

Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Paula Brunet, Catherine, Sydney Furlong, Adam Houdaibi, Allison Hunter, Janeske de Klerk, Karen Martin, Amy Montiel, Heather Moulton, Kate Oostrom, Gabe Rother, Jordanna Share, Kim Stacey, Chris Toivonen, Sarah Wise

Regular Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Regular Items (Principal, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports)
3. Committees (as required)
 - a) Events Committee
4. Roundtable
5. Adjournment

Item	Minutes
1.	Welcome by Chair. Thank you for coming. We will spend most of the meeting talking about events.
2.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports) Teacher Update: Allison Hunter gave update from teachers as there was no teacher rep available tonight. Grade 6s went to museum of Aviation in December. They represented the school and community well. Grades 3-6 Borden ball teams did amazing. Gr 6 girls won gold and boys won silver. Thank you to the coaches. Many junior classes participated in holiday rotation in the gym before the holidays. Tomorrow there will be a welcome back assembly where expectations will be reviewed.

Virtual Ventures from Carleton University is continuing to come to teach coding/robotics in the classroom. This is a free program classes can take part in. Lots of clubs going on in the school. Games club starting. Primary highland dancing club started this week and there was a great turn out!
Chess club starting. All levels welcome.
Grade 6 lunch monitors starting up again. This is a great leadership program. Gr 6's are ready to help with lunch program.

Principal Update:

It was great to go see the Borden ball tournaments.
We welcomed a new grade 4/5 class at the very end of December. They met their new teacher before the holidays and are settling in well now. This has really helped the junior class numbers in English.

Student school climate survey results are in! Grade 4-6s complete the survey anonymously. Half Moon Bay had a 100% participation rate which is unique across the district!

We are doing well in students having a sense of belonging and social connections, sources of support outside of school.

HMB has a great culture around sense of belonging. We consistently score above board average in these areas. Overall, students feel safe. These are really encouraging results.

Areas for Improvement – School Involvement Participation (attendance at events, participation in extra curriculum), School Discipline. This is hard to measure because sometimes students don't see the consequences for the other students so they feel it is unfair.

We want to give students coping skills to deal with situations. 58% of our students feel like they have these skills. They will do a WITS blitz in Jan to review conflict resolution strategies for bully prevention. In Feb - Define coping strategies and review tool kit to deal with difficult situations (e.g., mindfulness, zones).

This spring there will be a school climate survey for staff and parents to complete.

24 new students started at HMB this week! Registrations just keep coming. By the end of the week we will be over 1280 students! In some grades there is room for more (gr 1 French Immersion for example), but other programs/grades do not have space. Primary English is pretty big right now. They MAY at some point have to make another class but it would be on the stage in the gym as that is the only space we have left. It is better to not turn families away but we do only have so much space.

GABE:

Motion to approve all council minutes not previously approved. Carried.

	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>No change from last time. \$2162.19 currently sitting in account but still waiting for money from School Cash Online (about \$500). The school will write us a cheque to deposit into the bank account.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>1. Events Committee</p> <p>Paula – They had the idea to do a Dance-a-thon as a fun January activity. She contacted a company to get a quote but have now changed approaches. Now they are thinking of getting the Grade 6’s involved to get the students moving and grooving. Parents would be asked to donate to raise money. We need to let parents know what the money is going towards. We are hoping for end of January during the day. Minimal volunteers needed because it would be during the day. Maybe for dance-a-thon we just ask students to bring in a toonie or something but it is okay if they don’t. Could have it on School Cash Online or just bring it in. If we are doing a “direct ask” for money in Feb, the dance-a-thon needs to be a very minimal cost.</p> <p>February – will try for another movie night. Possibly Feb 10th because gym is available.</p> <p>Future months – games night (could be in the hallway) and literacy night.</p> <p>Paula reached out to Yard Game Guys (new business in Barrhaven) to ask about their large games that you can rent. It would be great for literacy night or a games night. He is willing to work with a budget that we would provide to help get his name out.</p> <p>Boston Pizza – can do a celebrity night for us with teachers coming in as servers. Can do three different sittings. Fun for kids and way to raise a little bit of money. They gave us some dates so we can see if principals/teachers are free one of those nights. Boston Pizza is also going to drop off some coupons that can be given as rewards to students for acts of kindness or whatever they should be rewarded for. They also do lunch programs. \$5.50 per meal (we could charge \$6 to bring in 50 cents per meal).</p> <p>Another fundraising idea – in the past teachers would offer up prizes (principal for a day, etc) and students could put ballots in for the prize they want. Brings in a little bit of money too.</p> <p>Money to go towards readers that the school has asked for. Principal Chris will help us get a link to what the readers look like so we can share this with families. We will</p>

	<p>also get a cost so that we can say that our goal is x dollars for this. The readers will arrive in a few weeks once ordered.</p> <p>Discussion about what happens to funds that are left over at the end of the year. Council tries to spend most of what has been raised during the same year it is raised except for a small amount of seed money for council to get going next year. We can also make a donation to the board's Education Foundation so that it can go to other school's in need.</p> <p>Motion to say that our priorities are to raise money for literacy readers, potential support (money or donation of books or something else) to another school, grade 6 leaving ceremony, end of year BBQ, and something to new school to get them going. Exact amounts to be determined later.</p> <p>Secunder – Kim Stacey No one is opposed. Carried.</p>
4.	<p>Round Table</p> <p>Kinder info night coming up on Feb 7th at 5:00pm. This will be right before council meeting. It will be done jointly with Chris and new principal of the new school. There will be a session separately on preparing for kindergarten in the spring. We will try to have a council member present at the kinder info night to talk about parent council.</p>
5.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 7:20pm .</p>