

## Highlands Parent Advisory Council

### General Meeting Minutes

Monday October 17th 2022

#### Call to Order:

#### In Attendance: 7:03

**Executive:** Lorelle Shortridge (Chair), Natalie Brons(Vice-Chair), Tifanee Wik (Secretary), Virginia Escobar (Treasurer)

**Partner Groups and Guests:** Chris Catherall (Principal), Kristan Thompson, Chris Johns (Trustee), Carmen Bergen (Teacher Representative), Lizz Tracey, Jen Johns, Jen McGovern, Sally Macdonald (DPAC)

**Regrets:** Natalie Brons, Brandy Cross, Virginia Escobar

**Agenda:** Approved as circulated

**Minutes:** Approved as circulated

#### Principal's Report: Chris Catherall

##### Student / School Highlights

- Our total enrolment is sitting at 193 students.
- Mrs. Bergen's partner for the year (Fridays) is Ms. Merkel.
- Mrs. Buch's partner for the year (Wed. p.m.'s, Thursdays, and Fridays) is Ms. McDowell.
- Mrs. Barg has started as Ms. Merkel's partner in the grade 5/6 class.

#### Informational Updates

- We are continuing to work on our growth plan goals of:
- All 'emerging' and 'developing' grade 2 readers will improve to a level that is considered "mid grade 2" by the end of the year.
- Exploring the question: How do strong social/emotional skills enhance literacy?
- Our growth plan is a work in progress (a living document).
- Primary basketball hoop back in action!
- Gap in fence added for safety (playground side)

#### Important Dates

- FSA with our grade 4's this month.
- Early Dismissal for Parent-teacher conferences this week (Tuesday and Wednesday).
- Dress-up Day and stations October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Remembrance Day Assembly November 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Trustee Report: Chris Johns**

**(See Summary of Board Motions carried attached)**

- \$1.3 Billion surplus in the province
- Schools in the area that are 60-80 years old
- Board send strongly worded letter to the minister of education asking to amend the areas document to create a space for Indigenous meeting place.
- The board supports any parent who chooses to withdraw their children from the FSA
- BCTS
- November 8th inaugural meeting

### **Teacher's Report: Carmen Bergen**

- House teams up and going, nice to get together with other groups
- Pep rally went really well
- Leadership team has some interesting things: Decorating pumpkins, door decorations, building community feel
- Classrooms prepping for conferences right now, some teachers doing some different things as far as learning opportunities go and supporting different learning styles in the classroom
- School year is off to a good start, more settled this year, kids seem happier

### **Financial Review:**

General: \$18,383.97

Gaming: \$3,981.98

Courtyard:

### **DPAC report (October 15)**

- New Chair- Lies Salvador
- Increase of 82 students new in district this year
- School district taking part in a provincial study on ways to better engage marginalized students
- Proposed change in calendar

## **New Business**

### **Committee Reports:**

- Fundraiser for year end trip
- Tinker Time: last 8-10 years, classes go in and do a project in his space. Runs from now until end of January. Every elementary school is losing.

### **Funding Requests:**

#### **\$200 for prizes Facebook Jakolantern**

Motion to spend \$200 for prizes for Jakolantern contest put forward by Carmen Bergen,  
second by Sally Macdonald

PASSED

#### **\$200 for Disney Movie Bingo- Nov. 24th**

Motion to spend \$200 for Disney Movie Bingo put forward by, Tifanee Wik second by  
Carmen Bergen

PASSED

#### **\$100 for Baking for Teacher's**

Motion to spend \$100 for baking cakes for staff birthdays put forward by, Sally  
Macdonald second by Tifanee Wik

PASSED

#### **\$300 for Kindergarten Kindness Cart**

Motion to spend \$100 for Kindergarten Kindness Cart put forward by, Tifanee Wik  
second by Sally Macdonald

PASSED

#### **\$130 for Pop up Shelter**

Motion to spend \$130 for Canopy Shelter or track meets etc put forward by, Carment  
Bergen second by Tifanee Wik

PASSED

### **Fundraisers:**

- Staff is running a fundraiser for year end trip to Fairmont
- Parents to donate in future maybe
- February Dance night....
- Husky Clothing order November

**Correspondence:** NTR

**Open question/ comment time**

- N/A

**Next meeting: November 21 2022**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 PM**

#### SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS CARRIED

October 11, 2022

##### Motions Carried

##### Advocacy Education

That the Board send a letter supporting the concerns raised by School District 68 in their letter to Minister Whiteside of July 5, 2022, regarding capital funding, Ministry processes for operating and special purpose funding approvals and additional supports and strategies for mental health.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

That the Board send a letter supporting the concerns raised by the BCSTA in their letter to Minister Whiteside of August 29, 2022, regarding an increase in school life-cycle funding.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

##### General

That the Board approve the date change to April RSA Professional Development Day of the SD5 2022 – 2023 Annual School Calendar.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

THAT the Board send a strongly-worded letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care asking them to amend the Area Standards document to include a space designated for an Indigenous Meeting place in new school builds and renovations.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

That the Board supports parents who choose to withdraw their child from the FSA.

Contact: Chairperson Frank Lento, 250-423-7607

If you require a comment on any of the above motions, please feel free to contact the person listed below the motion. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions :)

Cheers,

Trina Ayling 250-421-3863