

Handsworth PAC

May 17, 2021

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Thanks to the Coast Salish people, specifically, the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and TsleilWaututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Attendees: 32 Janet Carswell, Velda Williams, Carmen Jensen, Esther Oyelumade, Candice Majawa, Carolyn Warner, Chris Atkinson, Erik Jensen, Fraser Ridge, Greg Harder, Jacky, Jacquie Griffiths, Jagruti Desai, Jana Madill, Kadir, Kulvir Mann, Lorna Moffat, Megan Enns, Mel Montgomery, Mike Forsyth, Ross, Rupi Samra-Gynane, Shiva Beild, Signe Noergaard, Sofia Frith, Steven Pace, Scott, Shane Lowry, Sharon Gradin, Sue Chow, Tatsuya Hama, Rivka (total 39 – late joins)

Thank you for your participation!

Virtual AGM & meeting Process explained for Zoom meetings:

- Voting will be made by clicking on the Yes or No icon and the Secretary will count votes OR by show of hands.
- Meeting will be recorded for the purposes of the Secretary accurately reflecting the meeting on the minutes.
- Participants will be muted all the time and will be able to speak by asking the Chair to unmute them by clicking on the “raising hand” icon.
- Participants can ask questions through the “chat” icon. Vice Chair/Communications Rep will monitor the questions.
- Using acclamation by waving of hands (showing approval) rather than clapping.

2. Approval of May 17th, 2021 Agenda: Mel Montgomery, second Candace Majawa

3. Approval of April 19th meeting: Carmen Jensen, Candace Majawa.

June 22nd, 2020 AGM Minutes: Candace Majawa, Jana Madill

4. Elections/Aclamations for ALL directors and members at large – Vacant positions include Co-chair & Treasurer (please email chair@handsworthpac.ca if you are interested in ANY position)

Nominations from the floor for any positions? No nominations made; nominations are closed.

All members are coming back, no elections required with exceptions of Co-Chair, Treasurer which are vacant.

List of HPAC representatives for the 2021/22 school year:

Chair/Co Chair: vacant

Vice Chair/Co-Chair: Carmen Jensen

Treasurer: Jana Madill

Secretary: Velda Williams

DPAC: Shane Lowry

Communications: Jacquie Griffiths

Member-at-large: Megan Enns

Member-at-large: Esther Oyelumade

Member-at-large: Lorna Moffat

Member-at-large: Mel Montgomery

Member-at-large: Greg Harder

Member-at-large: Candice Majawa

We have a full PAC! Congratulations to everyone and thank you!

AGM ADJOURNED, REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDS

5. Non-exec positions to be filled: Hot Lunch Coordinator (a lower grade is preferable) & a Traffic Safety Coordinator – who require one volunteer each school day for 15 mins). Janet will reach out to elementary schools for possible nominees, please ask around. Job descriptions are on the PAC website.

6. Guest speaker: Chris Atkinson – Assistant superintendent NVSD re update on new school build

- thanks for the invitation!
- early completion for Handsworth! Will be done now on break between semesters! END OF JANUARY!! 8 months early.
- exciting for us as we'll get to start moving things in sooner.
- turnaround will be about 2 days for students to finish work/get marks in, district pro D day is Feb 4th, with a pro D day added at the school level we could have a week to move. Full speed by the end of the year.
- Rupi: what will we need for supplies/fundraising/stuff/ May 28th internal deadline to go room by room - final doc by June 7 and budget attached. Then we'll know what we need and what to ask for. Already procured with community support learning commons furniture. Hoping to kick off fundraising by Sept.

7. Treasurer Report (Jana Madill): Update on finances & staff appreciation lunch

- great news about the school!
- we kicked our year off with financial conversations in Nov - about \$43,000 in gaming amount, committed to spend entire amount. We spent it all! Used about \$32,000. About \$15,000 left to spend. Possibly allocating to new build, special projects, etc.
- Thursday June 24th, 2021 Staff Appreciation Luncheon from Parents/Guardians **A NEW catered format is required this year, due to the pandemic and health restrictions** We normally love to see and taste all of your creations, but this year we are counting on your support in dollars. Please consider making a donation to the Luncheon Fund via your Munch-A-Lunch account. If you don't have an account, no problem, it only takes a minute to set-up. <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth> Tell your friends!
- Online fundraising went well - basketball, grad, HPAC staff luncheon to kick off. PAC will consider using Munch going forward for direct fundraising efforts.
- YELL entrepreneur program may need funding.
- Will be helping Janet with grad items over the next year as well.

8. Principal Report: Rupi Samra-Gynane

School build:

- Huge thanks for attending the meeting, record turnout and sincere thanks to PAC as well. Would be great to have a co-partner for chair. Lots of meetings and organizing and we've done well.
- Super exciting about the new build.
- Rupi begins her leave right after the new school build.
- School is going to be beautiful - will feel like home even in the start of semester 2. We've had lots of support from PAC and from community.
- Furniture is coming and matches and looks like a university - sense of ownership and pride. Great space and great energy.
- Educationally it's helpful got us - 8 science labs, foods program will be expanded in new space, more classes added, tech space and life skills space is expanded as well. Over 20 educational assistants and students in life skills space now.
- Created larger spaces by removing walls - accessible to outdoors.
- Timelines are hard because of turnaround. Higher prices due to Covid - getting into building sooner which means we'll be well setup right away.
- You can share with others/other schools about the early opening for Handsworth. Timelines to come. Costs to transfer from old build to new build. May be able to move equipment from classes working around what classes are scheduled in semester 1.
- Should there be any delays we may move at spring break BUT we are very confident that we can move in Feb.
- May be able to come and see early, Rupi to share info with Janet.
- Foreman is a Handsworth grad - so proud of the build and how it's all coming together.

Grad 2021:

- Safe grad parent meeting: how are we going to get students across the stage for grad. Changed to crossing stage alpha order virtually.
- Filming is Sat June 12, Sun June 13. Chose weekend because quarters are intense, easier on weekend and families to see/celebrate, not rush back to class.
- Order lawn signs for all graduates - everyone gets one for their front lawn.
- Mario's gelato Tight and Bright event

- Harmony donuts for grads
- Special performances for grads.
- Safe grad/school working together due to Covid.
- Looking at booking next year to book event space, perhaps in new Handsworth gym?

General:

- Return to sport: golf, track, trying to enter return to play carefully due to Covid.
- Self-assessments have been sent out to parents, use the redesigned curriculum and document over the years.
- Numeracy assessments happening right now.
- Timetable building for next year, moving target due to early school opening.
- Several teachers going off on leave, some coming back. Postings out as well. Retirement as well.
- Summer learning open - career education 10 open over the summer, extra elective, online learning and French immersion.
- Semester system for next year: day 1/day 2 semester system, tutorial time in the morning. 8:30 - 9:11 (tutorial time), 9:20 - 3:00 (classes), 60 minutes lunch hour coming back. Classes 2.20, then lunch. Breaks informal during class. Sept - Jan, then Feb - June. Use the tutorial time and use that one/one with the teacher. Everyone can use, even a little bit a day - small groups. Significant improvements in subjects - more continuity. Waiting for school board to lay out schedule of events.
- Not sure about cafeteria service yet? Will keep us posted.

9. Chairperson report: Janet's final year as PAC Chair – thank you Janet!

- It's been an exciting and challenging year.
- may continue to meetings on Zoom, can have lots of teachers and admin participate.
- some of the teachers who've a Pace attended. John V - robotics, Kory Bogen - art. Sophia Frith - grad, youth supporting youth, grad, Steven - sports, Rachel Laew- BLM, Mr Forsyth. We so appreciate you coming out and talking to us - we learn so much.
- Able to bring in the Foundry, mental and physical health services. Presentations from VCH.
- Jamie Keast - Quinn Keast Foundation
- New student handbook with council - coming soon
- Met new vice principal Jag
- brought in treats for teachers, supporting local businesses.
- Steven Pace:
[https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Sports/teams/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Sports/teams/Pages/default.aspx#/)
- Handsworth Grad parade - June 21. Same route - tell all your friends and family and get excited! Kids are dressed up, cars decorated, parents will be in the cars too. Grade 11 parents being asked to help for volunteering. Email Janet for more info. More info coming for volunteers and spectators. email: handsworthgrads@gmail.com with any questions.
- Thank you! It's been an honour to be your PAC chair - to work with all of you.

Thank you, JANET,

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM

Upcoming events:

1. May 18th, 2021 – Run For It – Learn to run program begins; meeting at 9:15AM in rm 209. Learn to run 5km-10km with Mrs. Frith.
2. May 21st, 2021 – Halfway point in term – switch over happens.
3. End of May: Football will be having a covid safe 2-week training program. For details [https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Sports/football20122013/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Sports/football20122013/Pages/default.aspx#/)
4. June 24th, 2021 @7PM: The Handsworth Dance Program presents their Virtual Dance Showcase – registration opens June 1st. Zoom Link for AGM/meeting @7:00PM May 17th, 2021. Meeting ID: 853 8903 2211 Passcode: 659574

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