆ ?can store in greenhouse

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- ◆ Balsam
 - Braea assess Britt and Al Dickie's Balsam and collect
- ◆ Ondrea - beautiful items (but when and where to drop off? Thursday am before noon RTG? or on deck throughout the week?) Ondrea will look into it.
- ◆ Darcy will send email Monday Nov 14 with all details
- ◆ Jala's handout had details and sign up lists
- **Fundraising (Jules)**
 - ◆ Tea Towels
 - Need Iron volunteers: Braea, Laila, Jala, Faith, Amy, Diedre, Ondrea(?)
- **Food Program**
 - ◆ Jade - Raven Room kitchen needs
 - cutting boards (Britt will bring some in),
 - soup heater (Ondrea has large crock pot)
 - ◆ Hot lunch - pita pizzas, make your own sandwich
 - Email chain to organize first day
 - Tuesday could be best, Matt doesn't start until 1
 - ◆ Salad bar program like Denman?
- **School Goals for this year**
 - ◆ Revisiting mission, vision, values - table for next meeting
 - ◆ Judi will collect input from everyone (Florette etc) and compile, then we can review
- **Health Care update (Meredith)**
 - ◆ Parent Group on Hornby, Denman
 - ◆ Mette on leave, position is posted
 - ◆ Youth Squad, false start, Judi and Mere working together to figure out what is best for everyone

5. New Business

- **Higher Grades on Hornby (Rob, Amanda, Amy)**
 - ◆ Starting process to get higher grades on Hornby, up to grade 10?
 - ◆ Information Gathering
 - Rob - Meeting with Bamfield teacher (school is K-12 now)
 - Students love it, community loves it, first nation loves it, lots of support from SD 70
 - Meeting with principal soon
 - Buy in, funding, get started?
 - Uses online program, with teacher support (15 students)
 - Amanda - Southern Gulf Islands (Pender) going really well
 - Amy - spoke with Amanda on Cortez

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- started an academy, built a program that was an option, drew students from other districts, international and home school programs
- Very unique, tied to land, non teachers could teach but had to fundraise
- ¾ time teacher from off island
- SD support with funds they already had
- Good to have non profit
- 20 (8-12 students)
- Semester based program with expert local “teachers”
- ◆ Heartwood learning community/NIDES have these resources already
 - Judi has talked to Jay Dixon
 - In early stages of exploring idea/taking seriously
- ◆ Unsupervised bus time biggest issue
- ◆ High level education, thriving
- ◆ Looking at grade 8-9 as a start

6. Upcoming Events

7. Next meeting

→ **Second Wednesday of every month**

- ◆ **Wednesday December 14th @ 3:45 PM**

8. Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 PM