

Highlands Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes



February 21, 2017

Executive Present: Janelle Eisler Carr, Jennifer Leroux (McNaught), Tracey Lebedovich, Marnie Giblin, Glenda Savage, Todd Henderson, Karissa Rennie, Angela Santoro, George Polymenakos

Executive Regrets: Jason Krupa, Tracey Stirling, Karyn Magnusson

Next HPAC Meeting: March 7, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Administrative Update (Todd)

- Newsletter will come out next week
- Draft District calendar has been posted – opportunity for input until Feb 28th. Only one year has been posted, but we expect that they will start to post three years at a time starting next year. See News item on the district website –Highlands was highlighted for its involvement in Me to We.
- Next Tuesday (Feb 28) there is District wide lock down drill happening – will be 2:20 at Highlands. Run through protocols and debrief afterwards. 15 min lock down.
- March 8th and 9th is early (2:00) dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences. Information will be coming out on Monday about this. Report cards will be posted to the parent portal on March 10th. At the end of the school year, report cards are removed. If parents want a copy for their own records they should print them out now.

Fundraising (Tracey & Marnie)

Completed events – proposing to raise \$30,700 currently at \$35,900 – well done fundraising team!

- Gingerbread – \$900
- Poinsettias – \$750
- Movie Night – \$1000
- Talent Show (Amanda and Angie) – \$550; last year there were over 80 kids and this year there were far fewer (35), so less money was raised. The show was shorter (just over 1 hour) and fewer families were involved. It's a lot of work, so the question was raised if it was worth it. Also discussed timing – was Feb okay or is May better? The overwhelming consensus was that this was valuable and we would love it to continue. We will try again for the February date and work on advertising earlier – especially to the younger students – so

that we ensure that we get enough involvement to warrant the time it takes for our awesome volunteers to run this.

- Book Drive – great result; teachers were very pleased with the new books collected

Upcoming events

- Spring Event – Mark your calendar for Friday, June 9th. Way to get to hang out with Highlands families. Family BBQ with some fun elements (inflatable activities). Will need volunteers so if you are able to help out please let Tracy know.
- Whitecaps Game – Open day to attend a game. Options are Saturday in April (7:00 pm), Saturday afternoon (right before Spring BBQ – June 3), or Saturday 4:00 pm game end of May (May 27). Marnie asked which date/time was preferred by the group. Most seemed to prefer an afternoon game to the evening game.
- Playground. The new stones will go in on Friday. One of our grant sponsors will be doing a tour of our playground in April and people are coming from around the world for a conference and will attend the tour (about 50 people). Also, the District of North Van is very happy to have donated trees and to have been involved in our project.

Social Media for Parents – April 4th (Janelle)

BCTF Social Media for Parents talk

- Get word out – should be fantastic. Tailored to kids from K to 7. 90 min presentation. Babysitters will be on site. Will be an RRSP event. Will be in place of a general PAC meeting.

Treasury

- We have a gaming grant (\$20/student). Currently holding \$9,020 (from this year and last). We have booked some things out of this grant but would like to take a vote on buying jerseys for the school sports team. The teacher who is looking after teams has identified this need and did not realize she had to submit a proposal in the fall. Looking to order anywhere up to 50 (to have a total of 80 minimum). Jerseys cost runs just at or under \$1,000. Need to do a vote to get proposed. Hand raise vote – unanimously approved.

After School Programs (Angela)

- Will remain the same. Angela is trying to get space to add yoga.

Parking (Marnie)

- Some cars parking on North side of school when weather was bad. The should only be district people parked there. Discussion about parking problems/issues around the school. Suggestion was made that people should call/email bylaw enforcement if they see a problem.

Hot Lunch Program (Karissa and Janelle)

- Brandy – took over this year but will not be continuing in the role next year. She will be available for transition assistance. There is an opening if another parent would like to take it on.

Grade 7 Hot Dog Fundraiser

- This fundraiser raised \$900. 337 hot dog orders were ordered.

New Business

- Student counsel is working on garbage in the school yard. Discussed suggestion of kids/classes each taking turns being responsible for picking up trash.
- Long discussion about what we might do to get more parent volunteers. We have so many families at the school and it tends to be the same group that gets involved in helping. We need to raise awareness and try to encourage more people to get involved!