

Half Moon Bay Public School Council – Meeting Minutes

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Date: June 13, 2023

Attendance: Chris Toivonen, Gabe Rother, Paula Bourque, Melanie Cyr, Allison Hunter, Heather Moulton, Kate Oostrom, Deirdre Shankar, Jordanna Share, Kim Stacey

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) Budget expenditures
6. Roundtable
7. Adjournment

Item	Minutes
1.	Welcome by Chair.
3.	Regular Items (Principal, VP updates, Teacher, Treasurer, Communications reports)  <b>Teacher Update: Mrs. Shanker</b> Thank you to parent council for the movie night, pizza day, and the Boston Pizza night.  Food drive just ended at HMB. They collected 80 boxes/bags of donations. We are still in top 5 of kidoodLED contest. Keep voting please!

Lately there have been year-end bonding celebrations at the parks nearby. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the finished art project. Good-bye assemblies are being planned and the leaving ceremony for grade 6's.

**Kinder update** – Kinder market went really well. Thank you for everyone who participated and sent money. SKs are visiting grade 1 classes soon to see what that is like in grade one. They are going on a trip to Brewer park.

**Primary update**

Grade 1 classes went to the fire station and had the library in to talk about summer reading. GR 1 fun day coming up with some grade 6 helpers (lunch monitor in those rooms). They are also preparing puppet shows for the parents.

Lots of classes are planting.

**Junior update:**

New club called "HMB Cares". The purpose is to make the world a better place. They will have a Grade 6 lemon aid stand fundraiser for Islamic relief.

Track and field day canceled due to air conditions. No alternate date unfortunately.

Gr 4/5s are making board games.

Gr 5/6 research based essays to ask if we should re-start milk program.

Gr 6 visiting Cedarview Friday.

Gr 6 boys and girls soccer teams have tournaments this week.

**Principal Update: Chris Toivonen**

Getting ready to "pull our school apart and put it back together". A lot of planning and organization goes into this. We will lose 18 of our 21 portables! They are getting organized for September and in the last week of June they will gather up resources to audit what we have and what we can share with new HMB school. It does feel like it is starting two new schools.

Leaving ceremony separated (French Immersion and English) so that it is not too big all together. The Gr 6 team is making sure that the grade 6s are well taken care of.

Gabe commented that the Gr 1 fire station trip was excellent and well enjoyed by all.

**Treasurer Update – Jordanna**

A lot of activity this month with the bank account.

We have 7532.53 in the account but some still outstanding from movie night. 7337.10

	<p>after this is taken care of. This does not take into consideration the \$500 for leaving ceremony, \$2250 amount already approved last meeting for books.</p> <p>Jockvale gave \$1000 to HMB and Barrhaven PS gave us the buddy bench. We could consider upping the amount we keep for next year and the amount we give to new school.</p> <p>Also consider a donation to the education foundation (about \$150-250 is typically what is donated).</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Committee Updates</b></p> <p><b>1. Events Committee – Paula</b></p> <p>A big thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting the pizza lunch and movie night. Both were successful and fun was had.</p> <p>Lessons learned: School council OCDSB email address would be helpful for streaming movies for movie nights so that we don't have to give personal email addresses. We should also say "Cash Only" on our flyers for movie night and reminder about guardians being responsible for their children.</p> <p>Paula would like to get pizza or something going on early in the year next year. Thank you to those who volunteered and donated money (paid for tip for pizza, paid for movie). This is truly appreciated.</p> <p>Food trucks at meet the teacher in the fall. Paula is arranging this for both schools and Chris thanked her for her work arranging this. Trucks will be outside for parents to use if they want and the classrooms will be open for an hour or so. We are very thankful for all that Paula has done on the events this year and heading into next.</p> <p>Dates have already been booked for events next year before they will be open to community bookings/use. It is good to have dates already booked so we know we can have the school for literacy night, movie nights, etc. The Public Library would love to attend the literacy night too.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Items for Discussion</b></p> <p>Gabe: Vote to approve the May minutes. No issues. Motion from Kate to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordanna. All in favour. Minutes approved.</p> <p>Expenditures: New HMB Council - \$1000 Money to leave for HMB school - \$1000</p>

	<p>Education Foundation Donation – \$250</p> <p>\$2250 available if we leave \$1000 to each of the councils. This would be spent on the books that we have fundraised for all year.</p> <p>Gym equipment is also needed but this could be a priority next year. School staff really want to focus on the purchase of books to have books to send home and get kids reading (especially in early years).</p> <p>Discussion about whether \$1000 is a good amount to leave for both councils. This will help support the first movie night before any other funding has come in.</p> <p>Agreement on the above amounts.</p> <p>Heather put forward motion to spend the money as follows - \$1000 for new HMB school council, \$1000 will be left for HMB school council, \$250 for Education Foundation Donation, remaining \$2250 for the purchase of books. Melanie seconded. None opposed. Motion passes.</p> <p>Next item to discuss – Tues Sept 19 proposed for school council meeting and elections to council. Chris will announce it right away with welcome emails. Lunch group can start working before council initially starts. Anything that comes up over the summer we can reconnect before start of school year. There are school council reports need to be done before start of school year. We will do these over the summer and they can be approved by council. One is a financial summary and the other is a summary of what we did. The later one will be publicly available and posted to website.</p>
6.	<p>Round Table</p> <p>Paula forgot to collect the funds from teachers who ordered pizza when we had the pizza lunch. It was about \$50. Could we say this was a thank you and we hope they will support us again next year? Paula put forward the motion that we cover this expense, Melanie seconded. All approved. Motion passes.</p> <p>Ms. Shankar said it would be great if there was a parent council email address to give to parents when they ask about movie nights and other events. Gabe said we have one and can share it more widely with teachers next year so that they know where to direct parents when they have questions. Principal Toivonen can send it to teachers in his internal emails.</p>

	<p>Gabe asked if next year will be in-person or virtual. Principal Toivonen is fine with whatever people want to do. We can try in-person in September and see what everyone prefers. Gabe shared that the other school he is involved in does hybrid but it doesn't work well. People can't hear each other. He would prefer either in-person or online. Ms. Hunter suggested starting it in-person to try to get a big group going and then see how it goes after that.</p> <p>Gabe thanked everyone for all their work reconnecting kids and school with each other after the isolating years we just experienced. It is great to work with parents committed to making the school experience positive for the kids. Principal Toivonen echoed this and said that this year was about trying to get us back into a normal school year and having some fun. He liked our "how can we get it done" attitude. On behalf of the staff he wants to thank us for this year and we look forward to big things next year.</p>
7.	<p>Adjournment <u>Next Meeting: September 19, 2023</u></p>