

**Highlands Parent Advisory Committee
HPAC Meeting Minutes**

December 1, 2015

Executive Present: Moira Cregan, Ed Desaulniers, Tracy Stirling, Verna O'Neill, Tracey Lebedovich, Carmen Kaufmann, Todd Henderson, Jason Krupa, Marnie Giblin

Executive Regrets: Amber Zhao

Next HPAC Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 2, 7:00pm, Highlands Elementary

1. Welcome and Executive introductions

2. Approval of last meeting minutes –

November 3, 2015 minutes were approved

3. Administrative Update (Todd Henderson and Blair Martin)

Tomorrow – reminder coming out that the last batch of xmas tickets will go on sale starting at noon on Friday. There are 134 tickets left-

Report cards come out on Dec 11th

4. HPAC Member Vote

Carmen K has stepped down as the Fundraising Co-ordinator. Marnie Giblin has volunteered to step in and was voted in as new Fundraiser Lead by show of hands.

Angela Santoro will take over Marnie's role and was voted in as the new Member at Large by show of hands.

5. Fundraiser Update

Tracey – parent social & natural playground fundraiser did exceedingly well.

HPAC has received approx. \$60,000 in donations for the natural playground

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project including parent donations, brick/stone sales, grants and corporate donations from Grosvenor and Coast Capital Savings.

Marnie G – Has applied for 14 grants – 3 are targeted towards the Stream of Dreams. We have received a yes for one grant from Evergreen for \$2500.

Meghan – Card Project – the brown boxes went home yesterday. Contact Meghan if there are any issues with your order. Orders will still be accepted but the items will be delivered after the holidays. A percentage for future orders will still go back to Highlands. The program may change a little bit next year but Meghan will keep us updated.

Gingerbread – this Friday. You can still pre-order on the website for \$12 or buy them at the door for \$15

Poinsettia – approx. \$500 in profit so far. The office and Kids Club will each be gifted a plant.

Scholastic Book Fair – Wed/Thurs will be for the students and general population. Before and after school will be open for parents to come in. Primary students on Thursday are welcome to go to the book fair at lunch to shop but it's hard for the younger kids to understand how much they can afford. The kids can browse and then purchase them with their parents before or after school.

Spring Event – Field is booked for Saturday May 14th. We want to run some kind of event and would love opinions and ideas. Please email Marnie G or Angela Santoro if you have any ideas.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Vo – Will do a talk on mindfulness. Date to be confirmed, but it may be on May 10th for kids/parents.

Red Cross Babysitting Course – Happening on Jan 22nd (it's a Pro D Day) – It's an all day course. It is \$60 plus tax. Information and how to sign up we be on the HPAC website.

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Movie Night – Friday Feb 19th – This is a really fun family event. We have discussed movies and are thinking about showing “Inside Out”. Its not a drop off event – you must stay with your kids. Last year cost \$5 for popcorn and a drink. More info to come.

Carmen – Jessie’s Legacy – Tentatively thinking Feb 3rd. Jessie’s Legacy is a talk from North Shore Family Services. Carmen will be doing the talk. The topic will be for parents to learn about promoting healthful eating and lifestyles for their kids to prevent things like disordered eating, bullying due to weight, poor body image, obesity etc.

Marnie – Christmas Hampers – will be in classrooms until this Friday, being picked up at noon. The focus for Highlands is generally geared towards older kids and teens.

The Elves Program – Promotes the donation of books to the Highlands library. Kidsbooks in Edgemont Village has a list of books that Ms McGee has requested for the library. The kids who donate a book get to put their name in the book.

Jason Krupa – He will be mentioning a talk that was held at DPAC next meeting.

Playground – There is no update yet about when the school playground will be open but the School District is working on it.

Just received a cheque from Mabels Labels fundraising for \$78.18

Me to We club – They are having a used batteries drive. There are buckets currently in all classrooms to collect anyone’s used batteries.

Feb 29th – Another Lego after school session is coming up and will be open to 16 kids.

Dance Play & Sportball – after school program will be 1 hour long on Weds/Fridays starting hopefully in January

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There is also new school chess club at Wednesdays at lunch. It's in Mrs. Patterson's class for older students but it may get expanded to other students in the new year.

There used to be a knitting club at Highlands.

Basketball & Volleyball starts in the new year. Blair has been having some informal talks with the students about starting after Christmas break. Basketball is for Gr 7, Volleyball is Gr 6 & 7s.