

**HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

Present: Sandy Hancock, Kathy McGrenera, Caroline Ramsay, Holly Robertson, Trish Brady, Katy MacLellan, Vivienne Megas, Marian Dodd, Shahnaz Darayan

Administration/Staff: Mark James, Renee Hislop

Members in Attendance: Alison Sawers, Sheri Eastman, Karen Shalansky, Gwen Groberman, Flora Pourandalibi, Jane Bracken, Trish Brady, Holly Robertson, Vivienne Megas, Cindy Diett, Zohreh Razari, Lori Wheeler, Rob Brandreth-Gibbs, Andrea Campbell, Sherry Grant, Joanna Woronchak, Karen Saunders

Welcome & Call to Order: at 7:05 by Sandy Hancock

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve by Katy MacLellan, Seconded by Trish Brady.

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2012: Motion to Approve by Marian Dodd, Seconded by Katy MacLellan

Introduction of Renee Hislop, VP

Renee introduced herself, gave some background and spoke of her responsibilities at Handsworth: Focus on specialized programs and resources, Choices Program, Grade 8 Students A – L, Grades 10 – 12.

Student Council Presentation: Sepehr (President), Jasper (Treasurer), Golzar (Club Coordinator)

Sepehr gave update on Student Council's activities in the school. They act as the voice of the student body. This year they have developed an online survey (website and Facebook) for students to vote on the events and intramural sports they would like to have at Handsworth. They have already hosted the Grade 8 Welcome BBQ & Dance, Halloween Pie Eating & Costume Contests, and PJ Day. Upcoming events: Movember, Ugly Sweater Day – December 7th, Santa's Breakfast - December 21st, Sr. Formal - January 29, 2013, PJ Day – January 30, Balding for Dollars, Quinn Keast Memorial Basketball Tournament – May 11, 2013 (to run in conjunction with HPAC Plant Sale) .

Sepehr also spoke about hosting a parent meeting regarding the expectations for students at the Senior Formal being held at the Pinnacle Hotel in North Vancouver. Date and format for meeting to be determined.

22 students on Student Council.

Currently 11 clubs: see addendum for Club List

Student Athletic Council Report: Andrea Campbell, Lori Wheeler

Andrea gave first SAC report in a couple of years. Athletic Handbook available on Handsworth website. Topics they are currently engaged in: Junior players playing up; they may be looking for Track & Field Coaches in the spring; recognition for a retired rugby coach; Jr. Boys Soccer Team pending review after 1st season completion; students being penalized (ie not allowed to play on any other school teams for specified term) for a break in commitment to a team. This is an issue regarding obligations to Fall Football after committing to the Spring Football Season.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy McGrenera

Review of last year's (2011–2012) spending and income.

2012-2013 Budget presented. See Addendum

Motion to Approve Budget as Presented by Sandy Hancock, Seconded by Caroline Ramsay.

All in favour.

Environmental Club Presentation: Lorissa Corey

Environmental Club has composting program at the school with 3 large bins of compost. Proposed selling "Good Dirt" at the May 11th Plant Sale – was met with enthusiasm. Have done a few MacKay Creek clean-ups. Have had a rep from the Green Bin Project come in and speak to their club.

DPAC Report: Caroline Ramsay, Vivienne Megas, Joanna Woronchak

Caroline reported on October 18th Mtg – NVSD John Lewis spoke at meeting – NVSD priorities are enhancing teacher & staff development, anti-bullying focus, Choices Program implementation and the effective implementation of technology in schools. Technology Committee: start of new process in NVSD, PACs are being asked for their input and support. Capital Improvement Projects, school replacements and surplus lands. Expanding IB Program to Queen Mary Elementary School.

NVPAC Blog: <http://blog.northvanpac.org>

Vivienne spoke about the role of DPAC with regards to school PACs and the school district.

She is the Coordinator for Parent Workshops and Speakers at DPAC.

Joanna attended Anti Bullying Summit. New website: www.erasebullying.ca with reporting tool. One Pro-D Day a year dedicated to Anti Bullying. For full report see Addendum.

Music Report – Sherry Grant

Good Fall Prelude Concert in October. Thanks to Principal and Vice-Principals for MC'ing the evenings.

Thursday November 22 – Winter Strings Zone Concert 7:00pm – Handsworth Large Gym

Monday December 5 – Sweet Music Concert & Bake Sale – 7:00pm – Handsworth Large Gym

Purdy's Chocolate orders still being taken – orders here by December 5th.

Funding goes towards buying large musical instruments that get rented back to students.

Bi-annual Senior Winds & Strings May Alaskan Cruise has been approved.

Next HMPA meeting in February – date to be confirmed.

Upcoming Events:

Strings Winter Zone Concert – November 22 – Handsworth 7:00pm

Sr Football semi-finals – November 23, 24 at UBC

Late Start – Wednesday November 28

First Term ends – November 28

Term 2 begins – November 29

Football Championship – December 1 at UBC

Sweet Music Concert – December 5 – Handsworth 7:00pm

Report Cards go home – December 19

Last Day of School (Winter Vacation) – December 21 (early dismissal)

School re-opens – January 7th

Semester 1 to end – January 23rd

Next HPAC Meeting – Monday, January 21st at 7:00pm

Notes:

Emergency Preparedness: Emergency Preparedness office in North Vancouver – leader in province. www.NSEMO@cnv.org

Was reported that Cleveland Elementary was able to buy emergency supplies from Canadian Tire in North Vancouver at cost. Perhaps this would be available to Handsworth Safety Committee as well?

Emergency Preparedness Grant is available from DPAC.

Administration Report: Mark James

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Field Hockey Provincial Champions!

Fees Package has been submitted to Board of Trustees regarding fees associated with courses for upcoming year – decrease in PE 10 fees and increase in costs associated with Foods courses.

Vice-Principal Tim Jones will be retiring at Christmas.

Technology Plans – NVSD looking to support the needs of individual schools, funding component for IT is a challenge.

History 12's – field trip to Bellingham, WA on US Presidential Election Day.

Programs in place already regarding bullying: "Safe Teen", "Beyond the Hurt". Spoke about author Ross Green's books: "Lost at School" and "Explosive Child"

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, January 21 @ 7:00 pm – Handsworth Library

Please see Addendums for additional notes

Clubs at Handsworth

Club Name	Teacher Sponsor
Bridge ESL/International Students	Ms. Frauenstein
Contract Bridge	Mr. Stock
Dance Club	Ms. Mayrand
Environmental Club	Ms. Chandler
Handsworth Model United Nations Club	Mr. Donald
Harry Potter Club	Mr. Bennett
Improv Club	Dr. Beare
Outdoor Club	Mr. Sheffield
Recycling Club	Mrs. Terness
Sailing Club	Ms. Macario
Slam Poetry Club	Dr. Beare

HMPA Report

The Fall "Prelude" concerts in October were well attended and the groups played wonderful music over 3 nights.

We have two concert nights coming up.

This Thursday, Nov. 22 will be the Winter Strings Zone Concert with Handsworth Strings playing alongside the senior Strings groups from the feeder elementary schools. All are welcome to come out and enjoy the music - 7:00 pm at Handsworth.

On Wed. Dec. 5 is our annual "Sweet Music" concert . You will be able to hear music from all of the concert and jazz bands and all three strings groups. We will have raffles and baking that you can enjoy while listening to holiday music and even buy baking to take home and pretend that you baked yourself!

The music program has been busy fundraising. If anyone is interested in placing a Purdy's order, the deadline is this Thursday. Funds will be used by music students on future trips.

The Sr. Winds Ensemble will be taking its bi-annual tour in May, along with all Strings groups, on an Alaskan Cruise being called the "Festival at Sea". Students will enjoy a week of sight-seeing, music workshops with guest musicians, and playing at local Alaskan schools.

The next HMPA meeting will be in early Feb.

DPAC Information:

Ways you can access DPAC Funds:--//blog.northvanpac.org/p/normal.html

Parents involved in school:--<http://www2.gov.bc.ca>

Parents' Programs and Services:--<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/parents.htm>

Parent Handbook, BCCPAC:--

http://bccpac.bc.ca/sites/default/files/supporting_student_success.pdf

FRIENDS:--

<http://www.friendsparentprogram.com/> or http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/mental_health/friends_contacts.htm

Kidpower -- <http://www.kidpowervancouver.org/>

CCS --- <http://www.mymoneycoach.ca/blog/money-management/financial-literacy.html>

Canadian Red Cross: -- respected.bc@redcross.ca,
www.redcross.ca/RespectED

The Canadian Red Cross *Beyond the Hurt Bullying and Harassment Prevention* program offers a unique model of intervention and training. Trained youth (Grade 10 & 11) facilitators provide education to their peers and younger students in their schools and communities to stop bullying by focusing on Creating a Healty School, Learning how to safely intervene, Removing labels.

Kelty Mental Health and The FORCE: -- <http://keltymentalhealth.ca/resources>

Courtney E. Martin: Are you willing to give up your need for Perfection and start changing our Culture?

Public Event **Date:** 6 December 2012 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia V5N 4E4

The Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Committee (PEDAW) is presenting Courtney E. Martin, the award winning author of, "Perfect Girls, Starving Daughters: How the Quest for Perfection is Harming Young Women." Disordered eating, food and fitness obsessions have become normalized in today's society. Courtney will explore how young women today have come to dangerously define success as "effortless perfection," and come to a solution for it.

Audience: Youth, parents, teachers, and service providers are all welcome!

Cost: Free! (RSVP Required)

RSVP at www.pedaw.eventbrite.ca or call the Kelty Centre 604-875-2084. * Free

*parking * Please register online as space is limited **

About the organization: Jessie's Legacy and the Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre are the Provincial leaders for the Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness (PEDAW) campaign, a Province wide effort in BC to raise awareness around prevention, early intervention and treatment of eating disorders as well as media literacy, resiliency, healthy body image and self esteem.

For more information, check out our websites at:

www.familyservices.bc.ca/professionals-a-educators/jessies-legacy www.keltymentalhealth.ca or visit the Jessie's Legacy Facebook page: www.facebook.com/jessieslegacyeatingdisorderprevention

Pediatric OCD Public Information Session

Date: 2 January 2013 - 4:00pm - 3 January 2013 - 5:00pm

Location: BC Children's Hospital, Mental Health Building, 4500 Oak Street, Vancouver, British Columbia

BC Children's Hospital will be hosting a public information event on Pediatric Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Information provided will focus on describing childhood OCD, its impact on children and their families, and proven treatments. Info nights are open to clinicians and the general public. Space is limited so please RSVP by calling **604-875-2014**

* Please note these events are available via video-conference for all those interested.