

Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 7, 2023

Attendance: Deirdre Shankar, Gabe, Janis St.Germain, Paula Brunet, Jordanna Share, Karen Martin, Karim Ould, Kate Oostrom, Kim Stacey, Lindsey Anderson, Melanie Cyr, Mohammed Osman, Sarah Wise, Tara Traves, Chris Toivonen, Belal Ghadban, Amy Montiel, Allison Hunter, Theo Tse

Regular Agenda

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

Item	Minutes	Action
1.	Welcome by Chair. Thanks for coming a week early! We will have our regular updates, talk about a meeting that happened this week about traffic around HMB, and the new principal of HMB2 (Janis St. Germain) is here to speak with us.	
4.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports) Teacher Update: Deirdre Shankar Thank you to parent council for all the events lately including the Dance-a-thon, movie night, and hot lunch. Feedback on the Dance-a-thon: The primary students were really engaged in dancing. The juniors were less involved in dancing but brought in the bulk of the donations.	

Feedback on the Hot lunch – Primary lunch monitors could go pick up the food at a central location or the classes they are going to. Junior classes can elect someone to pick up.

There was a Spelling Bee today. Two junior students and one primary student represent HMB at the main spelling bee later in the spring.

There are lots of clubs going on! Right now there is a chess club for Grade 6s and a junior dance club.

The primary highland dance club ended with an assembly to show what they have learned.

Badminton club (Gr 6) has also recently ended.

There have been a lot of special events at the school including pink shirt day, black history month announcements every morning, peace/love spirit day in Feb, Beach day this Friday.

Virtual Ventures from Carleton University have been in to both Primary & Junior classes.

The kinders celebrated the 100th day of school

The National Ballet School did some virtual lessons.

Principal Update: Chris

He echoed the thank you for all the activities happening thanks to parent council including the Sens night. The school was given a couple of tickets to give to someone in the school community who could use them. They gave them to one of the day custodians who has been doing a phenomenal job (Ben). He takes time out of his job to talk to the children. He is hard working and deserving of this. He was very moved and touched by this gesture and would also like to pass his thanks along to the parent council.

It is an exciting time of year for staff. Janis has posted her jobs for the new school. Teachers get to decide if they want to apply. Around the end of April, both staffs will be solidified and settled. Then they will celebrate HMB year 7 and looking forward to the opening of HMB 2.

In late April – early May, every class will take place in a mass art project. The artist will work with every class and student over a

three-week period. Then the artist will take away all the individual art pieces and create a mass mosaic for the school. It will be displayed so students will be able to view it.

EQAO will happen in spring as well.

We have boots, splash pants, wet socks and mud puddles to look forward to. All this snow will melt into our yard which occasionally drains well.

We are very lucky to have Principal St. Germain at the school on Mondays. She is mainly working with the grade 4 leaders and other students.

Approval of Minutes

Gabe put forward a motion to approve minutes from February. Kate seconded. No opposition. Minutes approved.

Principal St. Germain

Thank you for including her tonight. She is here to talk about the naming of the new school. A message sent to families via school messenger and the gr 4 leadership team is making posters about the naming process. The name needs to be aligned with the mission and values of the District and therefore there is a set of the criteria (see link below) that the name must meet. After the deadline they will review all entries to make sure they meet the criteria. Then Janis will pick some people to be on a committee (people can self-identify to say they are interested on the survey where they suggest names) to meet and make a short list of names for community to vote on. In May hopefully we will have a new name!

Link to the form where you can submit a name suggestion:

<https://forms.gle/iFYRzCysjnfzgcXE9>

Treasurer Update – Jordanna

We have received the money from School Cash Online from movie nights, hot lunch, and Senators tickets.

There is \$6687.68 in account. About \$2500 is outstanding for the Senators ticket purchase. After that we will have \$4160 in account.

There is a possibility that we could release \$1000 for the school readers. This would be to focus on a specific grade because the amount is low. The “Direct Ask” fundraiser ends today. No update yet as to how much we have made with that.

	<p>The school would likely start buying with grades 1-3 as this is focus of the board, but we will purchase for all grades (just the focus will be on primary).</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>1. Events Committee – Paula The Events Committee met recently and discussed some upcoming events:</p> <p>Boston Pizza night – likely at the end of April. Start advertising early April.</p> <p>May – Literacy/Games night May 5th to tie in with Education week. Funds will likely be needed in advance. They will need to put together a budget for it and we will vote on it. They are envisioning getting parents involved, kids, staff, etc. Pamphlets to be printed to help parents with reading at home. Literacy based games (Boggle, etc).</p> <p>Sarah mentioned a Merry Dairy fundraising opportunity. This may be done in conjunction with the May 5th event. The truck would come to deliver orders that were placed and be parked there for the night for people to buy ice cream.</p> <p>They are looking at another movie night at the end of May.</p> <p>Principal Day – May 1st. Tape principal to the wall event (\$1 for strip of tape) fundraising event.</p> <p>End of year event – Wednesday, June 21st potentially. This is the first day of summer and the day with the longest amount of sunlight.</p> <p>Question about Gr 6 moving on ceremony and who plans this. Principal Toivonen answered that the grade 6 teaching team will plan this. They will present their plan to council and ask for the funds needed. Gabe said usually we give \$250-500 for this.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p>Community Awards</p>	

	<p>The board does community awards every year. Gabe will share list after the meeting and we can nominate someone if we think they deserve an award. It would be great to showcase HMB and the people here.</p> <p>Traffic Meeting Update: When David Hill was elected he started getting feedback from the community with concerns about the traffic situation at HMB. He reached out to Principal Toivonen and asked for a meeting with him, OSTA, Gabe, and some representatives from city council.</p> <p>Debrief from the meeting: Traffic is an issue. It will likely get a little bit better next year, but will still be an issue. There are still parents doing u-turns and double parking. A new crosswalk will be put in on west side of the school (near Dovetail). They need to staff the crossing guard position before the crosswalk markings are put in. This will be helpful. OSTA is looking to get funding for pilot project which would involve shutting down the road at the front of the school during drop off time. It relies on volunteers to set up barricades and also direct residents into/out of their homes if needed. Really the meeting was just to talk about the issues so that they know about it. No new solutions really were brought up but at least they are interested in what is happening. Gabe noted that he hopes the new school doesn't have the same issue! Principal Toivonen will put in his weekly email to reach out to OSTA if you are interested in being a crossing guard. Markings will not be put in until someone is hired. Chris will advertise that parents can drop of at the back of the school and then walking all along the sidewalk by the bus loop. Even if a few more people do this it will help.</p>	
7.	<p>Round Table</p> <p>No items.</p>	
8.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p><u>Next Meeting:</u> April 11th at 6pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 6:50pm.</p>	