



High Park Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

1) Approval of past minutes and current agenda

No minutes from the last meeting.

2) Council Membership update

-Cait MacSwain – has stepped down as co-chair – does council want to nominate another co-chair

- Kayla Bond – has stepped down as secretary – Melissa Karr has offered to take on this role

3) Principal's Report – Liz Townsend

Ms Orr is off on temporary leave and K Parsley is stepping in till she returns on February 9th.

Grade 7/8 information session is set to take place on Thursday January 18th at Great Lakes Secondary School at 6:00 pm.

Kindergarten registration is now open online, and an in-person registration is happening on be 1 and 2.

February 16th is when the 2nd report cards go home to parents.

We have received 15 trees from the Kiwanis that will be planted in the spring on school grounds.

The grade 7/8 classes will be planting 7 trees in the Halcovitch garden

4) Teacher's Report – A. Nixon

The Elf emporium raised \$350 for Noelle's Gift. If this becomes an annual event, we will need more help with all the donations that tend to come in. Christmas assemblies all went well, and many parents came out to see it and was well received. Both boy and girls volleyball teams did well this year. Girls' basketball tryouts happened last week, with the team roster being announced this week. Boys' tryouts are still ongoing.

5) Financial Report

The current balance is 10,704.32. We are still in a good position to host some upcoming events.

6) We are still looking for a volunteer for the PIC committee. The next meeting is February 12, 2024. Any volunteers please let Ms. Townsend know as soon as possible.



- 7) New member recruitment - we have a few new members tonight. Please spread the word to other parents that we are open to more members.

- 8) Fundraising
 - Elf Emporium – should become an annual event if possible.
 - Boston Pizza Dates – Mar 27, May 31, June 27
 - Little Caesar’s – Grade 8s would like to take this event on to fundraise for the end of the year trip.

 - Additional fundraising options have been suggested; early spring/Mother’s Day – MacMillians, Peppernettes, flowers.

 - Some ideas that might be used for the fundraising include new basketballs, Coding program grid for grades 4-8

- 9) PRO Grant – we would like to see the much-discussed movie night happen. Ms. Townsend will look into whether this is still an option and let us know. Once this information is provided, we will plan the following:
 - a. Mid-May to give plenty of time to prep and organize.
 - b. Held in the gym after school; look into booking facility.
 - c. Reach out to local businesses for popcorn/popcorn machines, snacks etc.
 - d.

- 10) Hot Lunch Update – Boston Pizza January 31, due by the 18th.

- 11) Powwow – Ms Townsend will contact Nicole Gooding to see if she is available to help with this event.

- 12) New Business – Look into getting Buddy Benches, New veggie gardens, Sphero’s (demo next meeting from Ms Gore)

- 13) Next Meeting – February 20th 6:30 pm