

# Handsworth PAC

## General Meeting Minutes May 13, 2024

PAC Regular business

Land Acknowledgement and Agenda were approved in AGM portion of the meeting

Approval of April 15, 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 April 15 meeting. Moved by Jessica Young and seconded by Megan Enns.

7. Chair Report

Thank you to Megan Enns, Shane Lowry, Esther Oyelumnade and Erin Stevenson who are stepping down from the HPAC Executive after years of volunteering. Their commitment to the Handsworth community is so valuable. I know that this committee is not the only volunteer position that they hold, and they are amazing to watch in action. Shane and Ester coordinated the Sport Recognition wall for the new school. And are hugely involved in sports across the North Shore. Megan's advocacy is admirable. She has taught me that it is okay to voice your concerns. You never know what you may get when you ask. Erin also is a regular advocate with the District of North Vancouver and always brings such great input to all our meetings. I would also like to acknowledge Carmen and Shannon who took on new roles this year. Without their willingness to go outside their comfort zone we would not have a PAC. I appreciate our late-night conversations and insight :)

I would also like to thank Cary Hungle. His first year as principal and it has been a pleasure to connect with him. I truly feel like he has our kids' best interest at heart and spends every day making Handsworth a strong community for our kids.

I have referred to this year as a building year. This is my first time as chair of a PAC and wow did I learn something every day!

We learned that there were some errors with our yearly Gaming Grant. Our initial request was not approved. We thank the staff sponsors who applied to modify their requests. We were able to use the remaining money from previous unspent grants and utilize our hot lunch athletic fund. Gratefully our request to the gaming grant board for a late approval was approved in March 2024. We have plans to start running wish list requested twice in a school year so we can catch activities that start in Fall.

Hot Lunch continues to be an important Handsworth Community initiative and a great

fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who orders and to the organizers who show up every hot lunch and are the faces our students see. A special thank you to Velda Williams for being the main lead on Hot Lunch. Her child is graduating this year, and we will miss her.

Thank you to Jessica for planning our photo fundraiser. It was a fun initiative, and we are hoping to run more fundraising initiatives that can build community spirit

Our next huge project is communication. We are looking at introducing a platform that can help with direct and timely messaging with the parent population. Watch for more information in September.

#### 8. Treasurer Report

The budget was shared with the membership. The fundraiser is running for the Staff Appreciation Lunch on the Munch platform. At the bottom of the budget page, disbursements for athletics, clubs and performing arts are provided. We will have a second wish list before the end of the school year so clubs/sports who need resources in September can have an opportunity to secure HPAC funds. The wish list form has not been distributed to the staff yet but will be sent soon.

Profit/Loss statements were shared. An accountant will review our books and in September will share our official statements with the HPAC.

Motion: To use gaming grant funding for math club of \$47 Moved by Amanda Nicol and seconded by Shane Lowry. Motion passed.

#### 9. Administration Report

Cary-Handsworth is a special place with many things happening. Big thank you to outgoing and new PAC members.

Some technical work for the turf field has started for opening in fall of 2026.

We continue to use Eldon Park and William Griffin, but we are also using the field at Handsworth for PE class. Additional work to address flooding issues will happen soon.

Enrollment for next year is projected to be 1505 students, which is like this current year. We are not able to accept out of Handsworth catchment students because Handsworth is full due to an unprecedented number of students coming mid-year to the school. Graduation is a month away with many events planned.

Megan-The student written play was a huge success. The grade 7 and 8's were able to attend a showing.

Regular classes are scheduled until June 21 and then review and completion will be June 24/25. We have seen a higher-than-normal extended absence being requested which is causing a challenge with teaching the curriculum in the semester system. A new personal digital device policy will launch in September. Devices can be used for instructional purposes and for students with IEP's if identified. Communication on this new policy will be shared in the superintendent reports.

Jagruti-Grade 7 transition to grade 8 is ongoing with a parent information meeting, grade 7 introduction to Handsworth for a presentation to learn about consent and to attend the play, in grade 7 classrooms presentations to discuss what to expect, with the official orientation on May 23. We will be holding a Learning Services Open House on May 27 for incoming families with specific needs to ask additional questions and to tour spaces.

Early notification was sent to parents for the graduation numeracy assessments for grade 10 and literacy twelve. There will also be an opportunity for those who missed the assessment in previous years to complete their exams. It is difficult to accommodate any changes due to the restrictions on the number of laptops available for each session.

The school plan will be updated which will tell people who we are as a community. The leadership team will meet in September with teachers, student leaders, and the parents will be invited to the fall meeting in October to set intensions for the year. The spring meeting allows us to showcase what has been done for the year. We heard atthe April meeting that the parent community was not aware of our school goals, so we developed banners with our guiding principles to be displayed in our communities.

Liz-Handsworth Student was available to represent the First Responders Club. She shared that the club has grown significantly in the past several years which allows the club to provide services to clubs, events, sports teams and be responsible for first aid for all students in the school. Training is done at noon at least once a month. A team approach is used with a senior student pairing with a junior student to provide mentorship. The club is a welcoming environment for all from grade 8 to grade 12's.

10. Announcements - please join us for snacks and refreshments

Donations to the Staff Appreciation Lunch are welcome to show appreciation. You can donate on the Munch a Lunch platform.

We are still looking for volunteers. Even if you do not want to be a part of the HPAC EXEC we would love to include you in special projects throughout the year. If you have a passion for something, please come talk with us

Next meeting is on June 17, 2024. Online meeting.

11. Adjournment

"The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners"