

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
Draft Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011

Present:

(deleted to protect confidentiality)

1. Welcome, Introductions and call to order at 7:05 pm from Sandra Hancock, HPAC Chair

2. Approval of Agenda was made by Deb Burian, seconded by Caroline Ramsay, motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 22, meeting and welcome Grade 8 Parents, was made by Cindy Moodad and seconded by Sylvia Sonchez . The motion was accepted unanimously.

4. Upcoming events:

- Oct. 20 Post Secondary Day, 3:00 – 5:30pm, Mark Jones spoke briefly regarding the Post Secondary Schools.
- Oct. 20 NVPAC Meeting – 7:00pm – Leo Marshall Centre
- Oct. 21 Province wide Pro D Day
- Oct. 25 – Jr. Music Homecoming Concert, 7:30pm, location has changed to St. Catherine’s Church on Ridgewood Drive, close to the village. (changed from school gym) Deb Burian Music Rep reported the change.
- Oct. 26 – Sr. Music Homecoming Concert , 7:30pm also changed location from school gym to St. Catherine’s Church 1058 Ridgewood Drive.
- Nov. 2 – Grade 9 “Take Our Kids to Work Day”, Sandra spoke regarding this day being very valuable and an amazing opportunity and encouraged it.
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day, school closed.

5. School Planning Council, Gwen Groberman spoke about the position. A good position for getting involved. Meetings are mostly in the spring and through emails. Goals are to help improve the needs of the students and the out comes.

Mike McGraw also spoke regarding this position and how it helps to identify and raise the levels of success and behavior starting with the grade 8’s. Mike McGraw is not available for this position this year. Gwen will be staying on SPC. SPC also needs 2 new members.

6. District PAC Report by Caroline Ramsay. First meeting of North Van PAC will be held Oct. 20 and will feature a workshop on emergency preparedness. Also providing information on BCCPAC funding for 2011 – 2012. NVPAC will be hosting

a School Trustees Candidates meeting at Sutherland Secondary School, Nov. 9 at 7:00PM.

7. Music Report by Deb Burian,. The Venue for the Homecoming Concerts has been changed to St. Catherine's Church. The Bottle Drive went very well raising \$3,000, with lots of Grade 8's involved.. Deb wants to Thank the Community. Expenses are all good and able to cover things on the list. Looking at getting new Concert Uniforms for each group, maybe a standard vest. Keeping the old uniforms or passing them on to another school group will be considered. The group will be doing more fundraising for this. Glad to report that there are a lot of keen grade 8's.

8. Treasurer's Report by Kim Moen – see attached Report and the Statement of Revenue and Expense's. A motion to approve the report for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 made by Kim Moen and was seconded by Cyndi Gerlach. The motion was accepted unanimously, all approved. A reminder that all monies need to go through the PAC Treasurer. As well the PAC will be looking at where to spend, Gaming funds. Kim also provided information on additional Gaming Grant funds received last year.

9. Elections:

Sandra spoke regarding the HPAC positions not filled at the AGM in May. Treasurer and Secretary that need to be filled.

HPAC Executive Positions:

Appointed for Treasurer – Kathy McGrenera,
Appointed for Secretary – Sylvia Sonchez

School Planning Council Representatives,

1. Gwen Groberman 2. Holly Robertson 3. Behnaz Modiri

NV District Parent Council Advisory Representatives

1. Caroline Ramsay with Vivienne Megas as Alternate

HSS Athletic Advisory Council - Parent Rep.

1. Lynn Punnett 2. Behnaz Modiri

11. Other Business

Sandra spoke regarding options for speakers in the near future, the past speakers that we have had and the need for more. As well student speakers. Looking for ideas or requests.

Fundraising Committee, still in the works, looking for interests and ideas.

Lots going on this year with the 50th Anniversary.

Cyndi Gerlach spoke about the options at the District Level with parents as career coach's and parents to guide. There will be evening events for giving parents tools and involvement with the NVPAC.

12. Principal's Report – Mark James

With the help of the Grade 12's once again with the Grade 8's , Opening Day went fantastic and the component of the Grade 12's was very positive.

The Teacher's Job Action seems to be changing everyday.

The District Plan being strategic with a 5 and 10 year plan for the proposed school calendar.

School information is updated regularly on the website, check for blogs, learning services, school topics, report cards, parent/teacher meetings, assessments, photo's. Early dismissal will still happen during the teacher/parent interview times, November 3 and 4th. If Parents want to contact teachers via phone or email regarding progress reports. Grade 12's will still get Report Cards, although changes are happening everyday.

Parents are encouraged to Call Chris Miller at NVTA if you have questions regarding Job Action at your school.

Pro D Day - Oct. 14, teachers will be in conferences.

The new Bike Rack is great and full of bikes.

New Locks.

November 10th, Remembrance Day Service will not be held in the gym, although there will be recognition and a Moment of Silence and the awareness of Remembrance Day. Then classes will be as usual.

November 11th, School is Closed.

Telephones are changing and voicemails for each teacher.

Teacher's are getting their computers replaced with updated Windows 7, also ipads and app's with the help from Super Tech. Teacher Erica Toombs who is helping and subbing.

Meeting requirements with teacher's on trips. For contact information is needed.

Pictures from the Sr. Football trip to San Francisco.

Meeting Adjourned 9:08 PM

Next Meeting – Monday November 21, 2011