Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 9, 2023

<u>Attendance:</u> Paula Bourque, Melanie Cyr, Siobhan Little, Amy Montiel, Heather Moulton, Gabe Rother, Jordanna Share, Kimberley Theoret, Chris Toivonen, Sarah Wise

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 do have quorum tonight!	
	Vote to approve minutes from previous months. Carried.	
4.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher,	
	Treasurer, Communications reports)	
	Teacher Update: No teacher available tonight.	
	Principal Update: Chris Toivonen	
	Things are going well at the school. It has been incredibly busy	
	having a foot in both years at two schools.	
	Staffing news – Chris Toivonen and Allison Hunter are staying as	
	Principal and Vice-Principal. Karen Martin is leaving because the	

school is now smaller so they do not need two VPs. The great news is that she is going to the new HMB school! The new principal was thrilled because they have been getting to know each other and can do some transition planning. They have worked a lot with the grade 4s because they will be the leaders next year.

Gr 6's ran a track and field event on Monday. It was great weather and the field is actually drying out. Some student representatives will go to the larger track and field meet at South Carleton in June.

The community art project is finished. The artist will create an incredible piece with all the individual art pieces to be left in the school for all to enjoy.

EQAO is around the corner. Last year it transitioned to being online. It did help the process as it is now less time-consuming for the students.

Gr 6 staff are planning end of year activities for the grade 6s.

Soccer for Grade 4, 5, and 6 will be happening this spring.

For next year there are 30 allocated classes and 30 classrooms in the building so theoretically everyone can fit in the building. However, they will leave 3 portables (the three closest to the bus loop). We might actually have a library next year! As we well know, classes could be added throughout the year as students do continue to register all year. The other 18 portables will be moved and they will re-landscape the yard.

Chris will reach out to the principal of Cedarview to ask about school visits for our Grade 6s. Sarah mentioned that she saw a parent info night on the last Cedarview newsletter. Chris will pass along info as soon as he gets it.

Treasurer Update - Jordanna

We should get \$290.92 from the Boston Pizza Fundraiser. There is approximately \$4979 in account including Boston Pizza Fundraiser amount.

5. Committee Updates

1. Events Committee – Paula

The Boston Pizza evening was a successful event. Some teachers and ECEs were there. If we do one next year maybe we can get more teachers out for celebrity servers event.

Lunch program – Panago Pizza next week. Doing something like this does take a lot of time to organize. You need to get all the information off School Cash Online. 1300 slices will be coming our way between the two days. Monday is the bigger day and Paula will send an email to try to get more volunteers. Paula will need a cheque and will get this from Gabe.

Movie Day on May 26th – Paula sent email with amounts for us to vote on. The movie will be Puss and Boots. We will coordinate popcorn. Likely just the bags again due to time. Kate put forward a motion to vote to authorize up to \$750 for movie night expenditures. Seconded by Kim. None opposed. Motion passes.

Moving On Ceremony – Mme Poulton mentioned previously that they would like a donation to help go towards it (snacks, decorations, donation to charity, or whatever they decide). \$500 is earmarked each year for this. This is a large cohort but similar enough to last year that \$500 should still be sufficient. Heather put forward a motion to approve up to \$500 toward Moving On Ceremony. Grade 6 team can decide how they would like to spend it. Melanie seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Paula asked if it was parent council that did the freezie Fridays in June last year but Principal Toivonen said the teachers planned this. There were long lines last year. With a school of over 1300, even planning this is intimidating. With our ballooning population it is really hard to have a big event in June. Principal Toivonen recommends holding off until next year when it is more manageable.

We still have money to spend so we may as well do so! The reading program books were a priority. We should look to spend some of our money on this.

So we have just under 5000, we have approved 750 for movie night (though we will get most of that back), 500 for moving on ceremony, annual donation to education foundation (250),

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	amounts for next year's councils (\$500), and then use the rest for	
	books.	
	Direct Ask raised about \$3500. They already placed the order to spend this. When the order comes in they will split between the	
	two schools.	
	\$2250 to book program.	
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	Look through minutes to find out what we gave last year to	
	education foundation.	
	Motion to approve \$2250 for book program. By Melanie. Kim	
	seconds. None opposed. Motion approved.	
	We will note by exact or in type on the Education Foundation	
	We will vote by email or in June on the Education Foundation amount. Same with what to give to new school council. Gabe will	
	look up what we were given when our school was just opened.	
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6.	Items for Discussion	
7.	Round Table	
	Kinder info night coming up – Paula will be there to represent HMB	
	for our meeting. Wed May 24 th . HMB 2 is June 8 th . If anyone else can attend that would be great.	
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8.	Adjournment	
	Next Meeting: June 13 th	