

Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Date: April 11, 2023

Attendance: Chris Toivonen, Allison Hunter, Gabe Rother, Stephanie Poulton, Sara Homme, Sarah Wise, Catherine Goubko, Amy Montiel, Andrea Ahmed, Julius Heinzelmann, Kate Gitterman, Paula Bourque, Qingzhe Zhang, Mona Mahmoudianfard, Fatiah Egberongbe, Alex Luong

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
 - a) Lunch program options
6. Roundtable
7. Adjournment

Item	Minutes	Action
1.	Welcome by Chair. We don't have quorum tonight so we will approve agenda/minutes next meetings.	
4.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports) Teacher Update: Mme Poulton The bikes are out in kindergarten and the play structure is open!!! We have begun planning for our annual Kindergarten Market happening May 16-17 th . Grade 1's are heading to the fire station at the end of the month!	

Grade one English had beebots from OCDSB on loan.

EF2B & EF2D have been working very hard on the new UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) reading instructional program given to us by the board. Our students have been making great strides in their reading abilities. Mrs. Ladman is very proud of their accomplishments.

R3C has a virtual presentation from the Humane Society coming up in a couple weeks. We'll be learning all about dogs -- how to read their body language, how to approach them safely, and tips for bite prevention.

Mrs. Carruthers R3A are excited about investigating and building structures in order to prove that structures need to be strong and stable in order to be useful. Students are also excited to be learning about coding online and using concurrent code to create dance routines offline.

Grade 4/5 Regional Soccer Tournament May 17/18

Science fair for the three French immersion grade 5 classes on Thursday from 11:30 to 1:30.

Grade 6 Chess Club, lunch monitoring continuing. Graduation plans are underway. The leaving ceremony is scheduled for June 27th.

Principal Update: Chris Toivonen

EQAO is on the horizon for grades 3's and 6's.

Preliminary student numbers come out tomorrow for next year. This lets them know how many teaching staff they need for next year.

New HMB has finished their first round of hiring. A number of HMB teachers have secured jobs at HMB2. This will be a nice transition for students because there will be familiar faces at the new school for the students.

Plans underway for Grade 6 leaving ceremony.

Direct Ask fundraiser – We received just over \$3500. The money will be transferred to the school account and the books will be

	<p>ordered well before end of the school year. They will divide them between the two schools so they are ready for September.</p> <p>When asked how the school might celebrate students moving on to the new school, Principal Toivonen replied that the Community Art Project will be complete by the beginning of May. Hopefully the turn-around time will allow us to get it back in the school by the end of June so that we can all see it and celebrate this time when the entire school is together before HMB2 opens.</p> <p>Maybe Janice St. Germain will have an assembly or something where she will invite the new HMB2 students to the gym. But they need to make sure that the remaining students don't feel left behind.</p> <p>Treasurer Update – Jordanna (given by Gabe)</p> <p>To give you a quick update on the state of the account, we're currently sitting at \$4715.78, and I believe everything that's needed to be paid has been taken care of. This is after collecting the funds from School cash online last month, and ensuring Cathy has been paid out for the cost of the Sens tickets from the hockey night.</p> <p>Things to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave an amount for next year to get started. Small donation to education fund. Money for some events coming up. Contributing to the book program. Contribution to Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony 	
5.	<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>1. Events Committee – Paula</p> <p>There was a write up on about the Dance-a-Thon at our school and the donation we made to Food Bank: <u>School Council Spotlight: Half Moon Bay Dance-a-Thon - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (ocdsb.ca)</u></p> <p>End of April – Boston Pizza community pizza</p> <p>May – Hot lunch (May 15 and 16). It will be Panago Pizza. They will likely just offer cheese pizza to make it easy. It will be spread over two days to help with the size of the school and make it more manageable.</p> <p>May 26 – movie night! We will get some popcorn, etc.</p>	

	<p>End of school – events committee happy to come in and help with anything.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Round Table</p> <p>Grade 6 Moving On Ceremony – They would appreciate a donation from council. Mme. Poulton will be talking to students to see what they want to do (cake, snacks, decorations). There will be quite a large cohort of about 150 students moving on this year.</p> <p>Traffic Meeting – consensus that it was a problem. Traffic patterns and driving patterns of HMB community as a whole are concerning.</p> <p>Paula asked about the Kinder night in May/June for new Kindergarten students. Is there a date set yet? Should council be there? Principal Toivonen will let us know the date and would love to have 1-2 parent council members present. The Kinder info night in January was done together but the night in the spring will be separate (HMB1 and HMB2).</p> <p>A question was asked about the new school and the boundaries. Gabe explained that it is a geographic boundary and that it can be found online. Registration for kinder at the new school is done via an online form on the board’s website. Current students at HMB do not need to re-register their child again for HMB2. The transfer will be an automatic process.</p> <p>A question was asked about how to request to keep one of child at HMB before going to the new HMB, instead of having them sent over to the temporary Moodie school? Principal Toivonen explained that applications for this have to go through the school boundary transfer request process. The deadline has passed but there is a late deadline. However, requests for our school will be denied since we are still over capacity next year even after the new school opens. You can then appeal this decision and it goes to the board over the summer. Don’t anticipate a quick response if you submit an appeal!</p>	

	<p>Sarah Wise brought up that it was greatly appreciated by students that they were given a day or two notice who their teacher is at the start of September. It is easier than lining up on the Tuesday morning and trying to read lists over people's heads, etc. Other parents agreed and Principal Toivonen said they will consider doing this again though they have to think carefully about the timing of an email that would go out.</p> <p>How many students at HMB next year? HMB2 is about 660. HMB is projected at 715-720. This could have changed though and we will have a better idea tomorrow when they get numbers for next year.</p>	
8.	<p>Adjournment <u>Next Meeting: May 9th</u> Meeting adjourned 6:37pm .</p>	