

Highlands Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes

Monday April 17 2023

Call to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Executive: Lorelle Shortridge (Chair), Natalie Brons(Vice-Chair), Virginia Escobar (Treasurer)

Partner Groups and Guests: Carmen Bergen (Teacher Representative), Chris Catheral (Principal) Kristan Thompson (Vice Principal) Chris Johns (Trustee) Jen Johns (teacher) , Lindsey Hert, Sally MacDonald

Regrets: Tiffanee Wik

Agenda: Approved as circulated

Minutes: Approved as circulated

Principal's Report: Chris Catherall

HES Principal's Report – Monday, April 17th, 2023

- My status for next year – stepping down as principal to teach in the classroom
- Students:
 - Our total enrollment is sitting at 200
 - Projected for next year: 175 (18 K's so far)
 - We are projected to go from 9 classrooms to 8 next year
- Upcoming Events:
 - Running club continues
 - French Canadian Dance April 14th, 17th, and 28th
 - Michael Bortolotto presentation on bullying and acceptance, April 19th
 - Swimming continues
 - Early Dismissal for P/T conferences May 2nd and 3rd
 - Star Wars Spirit Day May 4th
 - Ready, Set, Learn event the afternoon of May 11th
 - Class Photos May 12th
 - HES Track Meet @ COTR May 15th

Thank you PAC for all you do!

Trustee Report: Chris Johns

- Traffic Safety Committee is underway with reps from the city, RCMP, a Principal
 - Formal request for a crosswalk on summit and 30th has been sent to the city
- Childcare survey is done, now figure out how to proceed with collected information
- Boundaries for school has been put off until August
- Tinkertime will be brought up at 2nd budget meeting again (tomorrow)

23-068	Apr	THAT the Board of Education write a letter to MLA Tom Shypitka expressing appreciation for his support for the replacement of Mount Baker Secondary School in the BC Legislature on April 6, 2023.
23-073	Apr	THAT the Board research and write a letter in support of CBEEN/Wildsight's endeavours to restore and enhance the Columbia Basin Trust funding for environmental education for 2024 to 2034.

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Teacher's Report: Carmen Bergen

- June 19th Primary Idelwild day
- Fairmount needs to fix something so looking at Moyie for a backup
- Can we add a facebook add for ready set learn

Financial Review:

General: \$ 17103.44

Courtyard: \$ 2483.68

Playground: \$ 872.65

Hotlunch: \$11 132.48

Gaming: \$1 402.93

Money raised

Mother's day flower baskets: \$915.32 for gym equipment

Funds approved but not used yet

Sept

Bean Bag Cornhole Game: \$600

Oct

Staff Bday Supplies \$55

Feb

Round tables - \$ 2800.00

School supplies - \$500

DPAC report Sally MacDonald

- AGM in Vancouver May 5-7 – parent from Fernie going
 - Do we need to give proxy for voting? Sally will find out

- Another is giving each teacher money to spend at book fair could we do the same?

New Business

Thank you notes from students (passed around)

Grade 6 hoodies – Tanya Waugh has put together pizza nights as fundraiser

New hot lunch website coordinator for September- Virginia Escobar has volunteered

Ready set Learn – May 11 1-2pm – get the word out, Lorelle Shortridge will be there as Rep

Also coming is Publis Health, Dental/Tooth Fairy, Audiology, Vision and Hearing, Public Library, School board trustee

Kindergarten Orientation – June 8 1-2pm – Lorelle will be there a Rep

Sports jerseys – Need to replace old and missing ones, need 40

Children’s festival volunteers – we can post on facebook

Committee Reports:

Funding Requests:

\$1200 School Jerseys

Replace stained or missing ones, as well as more sizes- Put forward by Natalie Brons, Second by Virginia Escobar

PASSED

\$700 Gym stereo System

Currently borrow from parkland, to use in gym with laptop Put forward by Natalie Brons Second by Lindsay Hert

PASSED

\$110 handbells

One set of handbells needed Put forward by Natalie Brons, second Virginia Escobar

PASSED

Fundraisers:

World’s Finest Chocolate dropped off flyer and samples, will look into at later date

Art Fundraiser has been applied for next year

Fruit and Veggies – change contact information to Highland PAC email

Mabel Labels – get a few that say purchased by PAC to place on items PAC buys

Correspondence: NTR

Open question/ comment time

Next meeting: May 15th 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM