

HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (HPAC)
HANDSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSSA)
MINUTES
September 23rd, 2013

Present: Caroline Ramsay, Katy MacLellan, Kathy McGrenera, Holly Robertson, Trish Brady, Ermanno Rambelli, Lori Wheeler, Sandy Hancock, Sylvia Sanchez

Administration/Staff: Mark James, Cary Hungle

Members in Attendance: Marian Baronit, Karen Saunders, Elly Safari, Jacqui Stuart, Robin Woodbridge, Deb Burian, Marian Dodd, Sandra Pascuzzi, Susan Toews, Dorli Duffy, Yoshiko Horlev, Mehrdad Abbassi, Kim Kopchuk (Dinoto), Elenor Fleming, Zeila Castillo, Cathy Paterson, Susan Rhodes, Lily Quan, Parvin Hooshi, Florence Perrin, Kim Moen, Anise Ladha, Sue Sabourin, Manami Katsuura, Karen Mogelund, Liza Cooney, Banatsheh Gamini, Tina Meyer, Tracy Wong, Tery and Julie Thies, Caroline Hanson, Kathi Hagan, Gitta Oldendorff, Karen Wordquist, Louise Voiles, Iva Dietrich

Welcome & Call to Order: at 7:05 by Katy MacLellan

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve by Sandy Hancock, seconded by Sylvia Sanchez

Approval of Minutes from April 15th, 2013: Motion to Approve by Caroline Ramsay, seconded by Trish Brady

Student Council Presentation, by Mike Lim - President and Jenica Coombs – Vice President

- Ms Macario and Ms Jackson – sponsor teaches
- Executive Council formed by: 6 senior students (grade 12 and 11: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Club Coordinator). Plus grade reps students (2 reps for each grade 8, 9 and 10, and 1 student from grade 11 and from 12) and members at large (more or less 30 students in total).
- Council meets on Tuesdays during lunch time
- They represent the students at Handsworth and organize events for them.
- Outlook for the coming year:
 - Fall Event: October 31st during lunch time and after school activities
 - Breakfast with Santa
 - Talent show
 - Spring Fair event / similar to the one 2 years ago (Quinn Keast event)

Treasurer's Report - Kathy McGrenara

Introduction

- HPAC receives most of its funds thru gaming funds which the school is eligible to: \$20/student more or less \$28,000/year.
- HPAC has a healthy balance of \$16,000 - in a general account
- Funds to be dispersed by HPAC for extra curricular activities, parent education meetings, speakers, 2 scholarships, and other activities. School administration to provide the HPAC with a 'wish list' from the teachers soon, to be decided by HPAC how to disperse the received funds.
- Budget for 2013/2014 to be presented at the November meeting

School Board Trustee - Cindy Gerlach

Introductions and summary of what is happening at school district:

- CUPE negotiation: the proposal from government has been accepted to avert the job action/strike. The school district will pay the employees the salary increase
- New School Calendar in the process of being implemented
- Proposal of what to do with the vacant properties (land assets), some to be approved for sale i.e.: Ridgeway Annex.
- School District must pay the loan to the Min of Education for Sutherland next year.

HMPA Music Report – Deb Burian

Introduction. The music parent association provides and enhances the music programs in school.

- You can find all the information in the website
- Mayor fundraiser: 2 x bottle drives, first one coming up on Saturday, October 19th
- Upcoming Prelude Concerts, October 28-30 at Highlands United Church by donation

Athletic Council Report – Lori Wheeler

Introduction and presentation.

- Athletic Council is formed by: Athletic Coordinator, 6 x staff members, parent's rep.
- Have not met yet this year
- At the end of school year they organize the Athletic Awards

Canadian Parents for French - Karen Saunders

Introduction.

- National non profit organization, to promote and enhance the experience of learning French
- Funded 100% by memberships. 80% of the money from NV memberships is returned to NV French programs
- Organize activities and programs throughout the school year, i.e.: support the Film Festival, the French public speaking contest in April, graduation event for the French immersion students
- CPF is in the process of launching a new website
- The CPF North Vancouver website is linked to the Handsworth School website and HPAC website.

Grade 8 Counselor, Student Services Department – Stacey Schwegler

- Ms Schwegler has been at the school for 10 years.
- Presented the model of Counseling Services:
 - 1) create contact with students, if anxiety exist try to chat
 - 2) An episode occurs – life change event: increase sessions and support
 - 3) Help / Understand – if student is struggling to get school, support with CHOICES program, the goal is to keep the student in school
 - 4) District Resolve Counselors
- Q&A, regarding planning for careers, suggestion not to miss the programming nights, and students/parents to be in touch with counselor.

Principal's Report – Mark James

- School year started very well, this year so far the school has not received any community calls complaining about students' behavior.
- 50-60 Grade 12 students helped with Grade 8 students first day of school
- School email addresses have changed
- Presented the Handsworth Initiative:
 - School Statement: The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity.
 - Working with teachers to achieve goals, then will work with parents and students
 - School logo: DUCIMUS (we lead)
- Upcoming Pro D Day – Collegial Conferencing Days:
Kim Schnoert- Reichel. Prof UBC. Social Emotional Learning

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21st – Handsworth Library