

# Handsworth PAC

## Minutes April 15, 2024

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Administration/Guests: Cary Hungle, Michelle Dodds, Oreofeoluwa Adeyonu and Yasmin Simsek.

### **1. Welcome Statement**

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District Handsworth Secondary resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on the traditional territory.

### **2. Roll Call**

A quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is seven voting members, including at least two of the HSSA Directors. At least one of the HSSA Directors must be a signing officer. We have a quorum.

### **3. Approval of April 15, 2024, Agenda**

The agenda from the meeting were circulated on the Handsworth Secondary Website under the HPAC tab. Motion to accept the Agenda for the April 15<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Jessica Young and seconded by Carmen Jensen. Approved.

### **4. Approval of February 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting were circulated on the Handsworth Secondary Website under the HPAC tab. Motion to accept the Minutes from the February meeting. Moved by Megan Enns and seconded by Amanda Nichol. Approved.

### **5. Chair Report**

On March 5, 2024, I attended the Board of Education Standing Committee on the topic of discussion was Budget. There were table discussions that reflect 6 Educational Priority framework. I have learned a great deal by attending public meetings and would encourage all of you to invest some time in learning a bit more by checking out the sd44 website. Meetings are posted on their website.

We found out that our 2023-2024 Gaming Grant was approved! We received \$29,300 for this fiscal and we have 24 months to spend this allocation. I have started discussion with administration for high priority gaming grant requests for approval at the May 2024 meeting. The

gaming grant for 2024-2025 has been submitted on April 3, 2024. These grants are usually approved by September-November.

Communication has been identified as a high priority for the HPAC as there were some issues that would have benefited from direct communication with our parent community. A recommendation for next year's HPAC is communication, and we are currently looking into platforms that respect privacy laws. If you have any concerns, please email the chair. Angela, a HPAC member, is looking into these options.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch has been booked for June 26, 2024. Email the Chair if you are interested in volunteering. There will also be an opportunity to show your appreciation by making a monetary donation on the Munch a Lunch platform to help fund the lunch.

## **6. Treasurer Report**

At our previous meeting we approved funding for thirteen proposals with six recommendations funded by the Athletic Reserve Fund with a total budget of \$20,435.46 and seven recommendations funded by the Gaming Grant with a total budget of \$7323. All recommendations from the Athletic Reserve Fund have been completed, six recommendations from the Gaming Grant have been completed and one Gaming Grant recommendation for Band is currently in progress. In total, 25,922.16 has been invested this year into Handsworth athletics, enrichment, student groups and arts. We extend our thanks to Kelly O'Bryan, Handsworth Admin, who provided support coordinating invoices and reimbursements. There is ~31.2K in the Gaming Account which included this year's gaming grant received late in the school year. Next years HPAC will start the school year with a positive balance which will allow for any early in the year high priority purchases to be considered.

Q-Was the gaming grant of ~7.1K compared to what we normally receive of 26K? Why is our gaming grant higher this year?

A-Every year our gaming grant is just under 30K because it is based on an allocation of \$20 per student. Our allocation this year was only \$7500 because that is what was leftover in our gaming grant account from previous years. We did not receive our gaming grant notification until late in the year (late March), and we did not feel it was prudent to risk manage and assume we would receive our full gaming grant, so we only approved recommendations for the surplus in our gaming account. Initially our application was denied due to some nuances we were not aware of, however our application was reconsidered and was approved.

Q-When is our fiscal year end?

A-June 30. New fiscal starts July 1.

## **7. Administration Report**

Cary thanked the HPAC for the allocations that have funded many important purchases for our school. We are at the half-way point of semester two as we finish midterm reports that will be published next Monday and will be available on MyEd. A detailed update was shared on the school sanctioned graduation events; Graduation Ceremony will be on June 10 at Queen Elizabeth Theater, the Graduation Banquet on June 14 at the Westin Bayshore and information for valedictorian applications. Course Requests/Course Validation are underway, and we will

start to build out the timetable for September. There will be courses that will be cancelled due to low interest and there will be additional blocks added. Late requests may not be able to be honored. The Grade 9 Japan trip is a week in and a blog on the Handsworth website is available. Over Spring Break, the music program visited Spain and Portugal. Spring Athletics are well underway. The basketball team has their wrap up banquet. Rugby, soccer, basketball, and football are underway. We are grateful for the staff sponsors, coaches and the PAC contributions that keep the Royals looking outstanding. The fencing around the field has been removed and the students have been accessing the outdoor space before school, at breaks, at lunch and after school. There is outstanding work that needs to be done including maintenance of the access path by Edgewood and the grass needs attention. SD44 has resolved the contractual issues with the contractor and the school will begin work on drainage improvements, followed by reseeding. The field will not be fenced off again, but signage will be added requesting students stay off to allow for grass to establish. Mayor Little has indicated that the field will be ready for play in the Fall 2026. Our student written/produced/created school play is a murder mystery that is coming up the first week of May and is sold out for all but one show. Student planning session for our Family of Schools was held last week where we heard the students voice. I will share more feedback from this session at the May PAC meeting to show how the students feedback aligns with the work that is being done in the school this year and what they want from Handsworth moving forward. The transitioning of grade 7 students to Handsworth has begun. We have met with the students at the elementary schools, collected course requests, and learn about them from their teachers and meet new families. All FOS grade 7 students will meet for a morning tour on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate ~250 grade 7 coming into Handsworth. Finally, AP exams will be held in early May.

Question-What are the plans for practice for football and ultimate? The Grade 8 boys are still playing at Mountainside, and I thought we were not going to be using Mountainside A-A request with District of North Vancouver for priority access at Griffin was requested but was delayed due to North Shore School sport priority access for game play. A request was submitted to North Shore School Sports for any days not used for specific games. There was some work done at Mountainside to improve the field, but confirmation of the work completed will be obtained for the May meeting.

Question-Is the catering contract being renewed?

Question-There may be a renewal clause in the contract, but Cary has not been provided an update. A new school district Manager of Contracts and Purchasing has started this week. Cary will provide an update at the May meeting.

## **8. BCCPAC AGM**

HPAC are a voting member of the BCCPAC. The AGM will be held May 4 & 5, 2024. BCCPAC will pay for a representative to attend the AGM portion of the meeting. If you are interested in representing the HPAC please email the chair. Our HPAC rep. has a conflict and cannot attend the meeting. Amanda Nichols has offered to be our proxy.

There are a few bylaw changes for consideration and one resolution. The resolution is for Inclusion School Districts in Consultation for Supervised Consumption Sites to allow schools to have input. If you are interested in learning more about the resolutions or how the HPAC should vote, please email the Chair. For those interested in the resolutions, I will hold a special meeting via Zoom for discussion.

### **9. Guest Presentation:**

We were joined by Michele Dodds, the Executive Director at the North Shore Women's Centre (NSWC). Michelle reviewed the services provided by the North Shore Women's Centre and Lorie Barton introduced the gender-based violence program offered through NSWC. NSWC obtained resources to fund an evidence-based program called Flip the Script that reduces sexual violence by approximately half. Yasmin Simsek and Oreofeoluwa Adeyonu explained that the program runs in 4 units of 3 hours each-the units are access, acknowledge, act (identify vulnerable body parts, release strategies), and relationship and sexuality (understand what you want in an intimate relationship and what you don't, practice communicating, learn warning signs of grooming). Positive testimonials from participants were shared. Highschool sessions at Carson Graham, Seycove, Mountainside, John Barsby, Nanaimo District, New Westminster have been delivered. Community sessions at Kitsilano Community Center, Kitsilano Neighborhood House, North Shore Women's Centre, and summer camps. NSWS has also offered Safe Date Program which is also an evidence-based prevention and intervention tool for participants of all gender identities. This is an evidence-based prevention program offered over ten sessions of 50 minutes each for elementary and high school students. An interactive information session will be offered on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7-9 pm at North Shore Women's Centre, registration is via Eventbrite. NSWC have started a conversation with Handsworth administration to offer the Flip the Script program to Handsworth grade 10 and/or grade 11 students.

Q-You mentioned you may offer Flip the Script in June 2024. Would this be in curricular or after school? How would that be facilitated?

A-Can be offered in school for a period or during lunch and after school. We are flexible in our delivery model. Cary-The counselling admin team has identified time and space challenges. A June offering is challenging but we are looking into building a program for Fall 2024. We are looking into a building for our male students as well.

Q-Are there any resources required to bring these programs to Handsworth?

A-At Handsworth end, time and space are the challenge and NSWS have graciously offered the funding resources to provide this. This is a tremendous opportunity for Handsworth. The grade 10 CLE will be expanded in the next school year and there may be an opportunity to facilitate this program. Grant funding will allow for this program to be offered at no charge at Handsworth.

Q- Is there a possibility for a parent group to offer the program independently outside of Handsworth?

A-Very open to this approach for six or more participants at NSWS or at a community center but there may be a cost.

Q-The Flip the Switch program is offered for girls >15 years old. Should 14 years old girls  
A-Initially the program was designed for 16+, however we have been given the license to offer the program for 15 years old. Our license allows for 15 years and older.

#### **10. HPAC Nominations Announcement**

Jessica is our nominations committee member. Parents who have interest in running for HPAC should email the chair email. We are looking for individuals with financial expertise and communications. The description of each Executive position is included in the Bylaws which are available on the website.

An in person HPAC AGM will be held on May 13, 2024 @ 7PM, in the library. Refreshments and snacks will be provided after the meeting. A RSVP email will be shared later.

#### **9. Adjournment at 8:30 PM.**

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