

Hugh Boyd Secondary Parent Advisory Council

Minutes

11 October 2018

Present:

Parents - Jill T, Zarina G-S, Mike G-S, Rowena D. Donna M., Lisa W., Betsy T.,
Cindy T., Lilian L., Rosella & Mat S., Julio S., Dianne B., Emma W., Tim C., Mernell F.,
Eric Y., Lilybeth W., Pilar dB., Emmanuel A-M
Administration - Mr. R. Johal

Meeting called to order by Jill T. at 7:02 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions

2018-1029 Hugh Boyd PAC Executives

Chair Jill T.
Treasurer Pam V. (Absent)
Secretary Zarina G-S

2) Presentation by the librarians:

Jane Leung Day 1 and Lindsay Santos-Cox Day 2

They shared their Wish List request for the following:

- 20x books for the Reading Riot initiative (students from all grade levels reading for pleasure)
- 5x TV screens for Collaboration among students and peer tutors
- 5x Collaboration tables to allow more flexibility in configuring library space to accommodate the different purposes of the entire school population
- Total cost: \$6350

The Gaming Grant is explained by Mr. J as funds disbursed by the PAC intended to benefit students by enhancing their extracurricular opportunities. Consideration is also given to requests that support a wide range of students. There were 8 requests submitted this year. Discussion and allocation of funds will be decided on our next PAC meeting in November.

3) Approval of Agenda

Approved by Jill T.
Seconded by Eric Y.

4) Approval of Minutes from 24 May 2018

Approved by Betsy T.
Seconded by Jill T.

5) Correspondence None

6) Reports

6.1 Treasurer's report was presented by Jill T.

Breakdown of Gaming Grant Funds		
\$ 15,684	Gaming Grant	
855	Stale cheques from FY 16-17	
1,865	Football pool profits	
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\$ 18,584	Total funds available for allocation	

6.2 Principal's report by Mr. R. Johal

- September had a good start-up
- Some staffing changes, though not as much as last year
- Continuity with our counsellors and admin team
- A couple of veteran teachers moved on
- A number of new teachers have IB experience from previous IB schools or from their faculty of education program
- HB Middle Years Program is all-inclusive
- We report differently. No letter grades but assessed from level 1-8.
- Parent handbook is accessible online for more info
- Interim report is coming in two weeks (Oct 24) and will be a good indicator of how the students have started out the school year
- MYP classes are posted online
- Non-MYP and upper grades (11 and 12) will be sent home on paper
- In the first couple of weeks - timetable changes (challenges in a smaller school with number of sections and ensuring within class size/composition standards)
- Grade assemblies at the end of the first week of school
- The Gr. 8 Parent Meeting/Meet the Teacher/Gr. 12 Parent Meeting were all successful. Provided lots of information. Parents and students making good, positive connections with staff.
- Impressed with overall student commitment - in classes and to extracurricular opportunities
- Fall sports are underway - boys' and girls' volleyball
- Student council - Clubs day (Sept 25) showcased different clubs at HB
- Terry Fox Run (Sept 27)
- Sept 28 was also Orange Shirt Day to commemorate the unfortunate past of residential schools in Canada
- Wellness assembly was held on Oct 2 to address the challenges children have with mental health and to promote wellness
- 29/30 Oct parent-teacher conferences
- MYP parent handbooks will be available
- Parents can sign-up online
- An email blast will be sent towards end of next week regarding this
- On Halloween day, in the early afternoon, different universities and colleges are to set-up information displays in the lounge and to offer post-secondary options
- Boyd seismic upgrade construction is scheduled to start in Jan 2019
 - The main hallway - work on new tech addition/woodshop/techshop
 - In the multi-space - work on cross-curricular and computer lab
 - Aim to be ready for Sept 2020 school year
- HB introduced a school cash online payment system
- 60% of parents are on the system
- Encouraging online payments so children are not carrying large amounts of cash to school
- Also just added the credit card option
- If payments are a struggle/challenge, contact Mr. Johal directly

- **My School Day** app introduced this year
- This is how HB is communicating with parents. For example:
 - Teachers setting up their own communication channels
 - Extra-curricular clubs setting up channels
 - Alerts on early day dismissal, etc.

6.3 RDPA- Richmond District Parents Association

BCCPAC - BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

All school reps attend the meeting at the board office once a month.

We have no volunteer representative at this time.

6.4 After Grad report presented by After Grad Chair Donna Moscovitz

- Currently, the after grad fee is due to be collected on May 31 which is too late for the committee, as it needs the funds now to begin preparations.
- Donna M. will remind Mr. Johal to send out an email to the business admin personnel to inquire about changing the collection date.
- The After Grad committee needs to raise \$25k in total
- They need to raise \$16k more
- They are currently selling Safeway cards where they will receive 10% for every 20k sold
- Discussed the purpose of the After Grad committee:

Following the Grade 12 Valedictory Dinner/Dance, they will be shuttled back to HB by bus. The After Grad committee ensures that the grads are given a safe environment to say goodbye to their schooldays. They arrange for the bus transport and activities for the After Grad party such as theatre sports, artists, magicians, carnival themes, etc. They ensure an alcohol-free fun night for the grads.

- 85 students attended last year
- 120 students attended the year before that
- The After Grad committee requested HB to lower their fee, so as to be in line with other schools - \$10 less for the After Grad fee
- Valedictory fee has been decreased by \$10
- HB doesn't want kids to miss out on the experience to go to the Valedictory Dinner/Dance and to go to the After Grad too
- They are looking for people to learn what's going on
- They need someone to learn how to chair the committee
- Donna sent Gr. 11 parents emails to sign up as volunteers for the committee
- They will be holding a bottle drive on Nov 3
- They plan to also raise funds by holding an online auction
- If you use the No.2 and Blundell **Return-It** recycling centre and the Ironwood recycling centre, mention Hugh Boyd and all proceeds from your contribution will go to the After Grad committee

7) Questions & Answers:

- Jill T - Question re: Myschoolday app
 - Has HB considered using the **Moodle** app or can **Myschoolday** offer a similar function? Moodle provides an ongoing update on the student's progress. Mr. Johal responded that this option is unavailable and that parents are to contact the students' teachers directly for any updates.
- Pilar dB - Question re: seismic u/g. What areas?

Mr. J responded - HB will be getting a new facade and corresponding work is also to be done at the other end, behind the library. Hoping to modernize the 1st and 2nd floors as they are currently too dark and dated. Ideally, the bathrooms need to be updated

The tech wing is the most at-risk area. Everything else is appropriate for now. When the new addition is complete, the existing tech wing will be demolished. There is hope to revitalize other areas, so long as the budget allows.

8) Next meeting: Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 7 pm

9) Adjournment at 7:56 pm

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