

Hope Secondary School PAC

Tuesday Jan 30, 2024

6:30 pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Crystal MacDonald DPAC REP/Chair

Meeting Minutes Prepared By: Racheal Bateman

In Attendance: Crystal MacDonald, Crystal Alexander, Rosalee Floyd, Racheal Bateman, Jessica Broswick, Teresa Lyons Joey Polishak, Jessica Thompson

Call Meeting to orders. *CM and JB*

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes *CA and TL*

1. Reports

• *Principal (RF)*

- ½ way through year, completion of Semester 1 and now on Semester 2 and Term 3
- Feb 7th report cards will be available in the open portal on MyEd.
- Basketball is winding down
- Girls' soccer is ramping up. Dan Case is head coach (Jeremy Smith helping).
- Rosalee picking up a PE class near the end of the year
- Feb 27 cultural Art Starts will be visiting the school.
- Guest Speaker on Feb 21st Alvin Law, an inspirational speaker and drummer with physical limitations
- Welding Program has concluded. Kudos to Karl Koslowsky and Mike Grainger
- Silver Creek Travel centre and Canadian Tire gave out coats for kids
- \$2500 to PAC from Ogilvie Mountain Holdings
- This is a capital expenditure year for HSS and there will be approval for some things being fixed.
 - Plans regarding accessibility, such as adding a wheelchair door at far end of the school and other changes.
 - A list has been submitted to Doug Templeton, Maintenance Head, should funding allow for it.

• *Treasurer (CA)*

- General account balance: \$9207.90
- Gaming account balance: \$13064.11
- **Need to order cheques for the gaming. (only 2 left)
- Crystal would like to support the local business *Erica Press* to print cheques for HSS PAC gaming account
- PAC has given permission for Crystal to get a quote and bring to next meeting

• *DPAC*

- Michelle Vandepol met with food security programming and healthy food.
- Breakfast in the mornings - Michelle has ensured the school has fruits and veggies for students to help themselves to.
- The food security program has provided: cheese strings and pepperoni snacks, carrots, tomatoes, crackers, bananas, oranges, apples etc.
- We still order from Saputo for milk, but other than that the whole cafeteria has been revamped so that there are no high sugar, high salt foods.
- Meals for purchase: Sushi (possibly offered 2 times per week) and Subway, Pizza Hut, Panago and other vendors that provide healthy options.
- Michele Vandepol looking into a salad bar grant for next year.

Question: Parent brought up an exam schedule question and wondered if the bell schedule could be changed to allow for equal time in the afternoon, similar to the morning, for test taking.

Question: Regarding bussing situation: Where students were no longer getting rides, so looking at an overhaul of the bus route. *How do we allocate supporting students affected by low income with no bussing?*

2. Correspondence

-Chris Janzen: funding request for digital camera

-Ryan Smith: Wondering about approval for additional requests in October. Discussion about who communicates funding requests to teachers? Rachel volunteered to communicate with teachers as the teacher rep. Rachel sent email response to Ryan about his October requests. Because all of his Spring requests were approved on Sept 14, we needed to get a better sense of his priorities for funding, current commitments and what the school could support, prior to approving anything further. It was determined that he was the only department to receive substantial support in September, and that the PAC needs to be able to provide support for other departments as well.

-Last time we approved: furniture for student services, school spirit funds for leadership, and new sports jersey's for boys and girls basketball teams.

****It is important for Teacher's to send invoice before PAC are able to release funds.

*The PAC needs receipts for everything.

-Need to have a better idea of PAC and School Funds, prior to committing to camera purchases:

- Request for 6 camera's and 5 lenses for photography and digital media: \$5,113.90 and possible video camera for Media Arts: approx. \$2000

-Jessica B. will put together numbers for what items were approved at prior PAC meeting (*Approved \$8000 in requests at last PAC meeting*)

-Crystal A. will look at what is remaining in PAC funds after commitments

3. Fundraising – Jessica Thompson

-Seeking approval to fundraise to add more quality to the learning and help offer support and build community

-Ideas for fundraising: a Winter Market, Meat Draw, a community run etc

- Discussion around not fundraising to purchase classroom supplies to run programs that could be coming out of school based budgets, but for supporting additional requests and community building events such as a dance, other activities to bring together the parents and the kids or the community, potlucks, dinners, breakfasts etc.

-Jessica T. has the go ahead to come up with some fundraising ideas and to discuss RF and PAC

***We brought up the importance of not taking away from other fundraising needs both within our school community and our local community. We felt that her ideas would not take away from either.

4. Any Additional Items

5. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 next PAC meeting

6. Adjournment: 7:30pm