

Handsworth Secondary PAC Minutes April, 2023  
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General: Irene Bremsak, Jen Roberts, Sonia Rabinat, Bitu Kefayati, Yi Liu, Sonia Rabinat, Signe Noergaard, Kulvir Mann, I-Eunyoung Suh, Jeom Kim, Megan Enns, Danielle Sallam, Kelly Edwards, Luc Lussier, Craig Griffiths, Laura Hotte, Jessica Young, Gina Bromley, Hana Tarighatbin, Zixin Wang, Jeom Kim, Nilou Majzub, Elham Dehghani, Kelly Shellard, Nilou Majzub

1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order

We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish people, upon whose traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides. We express our gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation and we value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

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

The agenda and minutes were provided through the broadcast message sent to parents on Friday, April 14.

3. Approval of April 17, 2023 Agenda.

Moved: Megan Enns

Seconded: Esther Oyelumade

Approved without opposition

4. Approval of the February 27, 2023 Minutes

Moved: Esther Oyelumade

Seconded: Candace Storm

Approved without opposition

5. HPAC Elections (Jacquie Griffith) Looking for people willing to take on key positions. It is invaluable to stay involved and support the school to support our kids. Please watch your email for a call for interest and details on positions available

6. Hot Lunch Report (Velda)

Hot lunch is now being offered Every Monday and every other Thursday. Hoping to continue next year with more dates. If you would like to volunteer please look on Munch a Lunch

7. Principal Report: Mark Barrett

- Please check your email spam box for school communication.

- Japan exchange School website has a blog if you would like to follow.
- 1500 register learners this year and will have some growth for next year-approx 1525
- Grade 11, 12 getting a presentation on consent
- Sole Street theatrical production May 3-6 tickets are going fast
- April 25- 27 Literacy assessments
- Grad rehearsal/breakfast on Wednesday prior to the ceremony
- Watch your email for Grad seating arrangements
- AP exams May 6th will have guests in the school
- watch the website for year end Music Performance

#### 8. Chair Report: (Carmen): On Elections, Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Field

##### **HPAC Elections:**

- I really encourage parents to consider volunteering with the HPAC- Many hands make work light and having an engaged PAC makes a difference to our kids.
- Through the HPAC we have been able to fund many things through gaming money and hotlunch money that would not have been possible otherwise.
- The extracurricular items that we fund make a huge difference to students- for some the sports, drama, music and club programs make it worthwhile to attend school in person.
- You also have an opportunity to meet other parents from the school community and also work closely with staff and students.
- We are a community of volunteers and we don't expect you to know everything- we are a team and here to support newcomers.
- I encourage you to get involved with the PAC Teacher Appreciation Lunch- Wednesday June 28. Parents are encouraged to provide a donation to support the luncheon. Cash is being accepted through Munchalunch. We also are accepting baked goods for dessert.

##### **ATF for Handsworth:**

- March 6 was the deadline to provide feedback and much feedback was received:
- Unique Visits to DNV Budget Webpage: 1256 (compared to 151 in 2022)
- Inquires: 207 (compared to 27 the previous feedback year)
- Top themes: active transportation, sports fields, desire to increase property taxes, climate & enviro, affordable housing
- At the public input meeting: 42 people spoke; The major themes were sports / soccer fields and active transportation (Spirit Trail)
- Because of the feedback, the staff of DNV were directed to come back with a Plan B for budget that included sports fields and active transportation.
- It looks like the ATF for Handsworth will be added to the 5-year capital plan that will be published later this month.
- A total of \$17.6 M is budgeted for ATFs in the district. Originally \$20.6 M was in plan B for ATFs at Inter-River, Handsworth and converting 3 gravel fields to ATF. There was request to redirect \$3M from one gravel field conversion towards active transportation, so now the amount is \$17.6 M.

- \$4.643 M is budgeted for ATFs in 2023. The remaining construction costs will be in the other years as the DNV focuses on completing ATF projects already underway
- The schedule has the following plan: Design- 2023, Design/Construct 2024, Construct 2025
- They have budgeted \$5 M for the ATF- Track is not included.

#### 8. Update on School Security Cameras (Ms. Jagruti)

The installation of cameras and signs are complete. 3 outdoor cameras will be added. One to monitor EV charging stations, south toward the field and drama studio hall by gym. They will be added soon.

Question from the floor: have the student body been advised about the function of the cameras  
There are no plans at this time for this year but will be reviewed in the new year. If you know your kids have concerns please discuss with them they are for safety and opportunities for growth conversations.

#### 9. Introduction of Stephanie Jansen (Alaire Advising): [www.alaireadvising.com](http://www.alaireadvising.com)

- Stephanie loves guiding students to plan their first launch upon high school graduation. Post-secondary planning can cause confusion, panic and sometimes anxiety for students and their families. There are so many choices - it can feel overwhelming! With years of experience, Stephanie has learned that young people need time and someone who will listen with understanding to instill hope for ALL their possibilities. Based on this need and her belief that this is how she serves students and their families best, Stephanie created Alaire Advising.
- This evening, Stephanie will address, "How post-secondary planning can assist students and parents."

\*There are several different providers of this service. Another local one is Options Solutions.

#### 10. Announcements:

The HPAC AGM will be held Monday May 15, 2023 @ 7PM.

Location: in-person at the school

#### 11. Adjournment @ 19:54

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