



**Hastings Community School Parent Advisory Council – [www.hastingspac.ca](http://www.hastingspac.ca)  
Minutes - Meeting 7pm Monday May 12, 2014**

**Members Present:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** Donna Emeno and Janis Myers

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Cheyanne and Andrew from the YMCA**

- Presenting brochure for the day camps being offered by the YMCA this summer.
- Many great programs and offer, and they do fill up quickly.
- Main camps are 9 am to 4 pm, but there are options for extended childcare from 7:30 am to 6 pm.
- Registration on line is starting now.

**3. Review of minutes from Wednesday April 16, 2014**

**Motion:** *To approve minutes from the April 16, 2014*

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**4. Hastings Administration Report**

**Donna Emeno – Principal**

- Best Spring Fair EVER.
- Job action – might be moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of action with rotating strikes. VSB website and the BCTF websites will provide continuous updates on the job action.
- Dorothy Simmons is in to replace councillor Nicola Ingram who is receiving treatment for Breast Cancer. Dorothy is a retired councillor and a friend of Nicola's.
- Requests for class placement will be accepted until Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please put any requests in writing. There will be 13 divisions each of both English and French Immersion. The finalized list of which teachers will be teaching which grade, will be in the May newsletter. School calendar will also be in the May newsletter.
- Meeting with the school planning council. Teachers will not be meeting with the school planning council due to job action. Donna will be the school representative at the meeting. Will be continuing to discuss the same goals as last few years, literacy, social responsibility and aboriginal education.
- Thanks to Janeen and the PAC executive and all parents who volunteer.
- Volunteer tea is next Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stephanie will be sending out invitations
- Newsletter comes out in a Synervice email as an attachment, which is working much better

- Rotating strike, students can still be dropped off at the school, but only administrators are in the school and no classes are conducted.

#### **Janis Myers- Vice principal**

- Tech committee update. The 3 apple TVs were installed today and they have been set up with 1 new document cameras and 1 new projector. Michael and Michelle Thompson donated 2 more projectors. French Immersion e learning money was available and teachers voted to purchase some more document cameras. Teachers did training with the cameras on the most recent pro D.
- Welcome to Kindergarten is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 44 students currently registered in French Immersion and 40 currently registered in English kindergarten.
- Ms Brothers and the leadership team have organized a week of activities for literacy week. Grande Finale is a primary obstacle course.

#### **5. President's Report – Janeen Patchell**

- Great Spring Fair! Thanks to Diana P and Stephanie for organizing the whole thing. There were many new features from previous years (pony rides, food, carnival games, new punch card system etc).
- We made \$3700 approx. which gets split 3 ways between the community school, the PAC and the school.
- Diana wants to acknowledge the Culinary Institute of Vancouver. Warren came and donated the food he and his students made.
- Diana P met with Stephanie to figure out what they could do to improve next year. A thank you will go out to parents along with suggestions for next year.
- \$450~ made on the book sale
- \$330 made on the clothing sale
- We are not looking to collect more clothes. Stephanie will pull some emergency clothes for the school. We will donate what is left over due to a storage issues. The timing for the sale may be changed to an afterschool time.
- Staff Appreciation – Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be a breakfast brunch. We ask for donations of coffee and breakfast/lunch items. We may need a bit of help for set up.
- The Skipping ropes, which belong to the school, are getting pretty ratty. We are thinking of using some funds to buy a few more, as well as some new soccer balls. Janeen is asking the PAC for approval to buy some new activity equipment. At least a class set of 30 short skipping ropes, and 6 long ropes.
- There are usually soccer balls in each classroom and they are getting worn out so we would look at replacing some of those. We will ask for donations of balls from the school community.
- Donna will talk to Sandra Patrick as to what the best system for kids to retrieve a ball or a skipping rope – either from their classroom or from the community office?

**Motion:** *To spend up to \$300 of PAC funds on skipping ropes*

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#### **6. Treasurer's Report – Janeen Patchell reporting for Diana Bennett**

- We have \$8,300.00~. General operating account with some deposits pending.
- Gaming is \$12,000.00 ~.

- Total roughly \$20,000.00. We still have some expenditures to go out from this total- \$4,000~
- \$69,000.00 ~ still in the playground account. We still have outstanding expenditures for the playground which total more than this amount.
- Roughly estimating there is about \$4,000.00 in outstanding expenditures from the \$20,000.00. Efrem suggested buying a GIC if we had a lump sum to invest for 6 months or so. Diana B has also thought about this and is looking into it.

## 7. Other Fundraising Opportunities

- Meaningful Movies – May 15<sup>th</sup>, Manufacturing Landscapes. Janeen will need one more volunteer. Next month we can choose the film, a family orientated film. A suggestion needs to be submitted to HNCC by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After some discussion, we decided to submit The Princess Bride
- Day At the Races – Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Shared fundraiser with Garibaldi Annex. This year will be an Ice Cream Social and there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$5. There are usually 10 races a day.
- We get a \$2,500.00 cash donation, proceeds from raffle and ticket sales.

## 8. Other Business

- **Bike to School Week** – Sheelagh Davis (w/Seth Oldham):
- May 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – there will be some organized group rides to school.
- Seth had a table at the spring fair and had some flyers made up. The community bike club has been making posters. There is a grade 7 student teacher who is trying organizing some of the grade 7 students to ride to school the previous week (due to class camp trip on the Bike To School Week).
- Encouraging students to arrive to school at 8:45 to get stickers, breakfast treats etc.
- **School Photos**- Class photos will be on the May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Marc is talking to 5 different photographers and they all seem to be willing to meet our needs. He is asking for a higher percentage of the fees and a breakdown of who orders which packages. Marc just needs to figure out their sale pitches. He hopes to have it narrowed down in a few weeks and then the PAC can make a decision of who to go with.
- Bestway, the current photographer, is 6 years in arrears with composite photos and other items they are contractually obliged to.
- Some companies offer to do all the photos on one day. The administration decides on the dates to have the photographers.
- **Before and Afterschool Care Survey**- A.R. Lord and Hastings Community Centre have decided to proceed to provide this program and we have a few pre-registration forms for those who are looking for childcare in Sept.
- **Alice in the French Underground performances. Mme. Natasha's grade 3 class** – PAC funded. The class will run the concession. If they make any money from sales and donations at the door, they will contribute back to the PAC.
- **How to get more parents out the PAC meetings**. – Efrem suggested moving back to the PAC generated emails, as there are issue with both parents not

receiving the synervoice emails. Donna said that the second parent can send her or Maria an email to be added to the synervoice email list.

- **Other ideas** – Sending handbill announcements home with students a day or two before the meetings. Also, a day time coffee meeting, reaching out to the REAL parent group etc. Language tends to be a barrier for Cantonese and Mandarin speaking parents at the school. We want to approach REAL parents to see if there is at least one parent representative who could attend the PAC meetings.
- We will try out a daytime PAC meeting to see if we get a different group of parents.
- **Corn Roast will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder of next PAC meeting Tuesday September 23rd, 2014**

Thanks.

*Motion: To adjourn at 8:45 pm*

*M/S/C*