

Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Date: Feb 7, 2023

Attendance: Paula Brunet, Tiffany Chant, Sydney Furlong, Julia Hong, Allison Hunter, Karen Martin, Heather Moulton, Stephanie Poulton, Gabe Rother, Kim Stacey, Jordanna Share, Chris Toivonen, Sarah Wise, C W

Regular Agenda

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

Item	Minutes	Action
1.	Welcome by Chair.	
4.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports) Teacher Update: Ms Chant (Primary Division) January was a busy month for staff. Teachers are pleased with all the progress students are making. They are benefitting to being back in school on a regular basis. Teachers have been busy with writing report cards. February is black history month. They have been highlighting wonderful black Canadians and history. This is kindness month in Kindergarten. SK's are also getting ready for September. SK families were given a slideshow made by grade 1 students to help them make their decision for which program to go	

	<p>into next year. This Friday is the 100th day of school so they will celebrate this on Friday in Kindergarten!</p> <p>Stephanie Poulton (Junior Division) There is a new Ukelele club for grade 4, 5, and 6 students. February is black history month. There has been a trailblazer guessing game during announcements. Grade 4's are busy with their biography presentations. Grade 5's went to the Science museum recently. There is a badminton intramural club going on right now for Grade 6's. There is also a multi-year games club. A new librarian has joined HMB. She has the book cart and book bins up and running. She is available to help the kids take books out and she does read-alouds with the students.</p> <p>Principal Update: Chris This time of year marks the beginning of having our foot in both years. Tonight we welcomed some of our new kinder families who will be joining our school next year. The new principal of the new school was there for kinder info night too. The next few months will fly by. Staffing for next year is going on, March break, thinking about saying good-bye to grade 6s, etc.</p> <p>Treasurer Update – Jordanna No change from last time. \$2635.07 in the account.</p>	
5.	<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>1. Events Committee - Paula</p> <p>We are having a movie night on Friday. The movie will be “Lyle Lyle Crocodile”. It will be run very similar to last time. We need to coordinate the float again, a cheque for the pizza, and approve the budget. Movie night will cost about \$400 (\$30 movie, \$200 pizza, Miscellaneous snacks, plates, napkins). Motion to approve this budget. None opposed. Motion approved.</p> <p>Next week – Dance-a-Thon and food drive planned by the Gr 6s on Feb 16th. Adding the food drive to the dance-a-thon was an idea from the grade 6s. Looking for volunteers to come help package up the donations at the end of the day. The Gr 6s will prepare a 20 min play list and the other grades will sign up for a 20 min block.</p>	

Students who do not participate in dance due to religion or other reason can go to a games room. Students can help to package up the food donations but we may need help getting things delivered. Students will promote the event within the school. Principal Toivonen will put it in the weekly newsletter. Teachers will be in the gym to supervise their class so limited volunteers needed.

Hot lunch – pasta lunch day with Boston Pizza on Feb 21st. We will need some volunteers to help with that. We'll see how this one goes and hopefully we can have another one!

At the moment we are short on volunteers for both the movie night and the pasta lunch day.

Cathy's update on other upcoming activities:

March – Ottawa Senators games night. If you sell up to 100 tickets you get \$5 per ticket. 100 or more tickets you get \$10 per ticket. People order online through School Cash Online. Tickets are delivered to the school for distribution. They have tickets available for March 4th. Everyone thought this was a great idea so we will try to go ahead with it.

Saunders Farm has group events. We can book before they open for the season. Tickets \$17ish for about 4-5 hours. Principal Toivonen would like to spread this out away from Ottawa Senators night. Maybe another movie night in between. This would be in May so should work okay. Good solution for a venue outside the school because we can't host everyone at the school.

Direct Ask Fundraiser – Include with it examples of books, the why behind it, how they will help. Usually, you have about a two week period where they can donate. You pick dollar values and there can be tax receipt. We need a volunteer to work with Chris on this We will proceed with this as no one was opposed.

End of April – HMB dinner out at Boston Pizza. Hoping to get staff and the school community out for this event. 10% will be returned to the school. Right now, 5% comes back to the school if people write Half Moon Bay on the back of their receipt. The special night it will be 10%.

May – possibly another movie night on May 5th.

	<p>Reading/Games night for end of May.</p> <p>End of school event in June.</p> <p>Province opened up the “Parents Reaching Out” grant that we could apply to for parent outreach events. We can apply for up to \$750 for parent council. Gabe will share link. We have used it in the past to have a guest speaker. Deadline Feb 20th. Decisions made by end of Feb. Pretty straight forward application process/form.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>Gabe mentioned that there have been a lot of comments about the new school and how that will go. A lot of parents reaching out to board members, trustees, media. Decision board and trustees have made.</p> <p>A question was brought up about fundraising for new books. What about the fact that half of the population won’t be here to benefit from the books? When HMB opened, Barrhaven Public did pack up boxes of books for the new school. Chris answered that we are going to try to get the order done asap so the books are in the hands of the kids this year! But we could maybe look as a staff at which of these books can go to the new school. But we want these books used a lot in the spring this year! We can keep discussing how to support the new school in future meetings.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Round Table</p> <p>Paula: Virtual conference tomorrow 6-8pm for school council members. She has also started updating the new website (the Parent Council tab on the school’s main website).</p> <p>Gabe – thank you to all for coming.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Adjournment Meeting adjourned 6:55pm .</p>	