

HPE PAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 13, 2023

1. Approval of June Minutes as read by Brittany Gee (1st Julie, 2nd Stephannie motion passed)

2. **Principal's Report** – Vice Principal Mr. Ward

- a. **Updates:**

- i. **School Numbers:** We are currently at 317. Our numbers at startup were less than expected. We currently have 15 divisions.
 - ii. **Report Cards:** Our reporting schedule has changed a bit from last year. Our parent/student/teacher conferencing will be held on Thursday, October 26th. This will be an all-day event and students will not be in attendance except to attend their conference times. This will be one of our two informal reports. There will be three written reports: in December, March, and June.
 - iii. **Pictures:** The school picture date is Thursday October 19th. Retakes will take place on Tuesday November 7th. Class pictures will once again take place in the spring.
 - iv. **Terry Fox Run:** Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 22nd. It will start at 1:00 ad students will run on three separate courses. The K/1's will be on the front field. The 2/3's will run around the school, and the 4/5's will run around a course on the back field. Parents are welcome to participate.
 - v. **Orange Shirt Day:** Our Orange Shirt Day will take place on Friday, September 29th. All students will participate in activities on the back field after lunch.
 - vi. **The Husky Way:** Staff and students have their blue "Husky Strong" wristbands, and we had our first assembly to introduce the Circle of Courage (Belonging, Generosity, Independence Mastery) and each month's focus (Caring, Cooperating, Respecting, Helping, Including, Sharing, Problem-Solving, Self-Regulating, Persevering, Achieving) for behaviors to practice that show we are Husky Strong and represent "The Husky Way" (WHOO-AHH!)

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Amanda Shaw

- a. **General Account:** \$38, 976.01 (adjusted \$21,944.18)
 - i. Funds Withheld - \$7,000 for Askews Gift Cards,
- \$7,000 for concrete slabs.
 - ii. Cheques Pending - \$2991.83 JJ's Pizza Plus
- \$40.00 Emily Shaw babysitting

b. **Gaming Account:** \$4,681.68

- i. Funds Withheld – currently no funds withheld.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented (1st Julie, 2nd Brittany, motion passed)

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. Hot Lunch

i. **Soupermeals** - *Serena Caner, Shuswap Food Action Society (SFAS)*

1. Non stigmatized access to food for all students. Soup comes with multigrain bun and a washed apple.
2. Four SD 83 pilot schools last year. Observed that the kids became more excited about the soup as it got going and with encouragement from seeing other classmates eating the soup.
3. Why Soup? Soup affordable and is easy to get all food groups in.
4. Uses local ingredients as much as possible to support the local food economy.
5. Will need to know vegetarian and gluten free in advance. Celiac vs gluten sensitive is important information – some of the soup base is not made in a gluten free facility.
6. Soup made at Zest food club and have capacity to make 25 gallons of soup at a time.
7. SFAS will be running a contest for students: design Souper Heros for each soup flavour. Goal of increasing awareness and excitement for the program.
8. Questions:
 - a. Is nutritional information provided? Sodium and sugar content?
 - i. Ingredients lists can be provided. Sugar is not used. Low sodium broth used.
 - b. Cost?
 - i. Free
9. Challenge is getting all kids fed in a short time. Strategy previously used involved carts in each wing with soup going directly to each classroom. Older students can help.

ii. **Soupermeals** - *Brittany Gee*

1. Will be biweekly with a tentative start date of October 4th, should we have the correct supplies.
2. The school district (SD) received a grant that will pay for the supplies needed for the Soupermeals program. We have requested bowls, spoons, ladles, and carts.

- a. Might have access to compostable bowls and spoons until supplies are received.
- 3. Working with the school staff to develop a strategy for serving the soup.
- 4. Will be on Munchalunch so that dietary accommodations, such as gluten free and vegetarian, can be requested.

iii. Vendor Lunches – *Brittany Gee*

- 1. Biweekly with a start date of October 11th.
- 2. Still working on finalizing and setting up vendors.
 - a. Askews, Opa, Pizza, Subway
- 3. Will notify everyone when ordering is available on Munchalunch.

b. Askews – *Amanda Shaw*

- i. Amanda is still selling Askews cards, please contact Amanda to purchase.
- ii. Dollar for dollar, and 7% comes back to school.

c. Scholastics - *Annette Martin*

- i. Book Fair setup November 17, runs November 20-23.
- ii. Looking for someone to volunteer to take over running the book fairs. Annette will not be able to continue after next year (2024/2025). Would like to have someone sooner as training is required.
 - 1. Without a new volunteer the book fairs may not be able to continue.

5. Fundraisers

a. Past

- i. IPE parking - \$9059.00 profit.

b. Current

- i. Davison Orchard – Closes Sept 13. Pickup Sept 22.
- ii. School Start – \$280 kickback for early ordering.

6. Teacher Appreciation Baking

- a. Done once a month.
- b. Doesn't have to be baking can be other food items (i.e. charcuterie).
- c. Parents can sign up to participate and do baking for the HPE staff (40+ people).
 - i. Let Julie know if you would like to participate.
- d. A thank you card from the PAC is given with the baking.

7. Outdoor Picnic Tables: No update.

8. Back to School BBQ

- a. September 14, 2023
- b. If you can help there are time slots you can volunteer for. Older kids can help.
- c. Gluten free and veg options are available.
- d. Motion to use float from IPE water for the BBQ (1st Amanda, 2nd Stephannie, motion passed)

9. New Business.

- a. Serena Caner present at meeting –transitioning from SFAS to SD83 as the District School Meal Program Coordinator, Feeding Futures Program. Funds provided to school districts by Government of BC to support school food programs.
 - 1. Funds used to cover the cost of Soupermeals.
 - 2. Working with SD to get access to grant funds for purchasing equipment.
 - a. Equipment requested by PAC for SouperMeals.
 - b. The need for a fridge and updated electrical in the breakfast room has been identified.
 - 3. Current funding does not support providing daily breakfast for every child in every school. Money given was based on 20% of students needing support.
 - 4. Serena is interested in hearing feedback in general about food programs at schools. Can contact her at scaner@sd83.bc.ca, or call/text 250-515-4767. *(Questions or feedback specific to HPE Hot Lunch can be directed to the PAC)*

b. Family Assistance

- i. Have previously helped with paying for hot lunch for families going through difficult times (cancer treatment, sickness, bereavement etc.)
 - 1. Mason – no longer requires assistance.
 - 2. Bellows – Would still appreciate assistance with hot lunch.
 - 3. Lockhart – Son in hospital with cancer. Would appreciate assistance with hot lunch for other children.
 - 4. Krause – Would appreciate assistance with hot lunch.

Motion to pay for hot lunches for Bellows, Lockhart, and Krause families and for \$500 for Walmart gift card for Krause family. (1st Julie, 2nd Amanda, motion passed).

c. Meeting Times

- i. Was asked about having some of the PAC meetings in the evening.
- ii. Could possibly alternate afternoons and evenings.
- iii. All meeting minutes posted on HPE website. Mr. Ward could put a reminder in the newsletter.

- d. Question – Is there another platform to post PAC updates? Possibly an app that could be built? Mr. Ward will investigate whether the SD would allow.

Babysitters: Emily and Lewi

Next Meeting is Wednesday October 11, 2023, time TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm