

Handsworth PAC

Minutes September 23, 2024

1. Welcome Statement

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, learn and work on the traditional and unceded territories of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and sə́ilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on the traditional territory.

2. Roll Call

Quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is seven voting members, including at least two of the HPAC Directors. At least one of the HPAC Directors must be a signing officer. Quorum was achieved

3. Approval of Agenda from September 23, 2024

Agenda was circulated on the Handsworth Secondary Website under HPAC Tab
Motion to accept the agenda as presented, moved by Alain Maille seconded by Nahid Doroudi.
Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2024

Minutes are circulated on the Handsworth Secondary Website under HPAC Tab
Motion to accept the minutes as presented moved as accepted by Angela Santoro, seconded by Shannon Harris. Approved.

5. Chair Report

- Introduction of our HPAC Executive:
 - Chair – Candace Strom
 - Vice Chair - vacant
 - Treasurer - Carmen Jensen (general)
 - Shannon Harris (gaming grant)
 - Secretary - Ly
 - Communications- vacant
 - Members @ Large
 - Angela Santoro
 - Jessica Wong

I attended the grade 8 parent night to introduce the HPAC and encourage participation. For this year, communication with our membership is a focus. Please sign up for our independent HPAC communication using the QR code is on your table. We currently have close to 200 people signed up. Please encourage your friends to sign up for our newsletter to improved our communication for important parent feedback and things you need to know. There will be a NPAC 101 night for those who may be interested in joining PAC or NPAC. Link was included in our PAC communication or you can go to northvanpac.org under PAC resources.

Q- Would the HPAC be open to considering the structure/format of a PAC meetings? They are currently steeped in Roberts Rules and procedures and in consideration of Reconciliation, would the HPAC be open to a different approach?

Answer: 100% open to feedback, we need to hit certain reporting requirements but are open to any and all suggestions and feedback.

6. Treasurer Report

Briefly:

- Gaming grant application was submitted for this fiscal, we expect to received~29K.
- Prior year gaming grant report submitted in July. Approx 9k was spent last year on athletics, performance arts, clubs and enhancements.
- We approved 9 wish list items totaling \$24,334 at our June 2024 meeting for spending at the beginning of this school year and these expenses have started to roll in.
- An additional \$25,949.78 was previously in Handsworth athletics, enrichment, student groups and arts last school year.
- Wishlist requests for this school year will be circulated shortly to teacher sponsors for consideration once our gaming grant is received. Likely will be presented in late Fall.
- Hot lunch revenues help fund the Athletics Fund.
- The HPAC has 2 term deposits worth ~5k each that will come due Oct 27. One term deposit was set aside for a gift to our new school which will be decided at a later point.
- FYE statements are with accountant and will be ready soon. Will be posted to website and presented at Oct meeting.
- The HPAC charitable status has been reinstated. Huge thanks to Carmen and Candace who stick handled this important task. If we loose our charitable status we must fold as an organization so it was critical this be resolved.
- We are exploring options for managing Grad transactions.
- We will present a budget for consideration for this school year will at the next meeting.

7. Administration Report

Mr. Hungle thanked everyone for attending our first meeting of the school year. This is his 2nd year as principal at this school and he is joined by Ms. Toobs and Mr Aw-Yong, vice principals of grade 9 & 11 and grades 8 and 10 respectively. I am also joined by Mr. Reble, Handsworth Athletic Director.

Mr. Reble shared that this is his 2nd year as AD at Handsworth and his 4th year as teacher. As the athletic director he oversees the athletic program by supporting teacher and athletes. The Fall season at Handsworth is busy with has new coaches and 16 teams across 7 sports, including 2 provincial championship teams. We are offering swimming again, basketball, ski snowboard club, and wrestling is offered through Carson Graham. The field is an ongoing struggle however with William Griffin open this year there is more availability and lots of attempt to accommodate our needs have been made by many.

Q-How does another sport get added?

A-Handsworth tend to not lose sports too often but approving teams is tricky. There is a process that includes a written proposal and then if the proposal is approved, the proponent is invite to present to the review team. It takes planning, takes staff member and generally a community coach to commit for a couple of year to get another sport added to our offerings.

Q-How does the rowing academy work?

A-Rowing is a District run program and not Handsworth based. Potentially at one point o time, Handsworth did have a team but not certain when that was.

Principals Report-Mr. Hungle

Handsworth is a full school with 1535 students, 100 international students and 120 staff. All three area high schools could not accommodate out of catchment transfers. We have seen plenty of class change requests which have been supported to the best of our abilities. Grade 8 leaders have been active supporting the newest Handsworth students. Several tournament trips have already occurred, and Club Day occurred last week to showcase opportunities for students. The year started with a change in counselling assignments due to 2 departures but otherwise staff have been relatively consistent with very little turnover. There has been no change in the plans for the construction of a sports field and planning is ongoing with the intension of a Sept 2026 grand opening. There is some worry in the community that the District of North Vancouver budget pressures may impact the field plan. The outdoor space is currently being used for PE classes, some sports are practicing on the field, and students are using the field for lunch. The pools that formed following a storm last year were fixed by the School District by installing a drainage trench. At this point the focus is on a field with a track in the future.

VP Report -Mr. Aw-Yong, new VP at Handsworth. Mr. Aw-Yong enjoys outdoor experiential education. Our Grade 8 retreat is coming up this Wednesday for approximately 260 students.

VP Report-Ms. Toobs. Ms. Toobs ave been a teacher at Handsworth for 28 years and this is first year as VP for grade 9 & 11. Although there was some concern related to the switch from the semester system to the linear timetable and we are finding the timetable with alternative classes each day allows for time to a better instruction pace and it allows for a bit of breathing space in the schedule. The new personal device policy rollout seems to also to be going quite well with some digital habits being broken and we are seeing a reset which is calming the classroom.

8. Elections

Nominations from the floor- Rebecca Brewar as a Member at Large. Cara Cohen nominated for communications role. Approved.

We will also be running elections at the October meeting as well as we have 90 days from the start of school to cover positions

9. Adjournment

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