



## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Hastings PAC – Friday, Feb 21, 2020

9-10:30am

1. **Welcome and introductions** (9-9:10am)
2. **Review of minutes from Thursday, January 23, 2020** (9:10-9:15am)  
*Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting* MSC
3. **Reports/Updates**
  - a. Chair - Jacqueline Shaben (9:15-9:30am)
    - i. Highlights from past month
      1. *Bingo Night: thanks to Karen West for organizing! Attendance was up from last year.*
        - a. *Marcie to send photos / blurb / how much raised – send to Vital to put on the website.*
    - ii. Music in the school
      1. *What is happening around the school in terms of concerts; filled part of Mr. Sean 's position; its a prep position so if music is one of their interests / skill sets, then music can be offered; funding for music teachers pushing from DPAC rep – send a letter to our trustee; put the Jennifer Reddy contacts on the PAC website.*
    - iii. Hot Lunch Program
      1. *Beginning of this year, enrol in program; the tone of the communication was more towards 'vulnerable' kids. Cut funding down; designated tier 2 school – Hastings has the Lunch Smart program ; some schools offer as a fundraising initiative thru the PAC; no reason why any family can't participate, but with the understanding that the lunch is there for those kids who need extra nutritional support; big wastage of food for families that sign up but pick and choose when they go; ideally if enrolled, it is used regularly; does is benefit for families that can pay the full amount to help pay for the families that cannot, plus its good to have a mix of kids / social circles; need permission by signing the form – ok to participate / understand that it does not address allergies; enroll in the beginning and opt in month to month; VSB program not a school program, so cannot be paid for online; parents requested if Vital can ask the teachers to remind the students about handing in the envelopes; another parent suggested containers instead of the tray to be less food waste (but may be more garbage / packaging waste).*

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2. *Someone suggested that the PAC could possibly come up with their own language for communication to parents when the VSB comes out with the info in the beginning of the year.*
- b. Administration (9:30-9:50am)
- i. Principal - Vital Peeters
    1. Hot Lunch Program
    2. Staffing updates:
      - a. *Katherine Morrison (replaced Ms Niki) here till end of the year; Mr. Sean no longer at Hastings – hired Nancy Chong after spring break to cover Fridays (resource support); interviewing someone for the Wed/Thurs portion on Monday; Supervision aid*
      - b. *If you have a designation (IEP) can get extra help; Madame Elaine is the only resource teacher for extra help; move within the education system to design lessons to be accessible for all students / personalizing learning.*
    3. District News
      - a. *Registration has happened; draws for FI done two days ago and emails sent to families that were accepted; only one F class (20 spots) - 13 taken by sibs; only 7 spots open for new families; trying to balance the french students throughout; VSB challenge is making the catchment fit the school;*
      - b. *Tech – VSB just announced they are going to buy computers and ipads for schools that used them; “Tech Equity Plan”; one device per 4 students; funding is imminent;*
      - c. *‘building for Modern Learning’ – engaging public about learning in spaces / direct to the email and on the school website; first Phase Feb.19-March11*
    4. School Grounds Safety
      - a. *Soap in the kids washrooms? All washrooms have soap except the bathroom near the gym, as the engineer looking for new model of soap dispenser (something metal that can’t be removed) as some people taking them off and putting them in the toilet.*
  - ii. Vice Principal - Susan Dent
    1. Leadership in school
      - a. *PEER Helpers – sand toys / balls; order hats*
      - b. *Student council – ‘flat chat’ – brainstorming on a large paper with the students what the looks like, the positions, goals, etc.*
    2. Upcoming school activities/events and student opportunities

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- c. Treasurer – Yvonne Connors (9:50-10:00am)
  - i. Vancity Grounds account
    - 1. *Motion to close the grounds account that was previously used for grounds improvement.* MSC

**4. Other Business (10-10:20 am)**

- a. Guest teacher – *Gisella Rino grade 1/2 English teacher; they have frequent convo about when the bell rings for lunch / giving students enough time to eat before they go out to play; hot lunch: office started to make announcements about when the lunch forms are due; Finance committee: like the idea of doing things together – guest teachers / speakers / authors – that many kids / whole school can benefit from. Maple Man for example. Question – this year not spending as much; new system of approving requests; maybe didn't use it because they are used to the system; school money doesn't carry over so that's why they want to use it up first. Most teachers will use that money – class reps can possibly reach out to other class reps if teachers don't have enough volunteers for field trips that can utilize that network;*
- b. Speaker Series: Suzanne Ferera Thursday March 5th 7-830pm
- c. Class Reps
- d. School Grounds – Garden Committee
  - i. *Mural hopefully going in before Spring Break*
  - ii. *Meeting with VSB next week to talk about the layout.*
  - iii. *9 families – one week per family to help.*
- e. Parent Burger Bevvie night - Saturday, April 25, 2020
  - i. Oscar's Pub;
- f. Spring Fair Friday May 29, 2020

**5. New Business (10:20-10:30am)**

**Adjourn (10:33am)**

No meeting in March - have a great Spring Break!

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 @ 7pm-830pm Staff Room**

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