

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
MINUTES MEETING April 16, 2012

Present: Sandy Hancock, Gwen Groberman, Kathy McGrenara, Holly Robertson

Administration/Staff: Tim Jones, Shelly Stanhope

Members in Attendance: Deb Burian

Welcome, Introduction and call to order: at 7:00pm by Sandy Hancock – HPAC chair

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Deb Burian, seconded by Holly Robertson with following amendments Shirley Stanhope added, and dates for Jr and Sr. Music Finales changed to May 29th, and 30th.

Shelly Stanhope – Project Hands: Teacher Shelly Stanhope is once again publishing a cookbook to raise funds for Project Hands, a charity sponsored by local doctors to provide surgery for needy in Guatemala. Students have helped with typing photography and graphic arts. The Family of Shirley Clarke will be helping to defray cost of the printing. Because of the Clarke family contribution they have asked that a portion of the sale go to ALS in memory of Shirley Clarke who suffered from ALS. Each book will cost \$20.00. She still needs advertisers and recipes and has asked PAC to help get word out, which they will do by email. She requested to be put on the Agenda for the AGM in May.

Upcoming Events: Teachers Luncheon June 22.

May 12th event – Sandy Hancock

Plant Sales are slow need to spread the word. Holly Robertson volunteered to send a flyer out through the catchments schools.

Clothing Drive also need to spread the word, need lots of clothes, blanket etc, and small appliances also accepted.

No Regrets Event was to be reported on by Jamie Hills but she did not attend, they are having some trouble getting teams to sign up for the Basketball competition.

SPC Report – Gwen Groberman

There is little change to the report other than the addition of the Choices programme.

Music Report – Deb Burian

Issue of HPAC vs. MPAC was raised by Sandy Hancock it was requested that this be brought before MPAC at next meeting as two PACs had caused some difficulty with the school district, only 1 PAC per school is permitted. Needs to be clear that MPAC is under HPAC umbrella.

The semi-annual Bottle Drive held on April 14 raised \$3,988.30. Over 45,000 bottles/cans were processed in 8 ½ hours. A great community support and a lot of very hard working kids (and parents). The band & strings are very thankful to the continuing support to the program year after year. As well very appreciative of the ongoing support from Cheers Restaurant, who provided a hot lunch, and SuperValu in the Village, who provided them with beverages.

Please note that the dates for the Finale Concerts have changed: Junior on Monday May 28, Intermediate on Tuesday May 29 and Senior on Wednesday May 30 all at Highlands United Church in the Village starting at 7:30pm.

MPAC has embarked on a Uniform Fundraising Campaign. It was decided earlier in the year to retire the sweaters that the Jr Blue, Jr Gold and Intermediate concert bands wear and the Blue Jackets, cummerbunds and bow ties that the Senior Winds wear and instead have all the bands wear the same vests that the corresponding Jazz bands wear. And after several years of debate we are also trying to implement a uniform for all the strings groups. In the past only the Chamber guys have had tuxedo jackets but the girls and the Toccati and Concerti strings have worn an eclectic mix of black or black and white. The Strings groups will also move to the vest look of the Jazz bands. The change in uniforms is taking place, enough vests in stock for the Senior Winds to change over since many of the students are also in Senior Jazz. In total we will need to purchase approximately \$9,000 worth of vests. MPAC has raised some money this year, but expect this to be our major fundraising expense next year and hope to have as many of the groups as possible in their new uniforms for the Homecoming concerts in late October or by Sweet Music in December. Will be requesting some funds from HPAC in the fall to help complete our fundraising.

The MPAC Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5th in the Music Room starting at 7:30pm. All are welcome and will be voting on the Budget for the 2012/13 school year. Currently looking for a new Chairperson since Carol Piercy, after many years of dedicated service, is “graduating” as well have a full roster of other positions.

Treasurers Report – Kathy McGreenera
Nothing to report.

Other Business

- Career Coaches Course was very popular and hoping to run it again during May, watch for emails
- Mountain Bike team is running for info contact Heather Peacock teacher sponsor 604-903-3700 (a teacher at Windsor and parent at Handsworth)
- Drama -tickets sales are low this year spread the word.

Administration Report – Tim Jones

Has been a busy and active year lots going in all areas, Sport, Drama, Tall Ships. Students are currently in Japan for their part of the Japan exchange. A strings trip is coming up. The Yearbook is now in its final stages and looking good. Administration is pleased that Report cards came out. Advanced Placements exams will begin on May 7.

ICBC Speaker on drinking and driving was well received as was the Anti Tanning Bed group.

Grad ceremony will be June 19 at the Orpheum.

Exam schedule will be out soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next Meeting is the AGM : date to be confirmed.