

# Handsworth PAC

## Minutes September 18, 2023

**HPAC-** Candace Storm, Megan Enns, Shane Lowery, Esther Oyelumade, Erin Stevenson, Shannon Harris, Carmen Jensen

**Staff-** Cary Hungle, Megan Downie, Lukas Reble, Jagruti Desi, Robyn Renwick

**Membership-** Shelley Ridgewell, Mehrnaz Ghanatabadi, Amanda Nichol, Lisa Pietrow, Babak Heidari Aghdam, Emma Lin, Tracy Wang, Ghazaleh Bazzazi, Kulvir Mann, Julian Guerrero, Michelle St, Germain, Lorie Barton, Kyler Storm, Jessica Young, Falguni Patel, Linda Monro, Carmen Emslie, Sheheen Dadani, Kelly Shellard, Jessica Bratty, Tina Stewart, Mark Stewart, Rong Li, Amin Baudarabad, Debbie Moore

### 1. Welcome Statement

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, upon whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District Handsworth Secondary resides. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Roll Call: A quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is 7 voting members, including at least 2 of the HPAC Directors. At least one of the HPAC Directors must be a signing officer. Quorum achieved.

### 2. Introductions of 2023/24 HPAC Committee

Chair- Candace Storm

Vice-Chair- Shane Lowery

Secretary- Shannon Harris

Treasurer- Vacant

Communications Representative- vacant

Members at Large - Erin Stevenson, Esther Olyelumade, Megan Enns, Carmen Jensen

### 3. Approval of September 18, 2023 Agenda

Agenda was circulated by school broadcast on Sept. 15th, 2023. Motion to accept agenda by Esther Olyelumade and seconded by Megan Enns. All Approved.

### 4. Approval of May 15th, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Minutes were circulated on Sept. 15th by school broadcast. Motion to accept Minutes from May 15th General Meeting. Moved by Esther Olyelumade and seconded by Carmen Jensen. All approved.

### 5. Chair Report

Thank you to all of you for taking the time out of your schedule to be here. I attended the Grade 8 parent night on Sept. 7 both as a grade 8 parent and as the HPAC Chair to share information on the HPAC with new families. I have had the opportunity to meet with Cary and am excited for the year ahead.

**6. Treasurer Report** - No report at this time since we do not have a Treasurer.

**7. Election of HPAC Exec Vacancies:** (see the HPAC page for descriptions of each positions.)

DPAC Representative: The DPAC position is elected in September of each year. One member, Lorie Barton has indicated a willingness to take on the role. No nominations were received from the floor. Lorie is elected by acclamation. Congratulations and thank you Lorie.

Treasurer- A call for nominations from the floor was made. No nominations were received. Carmen Jenson and Shannon Harris have graciously accepted to share the role of Treasurer until a Treasurer is found. Carmen and Shannon are elected by acclamation.

Communications Rep: This role shares information on Instagram and in the Handsworth newsletter. No nominations were received from the floor and this role remains vacant. Megan Enns has offered to support our Social Media platform in the interim until a permanent Communication Rep. is found. Our thanks are extended to Megan

Members at large, 4 positions are available- MAL will attend two meetings a month-one executive meeting and one HPAC. The MAL allows individuals to gain an understanding of our school community, to contribute to the community and to serve as a sounding board. Angela Santoro has agreed to let her name stand however she was not able to attend this evening. Nominations from the floor were received from: Jenn Stodt, Jessica Young and Barbra Watt. Angela Santoro, Jenn Stodt, Jessica Young and Barbara Watt are acclaimed. Congratulations and thank you Angela, Jenn, Jessica and Barbara!

## **8. Administration Updates**

Cary Hungle, Principal- Mr. Hungle is a former Handsworth teacher, a former Handsworth vice-principal, and he brings 10 years of experience as a principal at Sutherland and Queensbury to the Handsworth community. Handsworth has a strong reputation in academics and volunteerism. The new school is remarkable and he wants to continue to ensure the school meets our community's needs. There are currently 1520 students enrolled at Handsworth and he is grateful to councillors who have juggled schedules to accommodate these students. His first impression of the students is that they are kind and warm and seem to be proud of the school. The staff are a committed and innovative group who do the best for the students. There are many school sports up and running and field trips are ramping up. Mr. Hungle thanked Linda Munro, SD44 school rep and Kulvir Mann, school trustee for attending.

Megan Downie, VP-grade 8 and 10 – Ms. Downie is excited to be at Handsworth for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as VP. A significant proportion of her time in September has been supporting the Grade 8 retreat

coming up this Thursday. Megan thanked the HPAC for supporting the tshirts for leaders and students.

Jagruti Desi-VP-grade 9 and 11 – Ms. Desi has been a part of the Handsworth community for 3.5 years and was part of the school transition team who strived to keep the heart of our school in our new building. The Immunization clinic run by VCH is scheduled, requiring parents to send in consent letters. Parent Teachers Conferences are scheduled for Oct 26 and parents are reminded to book appointments using the online booking system. A letter from the school will arrive the second week of October with the necessary information for Parent Teachers Conferences. If you have any concerns about your student, please reach out to your student's teacher at any time.

### **9. Role of the High School Counsellor**

Robyn Renwick attended the HPAC meeting to provide an overview of their role as a high school counsellor. A counsellor supports peer to peer problem solving and with establishing connections in the community. Robyn shared that a student would meet with a counsellor if they want to meet and the school and student do not need parents permission to meet. Confidentiality with a student is critical however if the school feels the parents need to know about a situation, then the school will reach out. Such situations would be if the student is at risk of hurting themselves or others, if someone is hurting them or if the courts compel to break confidentiality. A counselor's role is focused on advocacy, not discipline.

As a grade 12 counsellor, graduation path assistance is provided including post secondary support such as helping students connect with admission officers. Graduation activities (ceremony, banquet, scholarships) are also supported using a Teams Page and the Handsworth website.

### **10. Athletic Coordinator**

Lukas Reble, the new Handsworth Athletic Coordinator introduced himself to the HPAC. Luke has been a basketball coach and teaches English. His primary role as the Athletic Coordinator is to organize athletics and support coaches and athletes. Many sports including football, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, XC running are running. We have a transition in coaching staff so swimming is not offered this academic year.

### **11. Announcements**

- We try to offer a speaker at most HPAC meetings to bring new information to our parents. If you have any topics or suggested speakers, please reach out to Candace on what we can bring to meetings for you. We want the HPAC to work for you.
- Meeting Format- We are offering some in person and some virtual meetings this year. We will aim for 3 in person meetings; the meeting dates are available on the website.
- Community Event Announcement - The ***Strachan Hartley Legacy Run*** will be held on October 15 to support an Inner City school. Details for this event will be included in Handsworth newsletter and Social Media sites.

- Next HPAC meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 16th, 2023 @ 7PM on Zoom. School broadcast will send you a link to sign up.

## **12. Question from the Floor**

- Grass Field-when will it be ready? The field was scheduled to be open this week, however deficiencies in the seed were identified so opening has been delayed. The intention of this field was to support some practices for non-contact sports and not for game play. Junior Rugby will continue to use the gym and will be able to use the grass field for practices. Mountainside can be used for practices and games will be rescheduled to other locations. Will look at booking other fields for sports. School Trustees shared some recommendations.
- There was some conflicting but unsubstantiated information presented on when construction on the ATFis scheduled to occur. The School Trustees present were not aware of any changes in the schedule presented by the District of North Vancouver. When the ATF is complete, a Usage Agreement will be needed from the School Board and we hope the lessons learned from the Argyle ATF usage agreement will prevent similar challenges and delays.

## **13. Adjournment**

Moved by Carmen Jensen and seconded by Erin Stephenson at 8:09PM.

“The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners