



GENERAL MEETING

Hastings PAC - Wednesday October 28, 2025

6:30 - 8:00PM

- 1. Land Acknowledgment and Welcome** - Andrea
- 2. Round Table Introductions**
 - a. Went around the room with intros.
- 3. Approval of General Meeting Minutes from June 2025**
4. Lisa to motion, Renee seconds. All in favour
- 5. Administration Report** - Vice-Principal Chris Donegan
 - a. Variety of initiatives happening at the school currently
 - b. Artmania has been here, this happening because of PAC. Each class has had an art class on a different topic.
 - c. Several clubs and teams starting up. Volleyball for grades 6 and 7. Choir will be starting soon for grades Gr 1-7.
 - d. Mr. Boyd is running a chess club which started last week
 - e. Leadership committee running different clubs and initiatives. Mostly recently they ran "fancy day"
 - f. Staffing updates 4 days a week counsellor.
 - g. Filled 2 supervision aid positions after we were down 2.
 - h. The school is putting in place planning for literacy screening. This will soon be mandated by the province that all kindergarteners will be screened twice a year. Each year another grade will be added to the roster until eventually all classes up to grade 3 will be assessed 3 times a year.
- 6. DPAC update – Lily Han is the Hastings DPAC rep**
 - a. **Sept (first meeting) the focus was Foundation Skills Assessment.**

There was a presentation on Foundation Skills Assessment. There was focus placed on how it does not support Indigenous kids with some encouragement for parents to opt their children out of the FSA testing.
 - b. Childcare initiative and mental health initiative will be coming soon from DPAC.

The October meeting had a presentation from Dyslexia BC they emphasized the importance of early literacy screening to support parents and children if they feel they might be dealing with this.

There was a presentation and instruction about literacy and the new K-12 initiatives, noting there is a wider gap with disabilities and Indigenous children.

There was further discussion about the Carleton school closure. This will be discussed in greater detail moving forward. There is a parent (not DPAC supported) website where you can learn more. www.Savecarleton.com

7. Financial/Budget Updates - Laura (7:00 - 7:10)

- a. An initiative is available through Pedalheads where parents enter a code to receive \$75 off and the school automatically receives a small percentage as income. This is something PAC will look to
- b. Currently we've had only one funding request which is for the Dance Feb 18th. \$1,046 to secure the DJ.
- c. Our gaming grant has been received in the amount of \$10,980
- d. There was a late cheque cashing of \$150 from last year.
- e. We had allocated \$750 for a start up "Day One" event in Sept which was not utilized. We could reallocate these funds to a grad event.

8. Funding Requests (7:10 - 7:25)

- a. No new funding requests - spread the word on funding.
 - i. We want to spread the word about how we PAC does have funds available to help support the different clubs ex. leadership students have been made aware, crafts club, lego club, drama club.
 - ii. Chris has passed the info along to the teachers running the leadership group. Hoping some students can be supported in bringing the requests directly to us. Teachers are looking to start up a collection of supplies, glue, bins, markers. Don't want them to get mixed in with general classroom supplies.
- b. Kids Funding Requests
 - Motion to approve \$200 to support the leadership club supplies pending receipt of official. Renee second. All in favour, motion passes.
 - The form doesn't request what the purpose of the funds will be, value of the club. Create a form, teachers fill it out as an example you can apply using a video, diorama. Chris to assist. How often do they meet, submitting receipts, budgeting. Who will be buying the supplies, when do you need this? Will it run next year too?
 - The teacher-led calendar committee has been established to ensure there are cultural events throughout each semester, examples being inviting Westsiders wrestling group (which is quite affordable). They are hoping to have them in the last week of Nov, first week of Dec.
 - There have been changes at the VSB about how schools can ask for money from parents. Board requests for payments are always optional.

On every school trip form there is a note that if the payments are an issue, to bring this up with the school and it will be covered. Thinking of trying to have an athletic and cultural in each of the three semesters. Lion dance, capoeira, Black history month, Ingenious dance group are all examples of types of programming they are looking into.

- There is now a prohibition on asking for performance funds which is why parents did not receive any request this year.
- Question: How many funds are available for these types of performances?
- Chris: There isn't a fixed amount but rather a larger funding bucket out of which also comes cost for paper, supplies for supervision aids, etc.

9. Committee Updates & Governance (7:25 - 7:45)

- a. Updated Terms of Reference sheet presented
- b. Garden Committee – Tasey:
 - i. Always looking for more members! This year they are hoping to enlarge the garden area to have more food, to hold more classes and improving the picnic table area.
- c. Reconciliation Committee – Met in September and not meeting again until January 30th 11am in the Nest.
- d. Fundraising Committee - Andrea B
 - i. True Earth laundry strips. 25% of the purchase goes to the school. Link is activated and can be sent with our next email newsletter.
 - ii. PAC Funding Match Request. Direct drive will be happening Nov 18th – December 2nd. Partnering with the school to bring in cultural and athletic performances like the Lion Dance, Black Lives Matter, etc.

10. Other Business (7:45 - 8:00)

- a. Classroom Reps – Renée
 - i. Still seeking representatives for the following 5 classes:
- b. Carleton school closure.

11. Adjourned

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