

## Henderson PAC Meeting Minutes

3 Oct 2023

**Attendance:** Sabrina Mendoza, Alysha Messner, Erin Hodgins, Matt Hull, Dona Gaudreau, Rachelle Letkeman

**Minutes:** Accepted

**Correspondence:** Thank you card from Macklan Boyd for scholarship.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Gaming account \$47.03. Paperwork for gaming grant has gone in.

General account \$21 937.04

**DPAC Report:** First meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **Old Business:**

- Grade 7 hoodies → Students loved them.
- Little Library in the works. Alysha will talk to Alex about it.
- Staff thank you. Treats were very appreciated, thank you to Nicole for arranging it

### **New Business:**

- Elections: all positions accepted by acclamation
  - o President – Alysha Messner
  - o Vice President – Kate Boyd
  - o Secretary – Sabrina Mendoza
  - o Treasurer- Rachelle Letkeman
  - o DPAC Rep- Dona Gaudreau
- Motion made by Sabrina Mendoza to change one of the signers on Henderson PAC accounts from Scott Hodgins to Rachelle Letkeman. Motion seconded by Kate Boyd.
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- Staff appreciation plan for the year. Continue with what we did last year, River City Coffee 3 times a year at report card time (Nicole continue with this?) Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. \$150 budget each time, Alysha makes a motion seconded by Sabrina.

- Funding requests from teachers submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup> (Matt will create an online form.) Next staff meeting will discuss funding requests - November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is to use gaming funds. Additional requests may be considered in April if there is money left over.
- H3. It would be nice to have more parent support in the hallway- email parents asking for help the night of. Matt will get letter for silent auction to Darren tonight (contact information for the school on letter as well as Sierra.) Gypsy (Makaela's mom) would like to fundraise for Grade 7 trip at H3 selling freeze dried candy, PAC approves.
- Breakfast and lunch program- food is becoming more expensive, a lot of the foods that are fed to fill kids up are more carbs and sugars. Request to have more protein for breakfast. Yes, we can adjust menu – request for suggestions (add sausages to the pancake breakfast, add hard boiled eggs to muffins, breakfast burritos.) We did not get extra EA time for lunches this year. Current lunch program is basic, like sandwiches. Ron Rainbow is new food program coordinator, and he will be working together with Matt to come up with good sustainable programs. PAC is not happy with current lunch situation. Table for further conversations.
- SOGI questions from parents – how is the school handling SOGI? SOGI is about an inclusivity approach. What we teach is based on the Physical Health curriculum. We cannot change legal names or sex, but we can refer to a child by a preferred name or gender.

**Principal's Report:**

- The mural has been mounted (under covered area below.) Next month school council will start talking about this year's mural to get that project started. It will be a bear.
- Two types of fundraising for cancer this year. Terry Fox and Cops for Cancer. Mr. Hull and Mr. Rounis (James Thompson) had a friendly competition to raise money. Overall, we raised more (per student) but they raised more for Cops for Cancer. Both principals will wear the other school's shirt one day.
- School council will focus on three events this year (PJ's, crazy hat day, crazy sweater day?)
- This year's Grade 7's will be going on a similar trip to last year's Peak Experience. Two nights away, leaving after school on a Friday. There will be a Henderson lock-in for Grade 6/7's again. There will also be a Grade 7 overnight at OLC.

- District musical theatre program is up and running at our school. Conversation needs to happen about granola bar consumption re: who is funding it, this should be coming from the district.
- This week Matt is out of school doing training for Compassionate Systems Leadership. It is an initiative that district has been running with administrators. Matt is doing an extra training piece on top of that.
- Staffing is settled in now; it took some time to get figured out. Elizabeth Chase and Naomi Duffas have joined the staff as EA's. We did not get our extra division. Our current enrollment is 122.
- Welcome back BBQ was good. We need more food next time. It would be nice for parents to have more opportunities to socialize.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner. May 14<sup>th</sup> Taco Tuesday. End of year bbq. We will just have 4 community dinners this year. There will also be a Turkey lunch for students in December.
- There is no student affordability fund this year. There is however a district budget allocated for food which will be overseen by Ron Rainbow.
- Would still like to have haircuts offered at the school this year even if there is a cost to families. It would also be great to partner with the hairdressing program in some way. Home Alone program would be a great offering as well for Grade 5. Babysitting program and First Aid would also be wonderful.