

Handsworth Secondary School Association (HSSA)

Handsworth Parent Advisory Council (HPAC)

May 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

AGM MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

HPAC/HSSA Executive: Sandra Hancock, Rose Harvey, Kim Moen, Gwen Groberman, Sheila Drummond, Barb Vincent, Caroline Ramsay, Patti Cross-Bishop, Katy McLellan, Cheryl Leia

Administration: Mark James, Principal

HPAC/HSSA members in attendance: Deb Burian, Trish Brady, Jenny, Vivienne Megas, Jenifer Rowe

1. Welcome and Introductions: from Sandra Hancock, HPAC co-chair

2. Call to Order: 7:03 pm by Sandra Hancock, HPAC co-chair

3. Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Deb Burian and seconded by Trish Brady.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2010 meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 HPAC/HSSA AGM meeting was moved by Barb Vincent, and was seconded by Kim Moen. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Updates: Sandra Hancock

- May 17th – Jr. Music Finale, 7:30pm Highlands Church
- May 18th – Sr. Music Finale, 7:30pm Highlands Church
- May 19th – Raising the Greeting Poles
- May 23rd – Victoria Day – School Closed
- May 25th – Lynn Miller – Speaking on anxiety
- May 30th – Curriculum Implementation Day – School Closed
- June 1st – French Immersion Grade 12 Ceremony
- June 7th – Athletic Awards Assembly – during the day
- June 7th – Awards Ceremony - evening
- June 9th – Grad Ceremony - Orpheum
- June 11th – Grad Banquet - Hyatt
- June 13th – HPAC Social
- June 17th – School Exams Begin
- June 24th – Teacher's Luncheon

6. Chairperson's Report: Sandra Hancock

This year the HPAC had a great connection with DPAC. Over the past year, we had reports from various student clubs, the school planning council, the athletic council, the traffic committee, monthly reports from the Principal, updates on the bike rack, the greeting poles, the student development fund, safe grad, and the spring fair.

Highlights:

September – Grade 8 BBQ, parent night-meet the teachers

October – Youth workers from Capilano Community Services Soc, wish list from teachers, student club speakers, student development fund – Nicaragua trip

November – Received grant money, looked over wish list, and met most of the teacher's needs, separated out the Technology needs, speakers from Free the Children_Club, Environment Club, and Richard Anderson-Student Council,

- Cheque Drive, \$9,000 raised, funded all computers for drafting lab with part money from the school.

Jan – Barry Forward, School Trustee, talked about future of Handsworth, was looking for Handsworth Parent representatives, 5 plus years before rebuilding will start, presentation from Gay/Straight Alliance Club and a DPAC Report – renovations to outdoor school

Feb – Rick Turner – Math Department gave a clicker demonstration

April – Spring Fair report-Katy McLellan, Dr. Overgaard – 20th century learning

May – Spring Fair

7. Spring Fair Review: Katy McLellan

Went well, thank you to all the volunteers

Recommendations: This event should be put to rest, too many different age groups to entertain, Should have an event that puts more emphasis on our own community of students and their parents

8. School Planning Council Report (SPC): Gwen Groberman

Plan is finished, all went well, cut document from 40 pages to 7 pages, and everything is clear, parents can go online and check out the report

9. District PAC Report: Caroline Ramsay

Attended 2011 BCC-PAC conference and AGM, encourage other people to do the same, if they share a passion for public education, amazing speakers and great opportunities for learning, fantastic experience. Dr. Paul Kershaw spoke on importance of early learning, family friendly policies, Raj Dassi talked about conflict resolution, George Abbott – Minister of Education, gave a great address, DPAC chairs-question & answer period, AGM-stacks of resolutions, new people voted onto the executive

9. Music PAC Report: Deborah Burian

Jr. & Sr. Jazz bands to festivals, upcoming concerts at Highlands Church in the village at 7:30pm, May 17th & 18th, entrance by donation

AGM Tuesday May 30 - Explanation of what MPAC does

Thanks HPAC from MPAC

Suggestion: Need to have better organization of what kids can volunteer for to get their volunteer hours.

9. Athletic Council Report: no report

10. Treasurer's report: Kim Moen

Financials updated: \$31,367 in bank account, \$4000 designated to development fund

Summarized what the HPAC funded this year.

Extra monies granted from Gaming Commission- went over proposal to spend money, carried forward remainder to cover new uniforms for junior soccer team or towards a scoreboard clock for small gym, would consider other priorities as they come up.

Motion: to spend as proposed and remainder to go to prioritized needs for athletics, drama, music in the fall, made by Kim Moen, seconded Caroline Ramsay. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Election of Directors:

Sandra Hancock will continue to chair the meetings

Secretary – asked for nominations – none given

Treasurer –asked for nominations – none given

Directors – Nominations: Gwen Groberman, Vivian Megas, Katy McLellan, Patti Cross Bishop, Trish Brady, Nominated by Sandra Hancock, seconded by Rose Harvey, Motion carried unanimously.

12. Teachers Luncheon: June 24th – Amanda will be running this event again. In early June, she will send out an email asking for food or money donations, plus volunteers for clean up, set up, and serving.

13. June Social: on June 13th, in library at 7:00pm, will be inviting grade 7 parents from feeder schools, contact graduating parents, past board members, athletics. Will serve some refreshments. Welcome new parents, thank leaving members.

14. Student Development Fund: Gives \$\$ to students based on leadership opportunities, self-development, citizenship, workshops. Students fill out an application and say why they want to take this course/workshop/training and then will report back to the HPAC when they have completed it.

15. Principal's Report: Mark James

French Immersion Breakfast – used to be on a Wednesday morning when Handsworth had late starts but now with the new schedule there are no late starts on Wednesday mornings. They are looking for a morning to run it and some other options. Students and staff are thinking of doing something among themselves without the parents. The breakfast is for recognizing students. They are still working on the logistics.

Tim Jones is coming over from Sutherland to take over from Dr Overgaard who is going to Seycove for the September school year.

Drafting Lab – new computers are up and running, HPAC paid for half and the school came up with the other half of the money

Going into Handsworth's 50th year, plans are being finalized for a large celebration

Greeting pole going up this week, ceremony at 2:00 pm on Thursday

Staffing – setting up for next year, students have selected very different courses this year, will add Grade 10 French planning, dance numbers have gone up

Athletic Council – the new soccer team is under consideration is going back to the Athletic Council for a decision.

School Plan - Wednesday mornings – discussed, looked at other schools goals, which brought us back to our own goals, measurements based on provincials and course marks.

Japan trip – cancelled due to earthquake

21st Century Learning update-put on the agenda for a future meeting

16. Next HPAC meeting: is our June Social on Monday June 13, 2010 at 7:00pm in the school library.

17. Meeting adjourned: Sandra moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deborah Burian. The motion was passed unanimously.

No further business. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Rose Harvey, Secretary
