

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
DRAFT MINUTES MEETING September 17, 2012

Present: (deleted to protect confidentiality)

Welcome, Introductions and call to order: at 7:06pm by Sandy Hancock – HPAC chair

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Caroline Ramsay, seconded by Deb Burian.

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2012: Motion to approve by Caroline Ramsay, seconded by Gwen Groberman.

Upcoming Events:

Grade 8 BBQ/Dance – Tuesday, September 18 @ 6:00pm

Grade 8 Meet the Teacher Evening – Thursday, September 20 @ 6:15pm

Late Start Day – Wednesday, September 26 @ 9:30am

Pro D Day – September 28

Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 9

MPAC bottle drive – Saturday, October 13

Strachan Harley Legacy Run – Sunday, October 14

Pro D Day – Friday, October 19

Music Report.- Deb Burian and Sherry Grant

Sherry Grant was introduced as the new HPAC-HMPA liaison; and Deb Burian as the new president for the HMPA.

Music report consisted of:

- Class Sizes:

Band

Jr. Blue 33

Jr. Gold 29

Intermediate 38

Sr. Winds 38

Gr. 8 Blue Jazz 16 (but still adding Gr. 8's)

Gr. 9 Gold Jazz 16

Gr. 10 Int. Jazz 16

Gr. 11/12 Sr. Jazz 15

Bands = 201 (but jazz always gets bigger throughout the year)

Strings

Toccati 19

Concerti 36

Chamber 24

- Senior Winds Gabriola Retreat this upcoming weekend

- Fall concerts Oct 22,, 23, 24 to be held at Highlands United Church in the village. To keep concerts at a more reasonable length, and with the increase in number of musical groups, concerts have now been divided into junior, intermediate and senior nights.

- First bottle drive of the year will be held on Oct 13th (one of the main fundraisers). Super Value and Cheers Restaurant will be supplying food and drinks. They will be 'flyering' the Handsworth catchment area over the Thanksgiving weekend.

- The upgrade of the uniforms will be going ahead, an order for the new vest will be placed soon. They hope to have all the groups: concert, strings and jazz, in their designated vests for the fall concert series. The MHPA has requested funds from HPAC towards this purchase and hope that when the budget is completed HPAC will again, generously, be able to help.

- The first HMPA meeting of the year will be on Sept 24 at 7:30 in the Music Room, anyone interested in the music program is welcome to attend.

School Board Trustee.- Mike McGraw

Message from the school board to welcome everyone to a new school year and looking forward for a more productive one.

Decisions will be made towards how to use the surplus land in North Vancouver.

Request for Volunteers:

SPC (2), Athletic Council (2), Co-Chair (2)

Fundraising:

So far the only planned fundraising event this year is the traditional and very popular plant sale and clothing drive sale on May 11,2013, the Saturday before Mother's Day.

An open invitation to anyone interested in fundraising for the school to contact the HPAC.

Treasurers Report.- Kathy McGrenera

Financial statements and balance sheet to be presented at the next meeting.

Handsworth HPAC gets most of the money from the Gaming Funds: \$20.00 per student.

The money is used following the regulations which should be for extra curricular activities for the Handsworth students.

HPAC should be reviewing 'the 2012/2013 Teachers List' soon to allocate the funds.

DPAC.- Caroline Ramsay

'Parent as Career Coaches' workshop presented by Marion R Haythorne of Capilano University; is a free DPAC workshop, to be held on October 17th and 24th at 6:30pm – 2121 Lonsdale Ave.

Last spring the workshop was full and great comments about it.

Administration Report.- Mark James

The school year has started very busy and interesting, with a 'better mood' from the teachers. First staff meeting will be held on Sept 18, looking forward to it.

The school is at its capacity, with 60 more students than last year, as well as additional staff, and the new Choices Programme.

First week of school Grade 8 students had an assembly, they were shown a slide show, which also was presented at the HPAC meeting. It contains useful information from the school, how is it organized, student council, different council and activities throughout the school, code of conduct, the highlight is to remember: RESPECT.

Grade 8 students will be listening to Jessie Miller - social medial speaker.

Grade 12 parent meeting is on October 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Next Meeting is October 15