

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
DRAFT MINUTES MEETING October 15, 2012

Present: (deleted to protect confidentiality)

Welcome, Introductions and call to order: at 7:05pm by Caroline Ramsay

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Trish Brady, seconded by Vivienne Megas

Approval of Minutes from September 17th, 2012: Motion to approve by Kathy McGrenera, seconded by Vivienne Megas

Upcoming Events:

Pro D Day – Friday, October 19

DPAC Report. - Caroline Ramsay

No report, as the first DPAC meeting to be held on October 18th. Should be very interesting since Superintendent John Lewis will be present. Information about new technology plans for schools to be discussed. Monti Bell and David Jennings are scheduled to attend.

As mentioned before, the NVPAC blog is very resourceful and updated constantly: blog.northvanpac.org

Music Report.- Sherry Grant

-The 35th Sr. Winds retreat went very well. Good bonding and musical preparation, on Gabriola Island Sept. 21-23.

-Bottle Drive this past Sat. was another huge success with about \$3,200 being raised for the music program. Thank you to all of the Handsworth catchment houses which donated bottles and cans, all of the students and parents who helped out, and Cheers, Super Valu, and Tim Hortons for donating food and drinks once again.

-The Fall "Prelude" concerts will be held at Highlands United Church in the Village on Oct. 22-24, at 7:30 each night. Intermediate band and Strings will play on Mon., Oct. 22, Jr. groups will play on Tues., Oct. 23, and the Sr. groups will play on Wed. Oct. 24. Come out and support our young musicians and hear some great music. Entry by donation.

-Strings Zone Concert will be held November 22 at Handsworth and the Sweet Music concert, which will be on Wed. Dec. 5.

-Budget for the new uniforms is finished, expecting the HPAC support.

-Next HMPA meeting to be on Mon. Nov. 5, at 7:30 pm in the Music Room. All interested parents are welcome.

Elections. -

SPC elections held by secret ballot.

Sandy Hancock made a motion to approve Holly Robertson as SPC rep (41 ballots) and join the executive board, Kathi Hagan as SPC rep (40 ballots) and Sheri Eastman as SPC rep (40 ballots), seconded by Katy McLellan, and all attendees in favour.

Motion to approve Lori Wheeler and Andrea Campbell as Athletic Council reps – approved by all attendees.

Motion to approve: Marian Dodd, Shahnaz Darayan, and Ermanno Rambelli as new members at large – approved by all attendees.

Treasurers Report. - Kathy McGrenera

HPAC has received the Gaming grant money, \$28,200 (\$20 per student)

Next meeting the budget for the year to be presented.

Parent Night. - Katy McLellan

Grade 8 and 9 parents visited the school on the evening of September 20th. Outcome was cheerful and informative for parents. It is a great way to know what your kids have to face coming into high school and to know the teachers, as most of them were present.

Administration Report. - Mark James

-The Japan exchange was here, it was successful.

- Parent /Teachers interviews to take place on November 1 and 2 spots will fill quickly. As parents you can always contact the school teachers by email to arrange meetings at any time required.

-Handsworth new school, not to be expected soon. Argyle was accepted as a project last spring and still pending if to reno or re-build. Handsworth is the next school in the district to be considered, at least another 5 years for the new school. Carson Graham's official opening took place on September 14th.

-Letter to the editor published in the North Shore News regarding the Garbage around Handsworth. Garbage is always a concern and challenge to the school, it seems that is always the teens' fault, but it is a community problem, on-going issue, hopefully to be solved soon.

-Bullying: students always at risk in school. Texting and Face book main causes for suspension than anything else at Handsworth.

-No formal IT plan for Handsworth. There are challenges in the district regarding this matter; it is hard to make plans with the band width requirements.

-Grade 8 and 9 parent's night was fun and great, very informative, open dialogue with the teachers, excellent feedback. Parents commented it would be great to have it for all grades.

Guest Speaker: Marion R. Haythorne – Capilano University

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Next Meeting is November 19th @ 7pm