

Highland PAC Meeting Minutes November 21, 2022

In Attendance: Stephanie Baker (Vice Principal), Don McRae (Vice Principal), Adam Thompson (Chairperson), Melissa Preston (Vice Chairperson/Secretary), Stephanie Carruthers, Jennifer Gallagher, Jennifer Vaino, Mona Wangler, Emma Thompson, Chris Lewis, Amelia Valmorbida, Colin Hanes, Stacey Royer-Giguere

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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

Guest Speaker – Angie Prescott, Program Manager for The Foundry Comox Valley, provided an overview of the free and confidential services available to youth aged 12 to 24 in our community. Further information can be found on their website (foundry.bc/comoxvalley), Instagram ([foundry_bc](https://www.instagram.com/foundry_bc)), Facebook ([Foundrycomoxvalley](https://www.facebook.com/Foundrycomoxvalley)) or by calling (250) 338-7341.

Approval of previous minutes (October 2022) – Motioned by Emma; seconded by Jennifer Gallagher. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Melissa; seconded by Adam. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- nil

REPORTS:

Chairperson Report (Adam)

- nil

Treasurer Report (Treasurer absent)

- Spring was absent from the meeting, however she provided Adam with a screenshot of the bank balances
- As of November 21, 2022:
 - \$1,659.18 in the General account
 - \$21,184.83 in the Gaming account
 - \$2,010.39 in the Grad Account (2020)

DPAC Report (DPAC Rep absent):

- DPAC Rep was absent, no report provided
- DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on November 7, 2022 can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uthyfug9fg4bb6j/AACQetRD-7bYknFwZpH3hDjSa?dl=0&preview=MINUTES+2022-11-7+SD71+DPAC.pdf>

Principal's Report (Stephanie/Don)

- 1. Remembrance Day Assembly** – A whole school assembly, led by leadership students, was held on November 10. Students in attendance were respectful and well-mannered. This marked the first whole school assembly since Covid.
- 2. BC Post-Secondary Institutions Information Evening** – This event for parents/guardians/grade 12 students was held on November 3 at Highland and was well attended.
- 3. NIRD (North Island Regional Drama) Fest** – This event was hosted at Highland on Friday through Sunday.
- 4. Athletics** – The volleyball season has wrapped and basketball season is underway.
- 5. Grad Pics** – Grad photos will be taken at Highland from November 21 to 23; parents/guardians were sent a link to reserve a timeslot. Re-takes will be available on February 13 and 14.
- 6. Grad Dessert Evening** – The grad dessert night is being held December 1. Desserts/appetizers will be served. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 draw and a slide show presentation. Afterwards grads will stay behind for a dance.
- 7. Christmas Music Concert** – The concert will be held on December 8.
- 8. English First Peoples Big House Visit** – Students in the English First Peoples class will be visiting the K'ómoks First Nation Big House on December 6.
- 9. Student Affordability Fund**
 - The intent of the Affordability Fund is to support struggling families in a private and stigma-free manner. The focus is primarily on providing food security. Monies can also be used towards school fees (supplies, athletic fees, etc) for families in need.
 - The funds must be spent by June 2023.
 - Highland plans to allocate funds towards the following: breakfast programming, a hardship fund (student fees/ENTER/grad & athletic fees), homework club staffing/food, the Christmas Hamper Program, food support for families in need (in partnership with LUSH Valley), field trips, an industrial dishwasher (required to support school food programs) and school supplies.
- 10. January PAC Meeting Presentation** – At our next meeting Dawn Anderson will be providing information on dual credits.

Trustee Report

- Nil (trustee not in attendance)

Old Business

- Nil

New Business

- **Elections for Board Positions** – All positions were awarded by acclimation. Our new board is as follows:
 - Chairperson – Adam Thompson
 - Vice Chairperson – Melissa Preston
 - Treasurer / Gaming – Spring Halaz
 - Secretary – Jennifer Vaino
 - DPAC – Vivian Vaillant and Colin Hanes

Next Meeting – January 16, 2023

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm