

1. Good evening! It's 7:00 PM and I'd like to call the October 18, 2021 meeting of the Handsworth PAC to order.

Welcome!

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.

Reminders: Virtual meeting process:

- Meeting will be recorded only for the purposes of the Secretary accurately reflecting the meeting with accurate minutes.
 - Stay on mute.
 - Vote using hand icon.
 - For questions, use chat function or hands up feature.
 - One question per person.
 - Minutes are posted on the Handsworth website.
2. The **agenda** was provided through the broadcast message sent on Thursday, October 14. Are there any changes to the October 18, 2021 agenda? Can we have a motion to adopt the agenda?
Move: Shane
Second: Lorna
Vote Carried
 3. The **minutes** were provided through the broadcast message sent on Thursday, October 14. Are there any corrections to the minutes? If there are no corrections, can we have a motion to approve the minutes?
Move: Jana M
S: John Burns
Vote Carried
 4. **Update on New School AND Outdoor Areas - Speaker: Chris Atkinson - Assistant Superintendent**
 - Thanks for inviting me, great turnout!
 - Seen all the work that's been happening – west end of building is complete! East side is last to be constructed, final stages right now. Flooring going in.
 - North driveway and parking lot being graded for asphalt
 - Mid December – first phase of occupancy, testing. Move in early Feb – beginning of term.
 - Last phase is demolition of existing school – late Feb. Exciting phase – landscaping etc.

Questions:

 - areas for fields? What is the process for that? Timeline? Support? contracts provides for a grass field.

- No plan yet for a track – district has been clear that they will not be involved currently involved. Focus is on resurfacing Sutherland.
- Turf field possibility? Lots of cost involved in this. Not out of the realm of possibility but turf fields are around 3million, before lighting etc. Replacing turf at Sutherland was a million.
- Community around affected by lights? We would need to supply – can have moderate or brighter. Lots of cost involved here as well.
- What is plan for track teams – where would they practice? Steve or Mark: all of our teams don't currently practice at Handsworth – soccer as an example. Mark: Argyle in the past did community runs, dry land training, gym work etc.
- Carmen: opportunity for parents to fundraise and partner with district? Chris – high numbers involved, would need to be a big push. Can segment out the costs.
- Why is Handsworth the only school without a turf field when turf fields are so in demand? Other schools had support from district and city. Chris: all turf field have been partnerships, and ongoing – perceived demand, business demand, rentals, replacement cycle. Fields have to pay for themselves via rentals etc.
- If we had a committee via the school – what is the cut off point? If community wants the track, who do we work with? What's the timeline?
 - Would need turnaround from project manager
 - A track can always be added to a grass or turf field. No drop dead date – in months or years. The track is separate process from the field that will be installed.
- Thank you Chris!

5. **Restrike of Committee for Handsworth Outdoor Athletics Facilities** - if you are interested in getting involved with planning for the Outdoor Athletics Facilities for our new school, we are seeking parents for a committee to work on this important aspect of the build. Please send an email expressing interest to the Chair- see chat for email. chair@handsworthpac.com

6. **Teacher Presentations:**

- **School Sports – Speaker: Steve Pace - Athletics Director**
 - Powerpoint provided by Steve Pace
 - First year Athletics Coordinator – science teacher, been at HW for 5 years.
 - Encourage students to become involved – sports, clubs, groups, student council
 - Identity is school theme – healthy, skills, cool bonds and friendships
 - Bantam, Juvenile, Junior, Senior – 3 seasons, fall right away, winter – Nov to Mar, spring Mar to end of year
 - Sport coordinator, admin, teacher sponsor, athletic coordinator coaches, student-athletes
 - Many teams do not do tryouts – regardless of skills. Lots of opportunities! Can students participate in more than one sport? Ideally no. Huge commitment when you play in any sport.
 - How do fees work? Each student is charged a general fee, depends on sport. Most things that impact are away tournaments, paying refs, uniforms, fees range from \$55 – up to \$700. Fundraising is done individually for each sport as well as through hot lunch. Trying our best to minimize player costs.
 - We would love to take more athletes – its more a space issue. Can only have so many players for certain sports if there's too many (ie: basketball)

- Volunteer coaches – have experience playing sport at some level. Often parents have kids on team. Sometimes teams can only run if parents shoulder the burden. Looks for qualified individuals as much as possible.
 - Covid protocols: only for indoor sports. Volleyball – allow spectators in limited way. Coach and teacher sponsor has details. Large gym is the only place that allows spectators. Cannot linger in gym. Subject to change at any time. Vary per school.
 - Staying informed: our page is on the school website. Sponsors, etc listed here as well as schedules, what’s happening each month. HW athletics insta is @hss_athletics, also can email Steve Pace. space@sd44.ca
 - Try out dates are via school website, morning announcements, insta, posters.
 - You can support by buying hot lunch/volunteering/cheering us on/getting your kids to sign up. Currently looking for junior basketball coaches – grades 8 to 10.
 - Need to have a driver record on file to drive students to sports events – provided by teacher sponsor, on website under forms or thru office.
 - Students are REALLY wanting to get into sports – after a couple years of Covid students are looking for opportunities. Sometimes our best athletes in senior years are sometimes not the strongest in early years.
 - Sports this season:
 - Fall: Volleyball (girls), boys football, boys rugby gr 8, field hockey girls, boys soccer, cross country
 - Winter: ski and snowboard (mostly ski racing), boys and girls basketball
 - Spring: girls soccer, boys and girls rugby, ultimate, track and field, badminton, golf, MTB, junior football
- Clubs Day and Students’ Council and Getting Involved – Speaker: Alanna Brady-.
 - English and Socials, one of 3 teacher sponsors for student council
 - Update on extra curricular clubs – non athletic. Clubs day at lunch.
 - Had 18 clubs, 10 more apply. School website has all the info on clubs under the student tab.
 - Name, time and location, staff sponsor, what they do
 - Trying something new with clubs – mandatory club tutorial with grade 8, followed up with grade 9. Standard email will go out to teachers, teachers send to students/parents. Monday Nov 1 – Friday Nov 5 grade 8 students will come in from 8:30 – 9:11 and watch presentations from each club daily. Will hopefully get involved after week. Trying to get a few more new clubs approved in the next week and get Grade 8 rotating thru.
 - Huge experience in HS – great opp to get involved and meet people. Lovingly nudge the Grade 8 to attend sessions and get involved through peer presentation. Will happen in period 1 home room class and then go to morning classes. Plan to follow up with Grade 9 date. Won’t be back to back.
 - Don’t always need special skills or talents – if kids are socially happy then they thrive!
 - Funding? Teachers can apply for funding to the PAC – we get gaming money for this purpose.
 - Christmas Bureau – Speaker: Sofia Frith
 - French teacher / grad council sponsor

- 3 year in conjunction with Family Services
 - Donations to be in by end of Nov, will be announcing on Nov 1.
 - Wonderful fundraiser: 1. for families who are in need to apply for help 2. Those families who can give, chance to contribute back via youth to youth giving campaign to help teachers.
 - Mostly gift cards, brand new gifts, cash chosen by students that other students would appreciate. Anything you can give is appreciated! Never too little an amount.
 - Facts: last year on the North Shore, 2500 people directly benefitted from the Christmas bureau, over 100 people under the age of 18.
 - Sofia will have links and info set up by Nov 1 to show how to give or apply. Grad council helped with video and showed during class.
 - PAC should stay tuned and be ready to help spread the word!
7. **Principal Report- Rupi Samra-Gynane** -Questions welcome at the meeting.
- Great updates by all!
 - School is coming along very well – working on procurement for furniture etc. Are some delays but we’re ordering well ahead so delays are minimized.
 - Took a group of students through school – they were SO energized and excited!
 - Staff will be brought thru in the coming months.
 - Will be off for a week Jan 31 – Feb 4 tentative.
 - Lots of tournaments this week – great job everyone.
 - With clubs – wanted to make sure kids had events and opportunities especially since we missed a lot during Covid. Identity as the school theme. May be reluctance so trying to get out there. Being creative and finding a place for EVERYONE.
 - HPAC wishlist is being built and requests are coming in.
 - Parent teacher interviews – in person last week, it was nice to see parents lined up in hallways and very good energy from all. Face time and conversations.
 - School planning committee with parents and teachers – taking a look at long term, goals, how are moving forward on goals? Between district priorities and the school themes and priorities.
 - Hard to believe it’s only been just over 5 weeks! Started off really well thanks to everyone.
8. Adjournment
9. Announcements:
- The next HPAC meeting will be held Monday Oct 18th, 2021 @ 7PM. Location TBD.
 - Bottle Drive coming soon to support Handsworth Music- save your bottles and cans.
- Volunteer Positions we are seeking:
- Treasurer-in-waiting/ Co-Treasurer
 - Grade 8 Parent Rep(s)
 - Hotlunch Volunteers

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The new HPAC meeting will be held

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7 PM. Location Zoom.

“The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity”