

High Park School Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Attendees: **Catrin Thomson, Kim Shim, Rebecca Vishloff, Leanne Rafuse, Korina Parent, Pam Russ, Trustee Paul McCann, Melissa Everitt-Dallinger, Nicole Marcinkevics, Sarah Klimochko, Shelby Williams, Lois Radbourne, Chelsea Philpott**

1. Call to Order: 7:06

2. Approval of Agenda

- Korina motioned to approve agenda. Pam seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Korina motioned to approve May minutes. Leanne seconds.

4. Welcomes and introductions

- Catrin introduced herself as School Council Chair
- Trustee Paul McCann introduced himself

5. Trustee Report

- Trustee McCann introduced himself and the role of the school board. Parents are able to bring any issues or concerns to him and if they do not feel comfortable doing it at school council meetings they can contact him through phone or email.
- Parkland school board has had meetings in August and September. Lorraine Stewart was re-elected as chair and Amy Hennig was elected as Vice Chair.
- Paul discussed how decisions are made at the school board level. They are either made by admin led by the superintendent or by the school trustees
- This year admin has introduced four new policies. After every school board meeting board highlights are released with links to full reports if anyone wants more information.

6. Principals Report

a) Parkland Band

- Nicole spoke about Parkland Band which is a new extracurricular program this year.
- Emily Schultz (the music teacher) is very enthusiastic about building a band program and has opened it to other schools in the division as High Park has the last junior high band in the area.
- There are currently just over 20 students signed up and about half are from other schools.
- Band runs from 3:20-4:30 PM on Wednesdays after school

b) High Park Herald

- The new format has had positive feedback from parents
- Will be released every two weeks to communicate what is going on at the school to parents

c) Website

- Nicole and Melissa have been working on updating the website to include all information for parents looking to get involved.
- They have added more information on how to volunteer with links to the volunteer handbook and forms to sign up for volunteering.

- Nicole has created links for parents to join PAL and School council meetings online. The same link will be used each month and PAL and School council will have their own links.

d) Volunteer Meeting

- Nicole and Catrin will be hosting a volunteer meeting on September 25 at 3:15 PM to provide more information to parents who would like to get involved but are not sure where to start
- Child care will be provided by some older students.

8. Open Discussion

a) Proposed Change of Meeting Times for the 2024/25 school year

- Cat motioned to change the start time of School Council to 6PM and PAL start time to 7 PM
- Korina seconds. Approved.

b) Discussion about volunteer information night

- This was discussed in the Principal's report. Contact Cat or Nicole if you would like to volunteer at volunteer night.

c) Cross Country concession

- Admin has approached school council about running a concession stand at the cross country run on October 3. The money made will go towards equipment for all students.
- Will not have hot dogs just chips, Gatorade, hot rods etc. Sunny D is always a big seller.
- Catrin asked for \$2000 from PAL to purchase supplies and that money will go back to PAL from the proceeds.

d) What information we would like to be presented with at meetings going forward

- Different topics are available in order to inform parents and potentially draw more parents to meetings
- Some examples are how discipline is administered at the school level, social media, how math is taught.
- Leanne suggested a presentation to parents on the sensory room once it is more established.
- Cat suggested bike safety in the spring.

e) Volunteers for breakfast club and crossing guard

- Volunteers are needed to help Miss Brittany with toast days on Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- Rebecca volunteered to help on Wednesday mornings
- Kim and Sarah will alternate Friday mornings.

AGM is October 15, 2024 at 6PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 PM