

Highland PAC Meeting **January 21, 2019 Minutes**

Meeting commenced: 7:05 PM

In Attendance: Dean Patterson, Adam Thompson, Pauline Rae, Michelle Waite, Melissa Preston, Tracy Malyon, Spring Halasz, Shannon Aldinger, Cara Van Tol.

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

Approval of agenda: Melissa requests to add the discussion of students vaping next to the bike racks to the agenda. Motion proposed by Pauline, seconded by Adam. All in favour.

Correspondence: January/February 2019 edition of BCTF/Teacher magazine, addressed to Chair.

Old business:

- Circulating DPAC meetings, who will attend in February?
- The bank requires that Pauline & Tonia have to sign off the account & provide letter signed by Tonia before new signing authorities can be added or changed.

New Business:

- Topics to discuss at future PAC meetings
- Shannon Aldinger- DPAC resolution to seek inclusion of consent & online safety in the provincial curriculum.

Reports

Chair: None

Co-Treasurers: \$295 was made from dessert night & 50/50

DPAC: Shannon Aldinger from Isfeld PAC reported:

- Next DPAC Meeting is February 4 at Brooklyn Elementary.
- A new provincial funding formula report has been released. Government is revamping current funding formula. Parents can get involved in this initiative. District has created a finance committee. Two parents recruited to get involved for financial plans in the future.
- District salad bar committee has been formed & at least 3 schools in the district have successfully implemented salad bars. There will be a meeting January 23 for parents to get more involved.
- Superintendent video/parent meeting has been introduced to inspire thought & get parents more interested in Education.
- Lice outbreak throughout district schools, controls & treatments implemented.
- BC CPAC - parents can get involved. Can apply for funding in September for membership.
- Isfeld DPAC responding to new sexual health education program delivery in our district.

- Dr. Claire had 2 parent presentations in the Fall with information aimed at parents to speak to their kids about sexual health. Slides can be found on DPAC Facebook page & website. District is looking at laminating the slides to have as a parent resource.
- DPAC is considering a resolution that will be presented at BC CPAC. (Shannon provided an insert on this).
- Teachers feedback is that they don't feel they've received any training on teaching this material.
- Requires greater understanding of all social media currently available to students etc.
- Important for kids to hear messages reiterated both at home & school.
- DPAC is looking for provincial change in this area of curriculum & would like support of all PACS's.
- Dean showed how district site is generalized & how Dr. Claire has added much more content to the subject matter. The district wants more specifics on how to convey this information.
- More emphasis needs to be drawn to the area of "Consent". BC school trustees have already passed similar resolution on consent.
- Post-secondary institutions are addressing this already on a provincial level, specific to gender-based violence
- Pauline makes motion to support this resolution. Adams seconded the motion. All in favour to support this resolution.
- Can vote by email on DPAC resolution.
- Shannon left meeting at 7:43 PM.

Trustee: School trustee Michelle Waite reported:

- There are 7 trustees, 4 of which are new. She is curious about what we're looking for from the trustees & how they can best support us.
- December meeting passed 2 resolutions regarding funds.
- Details regarding the unrestricted operating budget at end of fiscal year was discussed & explained, such as how much was spent on Vanier renovation upgrade, etc.
- There was 6 million extra last year in operating budget.
- Two or more schools are being audited.
- Enrollment was up by 724 children in district, but only equivalent to 25 FTE.
- Estimate was higher for projected enrollment, head count was the same, full-time enrollment was different.
- Meetings are 4th Tuesday of each month, agenda posted the Friday before. It was suggested that we review the agenda prior to the meetings to stay up to date, or come to the question period at the end of the meetings.
- Michelle takes info back from PAC's to trustee meetings, but Highland PAC would need to come speak on our own behalf.
- Michelle left at 8:28 PM.

Principal:

- **Fine Arts:** Nird Fest - students off to Douglas College in May for BC National Theatre Festival where they will do a one act play. Improv senior came in 4th & team junior came in 5th.
- Six schools in concert.
- **Athletics:** All basketball teams doing well, season continues for approximately 5 more weeks.
- Track & soccer coming in the spring.
- **Robotics:** Vex competition had lots of new attendees, 19 teams came from throughout the district.

- **End of Term 2:** Semester 1 ends this Friday. Grade 12's have provincial exams Thursday/Friday. Report cards & new schedules will be released.
- District decided there will be new Literacy 10 assessments next year.
- **Grad Activities:** Fall social & photos were a success. Grads want to leave their mark with 19 for 19 project. Coldest Night of The Year coming up. A Go-Fund Me page has been set up. Grad meeting Wednesday to drum up support.
- **Leadership Classes:** Tammy Jerome does senior leadership, arranges assemblies etc., she will be doing Grades 9 & 10 next semester. Brian Stevens does Grade 8 leadership & had a nice assembly with them. Leadership is an elective.
- **Programming for Next Year:** A new program guide will be worked on throughout February for next year, it will be study-driven timetable. Students will sign up online.
- **School Learning Plan:** All the goals the school is working towards this year are on the school website. Goals were recently updated (in January 2019).
- **Sexual Health Education:** An overview of what Grade 8-10 will be taught is on the website, under Program. Information is outlined of what will be covered at certain grade levels.
- There is a gap in the curriculum for Grade 11 & 12, however, the school counsellors will go in & talk to the students in those grades anyways.
- Letter will be sent home about 3 sessions coming up in Grade 8-10. The counsellors will deliver the sensitive content.
- There is a plan & resources available, as Dr. Claire has provided a kit. She has built something specific & relevant to the current times, that will be used to supplement what the Ministry has in place.
- Dean Patterson & Jana Buckle will be the contact resources for parents who want further info on this.

Also discussed:

- DPAC meeting on Feb. 4 - who will attend? Will Lisa go & did she go in January?
- Topics to be discussed at future PAC meetings (Programs at school, robotics, etc.?)
- There is no vaping allowed anywhere on school grounds.
- Possibly a topic of substance abuse & subsequent information for parents can be explored in a future PAC meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday February 25, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM