

Hope Secondary School PAC

Tuesday Sept 10, 2024 6:00 pm

Type of Meeting: AGM

Meeting Facilitator: Jessica Broswick, Prepared by Dave Dunster

In Attendance: Katie Frecon, Karie Larson, Crystal Alexander, Danielle MacIsaac, Jessica Thompson, Jessica Broswick, Shanny Stevens, Teresa Lyons, Kyreen Hartmann, Beth Giles, Joey Polishak, Wade Perry, Bruce Relland, Dave Dunster

Call Meeting to orders.

- Approval of Agenda KF, CA
- Approval of Minutes KF, CA

1. Reports

Treasurer (CA)

Gaming report summary to be signed by treasurer

AGM Accounting

Fiscal year is July – June

General Account: \$12,312.30

Gaming \$9,064.11

Term \$6912.87 (Legacy Drama Curtain donation from Area B – Denis Adamson) Curtains were purchased replaced by the school over the summer, but reimbursement will have to wait until term deposit comes due.

DPAC

Report tabled without Crystal MacDonald (but nothing to report) (KF)

Principal Report (WP)

Some summer projects:

-Asbestos abatement, Gym floor repairs and resurface, Cafeteria/free lunch program has a new structure in commons room. Concrete poured and gardens cleaned up outside.

-New schedule for Foods teacher to allow for a foods program to support free school breakfast and lunches. Appliances will be added to new structure. Past practice was outsourced meals and the cost was too high. No boundaries for access to student lunches. Soups, chillies, salads and healthy choices are more cost effective (but not as desirable) and those who are hungry will still indulge.

-Introductions of staff members present: Wade, Bruce, Dave and the Integrated Studies Program providing a space with removed barriers to help a portion of the student body graduate.

-Movement of classes including making designated wings and bringing Grade 7s to center of the school. Allows for school within a school including senior wings, science, trades and languages.

-Staff turnover has been significant and is still ongoing, including postings closing today and losing a shop teacher to pregnancy/bed rest. Staffing shortages may affect the timetable. Student schedule rotations have been minimal so far, despite increasing student numbers (>400 students) which include at least more than 25 students a year in the past two years.

-No cell phones accessed during class time. So far it is working. If students can't comply they are encouraged to get their education elsewhere.

-Bathroom renovations did not happen, and the battle for safety and stopping vandalism is the focus. Single stall bathrooms are on the plan, with private floor to ceiling doors, and shared sinks.

-Students are checking in at the office and hanging out in the bathroom rather than going to class. Students are being advised that once they have checked in at Office (if arriving late) they are site marked on site, but that they also must be checked into class to be marked present. (JT) Some students are likely vandalizing the bathroom but can't be caught in the act. New policy of tracking students leaving for bathrooms to be implemented by teachers. Some students are using bathroom as avoidance, but others may be dealing drugs. No backpacks in hallway.

-Nobody wants to taint the whole student body by a few bad apples. There is a strong leadership program, two of best teachers in country, and good Drama and performances, and strong Athletics with devoted supporters and multiple ages that are building up (**but always room for more coaches**) Perhaps a rugby team started by WP (with interest from KF to help coach)

-Bruce will be Grad coordinator. Grad+Parent involvement should be increased.

-Graduation will include parents (as they have felt left out of the process) as there is concern that the night wasn't fun and ended early on.

-Parents should be able to run prom, staff will handle commencement. Staff involvement is necessary in the overlap to ensure year-to-year bookings are handled. Many options are available including a dinner plus ceremony, or Dry Grad, etc. so decisions need to be made early.

-Bruce is meeting with parents next Tuesday (17th) 6pm for Graduation planning

-Good ole days reminiscing about grads

-Cost barriers will exclude a large number (75% of student body in poverty). Recycled dresses as a fun Grad dresses. Thrifting and other ideas shared here to mitigate costs.

-Parent feedback is hearing that 9min break is good (JP). It helps kids have a social break and use their phones;) Training the students about being prepared for return to class is a small struggle still.

-Questions about why the tumbling rotations for blocks. This tumbling block system allows for students and teachers to not always be blocked together. The novelty of switching also gives chances for unique project time in the odd double-block.

-Large PE blocks (60 students and 2 teachers) creates a large group of students who don't participate. Focus from Administration is to encourage relationships between students and teachers and providing incentive for student investment. Potential for students who don't participate to do other assignments, and there is opportunity for PE teachers to develop their programs to offer more space and separate learning spaces. Parents are getting feedback that their students aren't able to enjoy it to the same extent due to large sizes and inactive students. PE blocks also require flexible timetabling to fit things in, and in a small school it's hard. Expectations from teachers are necessary to be consistent in meeting kids where they are at.

-Correspondence Ed (Distance) is an option for Grade 10 PE and the requirements are very minimal for completion. Hope Mountain School hike option (hike to Mt Frosty this Friday) is news to many parents. *Stop deleting Jessica's emails* 😊

2. Correspondences

-new form for request for funds is available to staff in the staff room

3. Nominations

-President (Crystal Hatzdimitrou/Macdonald) is stepping down

-Nominations for President: Jess Thompson (JP) She stood (unfortunately not literally) and was voted in!

-Nomination for Vice-Chair: Teresa Lyons. She is in 😊

-Nomination for Secretary: Jessica Broswick (CA) Heck yeah, Sister!

-Nomination for Treasurer: Crystal Alexander (JB) It's all happening – you go, Girl!

-Nomination for DPAC: Katie Frecon (JB) With enthusiasm she gets it.

AGM adjourned at 7:24

Additional Items added during General Meeting

-Discussion of whether an executive member is needed for Grad team, but is decided this will not be an official role and Grad committee lead will be handled at first Grad meeting

-Motion to donate \$500 to Lions (JT). Supported by JP and KH. Passed
Jessica T went to a Lions meeting requested they cook for food the welcome back BBQ. A discussion of a transfer of \$500 from Lions to HSS PAC (for cost of food and for the volunteer work of those that prepared the food) would result in a donation of \$1000 from Lions back to HSS PAC (from the Lion's Gaming fund).

Next Meeting – 6-7pm, Tuesday, October 8th
Grad Parent Meeting Tuesday, September 17 @6pm

Adjournment: 7:32pm