

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
APRIL 15th, 2013

Present: Caroline Ramsay, Katy MacLellan, Holly Robertson, Trish Brady, Vivienne Megas, Marian Dodd, Kathy McGreener, Karen Saunders, Ermanno Rambelli, Shahnaz Darayan and Sylvia Sanchez

Administration/Staff: Mark James

Members in Attendance: Sherry Grant, Andrea Campbell, Lorella Rovera, Sheri Eastman, Alison Sawers, Bruce Keming Weng and Mhejan Shasci

Welcome & Call to Order: at 7:04 by Katy MacLellan

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve by Katy McLellan, Seconded by all; with the removal of Ally Pearce from student council/Quinn Keast Event and the addition of the CPF report

Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2013: Motion to Approve by Sylvia Sanchez, seconded by Trish Bradley

Canadian Parents for French – Karen Saunders

- Concours d'art oratoire is taking place. Handsworth has 6 students participating at the school district finals on April 16th. Students progressing will be attending the BC finals on May 4th at SFU.
- On April 9th Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon, the largest parent-lead organization in BC, launched a "[State of French Second Language Education in BC](#)" report. The 32 page bilingual report focuses on addressing barriers to quality and accessible French second language education such as the incredibly popular French immersion program. To view full report: www.cpf.ba.ca
- The CPF North Vancouver website is linked to the Handsworth webpage
- Next meeting to be held on May 8th at Ross Road Elementary library at 7:00pm

DPAC Report – Caroline Ramsay

- Note the school district NVPAC Blog: <http://blog.northvanpac.org>
 - Upcoming DPAC meeting on April 18th; will be focused on plans for parents education
 - On May 8th the school district will be sponsoring a workshop: Foods that Fit
 - Report on the February 21st meeting by Monti Bell, IT North Vancouver School District update is the new web system: scholantis. Teachers will be able to post and plan better their own WebPages within the school webpage
- On the other hand, all PAC's are to have their own webpage, which can be linked to the school webpage.

Music Report – Sherry Grant

- Had a very successful bottle drive on April 6, raising over \$3,500. Thanks to all who generously donated recyclables to support the music program.
- Have used the \$4,000 donation from one of the Strings parents to buy two new cellos to replace the ones that we were no longer able to maintain.
- Upcoming Tours

Whistler Cantando Music Festival

Intermediate Concert & Jazz Bands and Junior Gold Jazz Band

May 2-5, Whistler Village

Alaska Cruise Festival at Sea

Senior Wind Ensemble & Grade 8-12 Strings

May 12-19 aboard the NORWEGIAN PEARL

- Upcoming Concerts

Finale Concerts and Award Ceremonies

Junior Evening - Monday, June 3

Senior Evening - Tuesday, June 4

Intermediate Evening - Wednesday, June 5

All at 7:30 pm at Highlands United Church in the Village. Entry by donation.

Handsworth Zone Strings Ice Cream Concert

For the family of Elementary Schools and Handsworth Strings

Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm

Cleveland River Regional Park - free concert.

Handsworth Grad Ceremonies

Grade 8-11 Strings

Wednesday, June 19 at the Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver

- Next HMPA meeting is on Monday, April 22nd @ 7:30pm in the Music Room.

AGM will be held in early June.

Athletic Report – Andrea Campbell

- Junior Boys Soccer will continue to be offered to Gr. 9 & 10 students, with probationary status removed.

- Spring commitment to the Football team does not infer a fall commitment.

- Bantam Boys Volleyball inquiry - the current packed gym schedule does not permit the expansion of such a program at this time. Even if bantam volleyball is a spring sport, provisions would need to be made for it through all grade levels, which is not possible for the junior and senior grades in the fall.

- Track & Field sponsors & coaches have been secured.

- Synchro Swimming will not be a separate team, but will operate under the 'aquatics' umbrella.

- A proposal to begin Floor ball team(s) at Handsworth was presented at our April meeting.

Council will meet May 6th to discuss this.

Treasurer Report – Kathy McGrenara

- Continuing to provide the funds –from the Gaming funds- to buy the approved wish list 2012/2013

- Only HPAC fundraiser to take place on May 11th: plant sale and cash for clothes.

Presentation of the new Handsworth Pac webpage – Caroline Ramsay

Plant Sale (May 11th event) – Trish Brady

- Plant sale: forms have been sent out, and will be received until April 30th. Plants to be picked up at the auto shop between 11am – 1pm.

- Compost Sale: the green team will be selling a limited amount of compost bags to raise funds.

- Cash for Clothes: the CDN Diabetic Assn will pick up the bags of clothes and small appliances.

Drop off on May 11th between 9am – 1pm

Upcoming events:

Late Start – April 24th

District Wide Pro D Day – April 26th

Quinn Keast Fundraiser, plant sale and cash for clothes event – May 11th

Intl Concert & Jazz Band @ Whistler Musical Festival – May 2-5th

School Pro Day – May 17th

Victoria Day – May 20th – school closed

Hand Up 7 @ Centennial Theatre – May 28th

Late Start – May 29th

Jr Music Finale – June 3rd

Intl Music Finale – June 4th

Sr Music Finale – June 5th

Grad Banquet @ Hyatt – June 8th

Principal's Report – Mark James

- During Spring Break the school totem gained arms, which means 'welcome'; and a new water fountain with bottle fill was placed by the office.

- In regards to the Seismic upgrade for the school in 2015/2016 granted by the Min of Education, still lots of unanswered questions and unknown information on timing, type of upgrades vs. new

building; as the upgrade does not include electric and plumbing. Handsworth is the largest school in the school district by population but the smallest by land.

- The admin along with the staff have been working on a new mission statement for the school for the past few weeks: still in progress but they have come up with the following "The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate young people who are able to solve and lead their community with integrity and curiosity". It was very well received by the attendees at the meeting.

Speaker: Meh Najak – Volunteer/Recreation Access Programmer – volunteer opportunities for teens.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13th 2013 AGM – Handsworth Library