

## **Highland PAC Meeting** **February 25, 2019 Minutes**

**Meeting commenced:** 7:05 PM

**In Attendance:** Dean Patterson, Rob & Cher Sherwood, Rebecca Watkin, Carla Kostuik, Adam & Emma Thompson, Pauline Rae, Tonia Frawley, Michelle Waite, Melissa Preston, Tracy Malyon, Amelia Valmorbida, Nicole Martin, Lydia Neville, Fran Nasadyk, John & Linda Mohler, Spring Halasz.

**Approval of previous minutes:** Motion proposed by Emma, seconded by Adam. All in favour.

**Approval of agenda:** Tonia would like to add Teacher Appreciation to new business. Motion proposed by Tonia, seconded by Melissa. All in favour.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old business:** None.

### **New Business:**

- Teacher Appreciation
- Future topics/presentations to draw parents to more meetings

### **Chair:**

- Adam thought tonight's presentation by the RCMP on street drugs was useful to bring parents out to the meeting.
- Brainstorming topics for future meetings, such as having Randy Gray attend in April. Other ideas proposed were Addictions & Mental Health & internet safety.
- Suggested that we add 'topics to introduce at future meetings' permanently to the agenda.

### **Co-Treasurers:**

- Pauline passed out a report which contained photocopies of the gaming account & general account registers, as well as bank account balances. She reported that gaming

grants of \$15,288 were deposited into the account, but there was no explanation as to how it's calculated

**DPAC:**

- Lisa will attend next meeting on March 4 at Valley View school. Adam will attend April meeting. Tracy will attend in May.

**Trustee:**

- School trustee Michelle Waite reported that there are multiple approval processes occurring for the budget.
- There is a meeting tomorrow on district administration procedures.
- Michelle left at 8:43 PM.

**Principal:**

**New Staff:**

- Mr. Lee McKillican has accepted a position as Vice Principal at Vanier.
- Don McRae is now the new Vice Principal at Highland.
- Now in the process of hiring someone to replace Don.

**Programming for next year:**

- All grades & students have been visited regarding this process & they will be bringing home a programming guide. It will be study-driven timetable & students will sign up online.
- Some courses have different names than they did before, such as Biology, which is now Life Sciences.
- The program guide will describe course choices. The grad transitions booklet won't exist anymore. Students & parents are encouraged to use the MyEducation planner website.

**Grad Legacy:**

- 19 for 19 project raised \$1500 with Coldest Night, 9 students participated.
- Next Sunday they are holding a Spinathon.
- #8 & 9 on the list have now been completed.

**Athletics:**

- Successful basketball season, overcame challenges of being smaller kids.

**School Of Rock:**

- Runs from Mar 5-9, tickets are \$15.
- Directors are Lisa Williams & Nancy Cox, they have worked very hard on preparing for this.

**Highland Has Heart:**

- Will take place on Wednesday at 9 AM, which is also Pink Shirt Day. It is a celebration assembly.

- **Italy Exchange:** The exchange students fly out 2 weeks from tomorrow. Next exchange might be to China.

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**New Business discussed:**

- Tonia spoke about Teacher Appreciation being on the 19 for 19 project list.
- She volunteered to head up Teacher Appreciation mid to late May.
- Tonia motioned that we spend \$300 from the general fund for this event. Emma seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting:** Monday April 29, 2019

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:05 PM