



Highland PAC Meeting Minutes May 27, 2024

In Attendance: Melissa Preston (Vice Chair), Jennifer Vaino (Chair), Vivian Vaillant (DPAC Rep), Susan Leslie (Trustee), Brooke Finlayson (DPAC rep), Brenda Cairncross, Megan Watson (FamilySmart), Stephanie Baker (acting Principal)

Online attendance: Spring Halasz (Treasurer)

Regrets sent for: Laura Roberts (Principal)

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

Guest Presentation – Megan Watson (FamilySmart): Is a non-profit to give caregiver support. Megan has all lived experience - 8 children, melded family, dealing with anxiety, suicide, cancer, drug addiction.

- FamilySmart offers support, advocacy coaching, “a blanket not a cape” approach, help to navigate community services, help finding resources. They are a small group here but have access to a larger team on the mainland.
- Help for the Hard Times – FREE - Monthly topics are covered online & in person, June is about Self Harm
- Parents/caregivers can reach out directly or of a family/friend refers a person then FamilySmart can make 1st contact.
- Email is the quickest way right now to get a response

Approval of previous minutes (February 2024) – Motioned by Brenda Cairncross; seconded by Melissa Preston. All in favour. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda – Motioned by Melissa Preston; seconded by Vivian Vaillant. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence – none

REPORTS:

Trustee Report (Susan Leslie)

- All strategic planning sessions are complete, a team will present their findings to the Board
- 2 years later the gender-based violence committee is up & running
- Code of Conduct will be updated to include a phone policy – each teacher & school will have some discretion with this
- 24/25 budgets for operating & capital expenses are in the works
- SD71 is healthy & growing, currently we have a \$1 million deficit

Chair Report - none

Treasurer Report (Spring)

- As of May 1st, 2024:
 - Gaming account \$19345.73

- General account \$1,053.49
- Funding Reimbursement Claim #1 was received for a total of \$14 189.23. Spring Halasz motioned to pay the school this amount, it was seconded by Jen Vaino. All in favour, motion passed. A check with 2 signatures will be needed.
- The gaming license application fees for Germany, Band & the Grad 50/50 need to be reimbursed to Spring from the gaming account, then the school can reimburse the PAC. For a total of \$85. \$25 for each license plus an error was made in the first application (wrong license applied for)

DPAC Report

- Full DPAC minutes for the last meeting held on May 6th can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/39lgis3ngrrk8gnqdcot5/MINUTES-2024-5-06-SD71-DPAC.pdf?rlkey=p6cvsezdx8tpxm8nwp9otgvcn&e=1&st=bzjgvb8p&dl=0>
- Phone survey was sent out to parents/caregivers - the survey was unfriendly
- Steve Klassen reported on 1st Robotics
- Anti-racism committee is up & running, and they would love to hear from you
- How do we get funds to those who need it?

The next DPAC meeting will be June 3rd.

Principal's Report (Stephanie)

- What Has Been Happening
 - Music trips to Victoria, Vancouver & Calgary
 - Spring Music Concert – not well attended, better advertising is needed
 - Artists are on display at the Pearl Ellis gallery until the 22nd of June
 - Spring sports are finishing up for the year
 - The Cape Scott trip as back, had a great time but it was rainy.
 - ICBC did a road safety presentation
 - SOGI presentation
 - Sexual health presentation
 - Grad BBQ was rainy but successful
 - Grad is June 1st, hoping to have it outside
 - Dual credit push was on for applications by June 1st

Upcoming Events

- June 10th – Grade 7 family orientation
- June 11th – Awards Night
- June 12th – Bursary Night
- Staffing is ½ done, into Round 3 now, 14 positions to fill
- Cell phone policy – use of phones needs to be respectful, limiting and teacher specific

Old Business

Staff Appreciation – June 4th Spring – signage & balloons, Melissa – drinks, Jen – treats, Brooke & Vivian – flowers (June 3rd) advertised in weekly newsletter & Facebook, asking for volunteers and participants in the flower arranging

Feeding Futures – 50 lunches are being given out everyday

Spring would like to present her research on salad bars at the June meeting

Community Connections Day June 1st – Lake Trail – in newsletter

New Business

Tour de Rock (Sept 21 – Oct 4) – Brooklyn PAC and school are supporting our local rider Const. Keeley Deley
We have permission to support as well, donations, school challenges, duct tape a teacher by donation

Next Meeting – June 17, 2024

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm