



GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Hastings PAC – Wednesday Jan.27, 2021
7-830pm ZOOM meeting

- 1. Welcome / Introduction / Land Acknowledgement (7-7:05)**
- 2. Meeting Overview (7:05-7:10)**

Motion to accept the minutes from Nov. 26th, 2020

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- 3. Admin Reports/Updates (7:10-7:30)**

- a. Administration

- i. Vice Principal – Susan Dent (7:10-7:20)

1. School News: some teachers are doing things with their kids after school – volleyball after school; clay class; student leadership (PJ Day, photo contest); Bulletin board – grade 7's put them up for student opportunities.
 2. After school time: Friday program (2 weeks running so far): reintroduced slowly – Community Schools Team – Arts and Sports Opportunity; Arts Umbrella is coming in – by referral (mostly students that wouldn't otherwise have those opportunities): Kid Safe Connect starting in February.
 3. Library monitor program: (always grade 6-7, some grade 5s as well); Erin (librarian) has them doing displays in front of the library too.
 4. Chess Club (started by Milo – Miss Kennedy is hosting it) – tricky because they are combining cohorts so having to keep them physically distanced.
 5. Yugioh / Pokemon – some kids playing cards at recess; supervision aids suggested using the pads from gardening to sit on in the undercover area (one of the supervision aids brings them out).

- ii. Principal - Vital Peeters (7:20-7:30)

1. Covid update – Any new protocols will be announced Feb 5th – will say if we continue with current restrictions or not; Parent question: how are Covid cases within the school community communicated? Admin takes their direction from Vancouver Coastal Health – communicates from the district with the Health & Safety officer – messaging is sent to admin and they pass it on to the community; families affected are contacted directly by Coastal Health; entire School communicated to with general email; no cases since that one Sept case; processes and protocols seem to be working.
 2. Option 4 families – March 1st next intake date; 28 students are still on Option 4; there was a meeting today with administrators to

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discuss what's been working / what hasn't; families are reminded that it's a transition program and not a home learning program.

3. School / Class photo plan – continuing to be postponed; Edge Photo is our company (smaller company broke off from Mountain West); tentative dates in February – will hold only if no new Covid restrictions.
4. Staffing updates: recently Christine Gagnon resigned; have found a replacement for Mon-Wed - Katie Fabien; currently she is covering Thurs-Fri at a different school; Colleen Brady – assigned to take on Christine's position permanently in Sept 2021, but she is currently covering a leave for Sarah Div.4; no teachers available yet to take Thurs/Fri, but a permanent sub is available in the short-term; Have a hired Guillaume Robidoux as the new full-time librarian, which is designated as a French position, starting Sept (Erin doesn't speak French); One of our support workers is also leaving; Jacqueline (Miss Niki's replacement) staying until end of the year.

4. **Guest Speaker** Laura Jane City of Vancouver School Streets Presentation – (7:30-7:50)

Laura Jane is Stakeholder and Promotions Lead – Encouragement Programming for Active Travel; part of the Vancouver Climate Emergency Action Plan; Concept is to close Franklin street to vehicular traffic 30 minutes before morning drop-off and after school, to encourage a safer drop-off with pedestrian/car-free zone. Idea is to pilot 2-3 schools this spring (Hastings being one of them); good time to launch is right after Spring Break – would start promoting a month before; banner, letters to parents; provide the road barricades; parent volunteers would put them out; asking for one person from the PAC as the liaison / team lead / volunteer coordinator; the pilot project provides a small grant (\$500) to school – could possibly be used for scooter racks eg.? Reductions in vehicle use around the school.

Questions: How would this reduce traffic as opposed to displacing the traffic? A: The barricaded street makes it safer to walk or bike to school so encourage kids to walk or bike; their studies have shown that reducing the amount the road space reduces the traffic; for some families driving a short distance – maybe don't need to?

Parent comment: Construction in and around London Drugs Parking lot– whole block / parking lot will be undergoing construction, so need to take that into consideration.

Parent comment: As long as you aren't making it harder for those families that have to drive; Laura says the program should actually reduce the traffic so for those who have to drive, makes it better. Vital suggested one idea being floated - drop off point near the school and walking school bus in.

Parent question: Curious how they plan to monitor the data? – have you been collecting the data from then until now? They are hiring an external consultant to start end of Feb; will monitor air quality, Number of cars, who's walking, traffic, etc.

Question: How many volunteers? Consistent volunteers are best (2 in the morning; 2 in the afternoon);

What is expected of the volunteers? Take out the barricades / signs; stand beside the signs; if people have questions, answer them.

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Time frame: after Spring break till end of school year (3 months) – looks at data; adjust if necessary; decide if move forward to fall?

Comment: no one is supposed to park during school hours around the school and it gets ignored? Will this be different? Because the signage and the barricades are more obvious than the no parking signs, it gets better adherence.

PAC Chair proposes having parents / stakeholders who want to be involved in the planning phase please email the PAC at info@hastingspac.ca to arrange a meeting with Laura Jane; in the next week would be great, as would like to determine next steps fairly quickly.

- a. Treasurer report - make a motion to pass the funding for woodworking kits (Mme Ciara; Mme Marion – grade 6) STEM project; requested \$300 / class (\$600 total); would come out of operating budget; Vital is questioning why they are not going through the finance committee? These teachers are directed to go through them or reach out to admin instead of going directly to the PAC, as there are available funds for this type of project that should be used first.
- b. Sub-committees: (7:50-8:10pm)
 - i. Speaker series: Volume 2 – Focus on Mental Health during Covid; Coming up Thursday Feb.11th through Eventbrite. Acton item: Marcie to send to Vital the link and the calendar update.
 - ii. Anti racism update – Resources being compiled by HARC; Black Shirt Day went well / lots of participating; come join us for the next meeting! March 1st tentatively.
 - iii. Teacher appreciation report:
- c. Teacher Rep – Mme. Natacha Corrie (8:10-8:25) – grade 4 FI (at Hastings for 22 years!)
 - i. How are teachers doing? Generally going really well; personally happy to be at work; kids happy to be at school / see their friends; feel lucky that we can still connect with their colleagues in some way.
 - ii. Re FSA and the amount of time it takes to administer the test: Nothing has been taken off their plate; 6 hours worth of testing; some of the multiple choice is online; in theory if the school shows poor performance, school should get more resources for support; used by right-wing think tank; ranking schools / private schools actually practice the test so that their performance rank them higher / gets more customers; French students who only start English subjects in grade 4 have to take the test in english; students get the results – written booklet back with annotations from the marker.
 - iii. Reduced instruction time due to Covid – line ups and handwashing; Susan explained that teachers need to come up with a system to multi-task – perhaps a video or read-aloud while lining up; learning different skills; attendance overall better – very little absenteeism; Eating lunch in the classroom – has reduced anxiety and time with smaller group – unintended benefits of Covid.
- d. Chair Report – Jacqueline Shaben (8:25:8:35pm)

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- i. Foundation Skills Assessment – standardized test; since 2000; ministry links and BCTF website were sent out so parents can make decision themselves.

5. **New Business** (8:20-830pm)

Adjourn – *motion to adjourn at 8:40pm*

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Next meeting: Tuesday, February 23rd @ 7pm

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