

## **Highland PAC Meeting**

**November 21, 2016**

Call to order: 7:05

**Welcome and Introductions:** Tonia Frawley, Chair

**In Attendance:**

Dean Patterson; Brad Torry; Lisa Torry; Crystal Oelke; Pauline Rae; Tracy Richards; Janice Caton; Kim Moore; Lee McKillican; Lisa Thomas

**Approval of previous minutes:** September minutes – Motion to Approve Lisa Thomas, Second Kim.

October minutes – Motion to approve Pauline, Second Kevin.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Kim, Second Pauline.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence to report.

**Reports:**

**Chair** – Tonia brought totes from the Royal LePage office for the adopt a family event taking place through December.

**Treasurer** – was not present but sent a note to Tonia saying nothing gone out of the account and the gaming funds have been deposited.

**DPAC** – new draft of calendars are now online. There is a place to leave feedback so please review and provide any pertinent comments.

**Administration:**

1. There was a successful Post-Secondary night on November 1, 2016. There will most likely be a format change next year to give some of the smaller schools more exposure. More of an open house format perhaps.
2. The Remembrance Day assembly on November 11 was very, very good.
3. Choir/Band attended a festival last week and were critiqued by an excellent adjudicator. The kids did great!
4. The senior drama group consisting of grade 11/12 kids put on a series of one act plays last week and they were simply terrific!
5. Volleyball has now ended with much success for both our senior boys and junior girls. The junior boys soccer team did extremely well also.
6. NIRD fest in Campbell River next week – can't wait!!
7. Friday November 25 is Parent Teacher interviews.
8. There will be CPR training for all students next week via our fabulous PE teachers.
9. November 29, 2016 is Grad Dessert Night. Volunteers still needed.
10. Grade 10 students will get a presentation on Mental Health on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.
11. December 8, 2016 is the annual Christmas Concert. Plan to attend!!

12. The students will engage in a number of Christmas activities including hampers for needy families, door decorating, and general feelings of good cheer regarding the upcoming holiday!
13. China exchange – Deanna Darlington has been working extremely hard preparing our students to receive the kids arriving from Shanghai in the second week of January and also for their trip TO Shanghai in March. The kids coming here will spend a week with billet families here in Comox and then spend a week in Vancouver. Our students will also billet with local families in Shanghai and then spend a week in Beijing.
14. Flex blocks on Friday has generated mostly positive feedback, both from teachers and students.

**Trustee:**

1. There is a Board Meeting November 22, 2016. The main item of discussion will be that management needs to formulate an effective communication plan that filters down from the board directly to the parents.
2. There is a policy committee being formed.
3. A Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.
4. Superintendent is bringing a timeline for the budget; there are around 1400 collective agreements to go through; the end result is that there WILL be more teachers and resources for the classrooms but no word yet on how the dollars will be allocated. Not sure how our funding will pan out.
5. The minister of Education will be meeting with the Board on Thursday.

**Old Business:**

Elections

Positions: CHAIR – Tonia Frawley nominated; Tonia Frawley accepted.

VICE CHAIR – Kim Moore nominated; Kim Moore accepted.

SECRETARY – Lisa Thomas volunteered and was accepted.

TREASURER – Carried over until next meeting.

CO TREASURER – Pauline Rae volunteered and was accepted.

DPAC REP – Carried over until next meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

There will be Treats and Christmas Cheer (no, not that kind of Christmas Cheer – maybe Gingerbread Spice tea) and as a special treat Jim Tatrie will be doing a Robotics presentation (and hopefully a demonstration)

Motion for Meeting Adjournment by Kim.

