

High Park

School Council Agenda

January 21, 2025

Agenda Items

In attendance – Melissa Dallinger, Trustee Paul McCann, Lois Radbourne, Kimberly Shim, Korina Parent, Rebecca Vishloff, Pam Armitage, Shelby Williams, Catrin Thomson, Sarah Klimochko

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Korina motions to approve agenda. Kim seconds. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of November 2024 Minutes

- a. Kim motions to approve November Minutes. Korina seconds. Minutes approved.

4. Trustee Report

- a. Trustee Paul McCann reported that the school board met today.
- b. An agreement has been made with IOUE union. The contract was ratified in early January. It is a four-year agreement.
- c. Domestic Violence Support resources are available. Be Empowered 365 is a tri region initiative and Trustee McCann brought information.
- d. School board is celebrating staff appreciation day division wide, starting with EA appreciation day on January 22.
- e. There are 11 division teachers working on a National AI initiative.
- f. Millgrove school has submitted a request for an urban nature kindergarten program.
- g. Quarterly financial report was presented. There was nothing of note.
- h. Numeracy and Literacy report
 - i. The number of assessments require by the province in early years has increased.
 - ii. These assessments help identify at risk students
- i. Parent Engagement feedback report was received.
 - i. There were 18 areas identified where students feel challenged.

5. Principal's Report

- a. Melissa and Nicole gave handwritten notes to staff at Christmas. They are moving away from giving consumable items and this was well received by staff.
- b. Students loved the Grinch Mystery video. Division office sent a film crew and the School Resource Officer participated in the video.
- c. Melissa presented the monthly summary that High Park submits to the school board to highlight what has been going on at the school
 - i. Community, Diversity and Community
 - 1. Meridian Lodge sponsored 7 High Park families for Christmas
 - 2. PAL hosted a school wide pancake breakfast in December.
 - ii. Indigenous Perspectives and Ways of Knowing
 - 1. Continuing elder visits with Kookum Violet
 - iii. Programming and Pedagogy
 - 1. Increasing collaboration time for teachers
 - 2. Grade 7-9 students are struggling with the purpose of school. The school is looking into ways they can respond to this. Some ideas are career fairs or bringing career speakers in.
 - 3. Grade 4 and 5 students have high internal resilience. This age group is struggling with peer relationships.

6. PAL Update

- a. PAL is working on a mission statement to help guide its purpose
- b. Pet Food fundraiser is wrapping up
- c. A cash raffle will occur in February to support the playground.
- d. Korina will be submitting a proposal to hold a community garage sale in May
- e. It was decided that it is time for another PAL newsletter
- f. PAL is launching an Instagram account to help increase parent engagement.
 - i. COSC is doing a presentation on Social Media Use at their February meeting. Catrin has asked to delay the launch of instagram account until after this meeting.
 - ii. Sarah said that she would attend the COSC meeting and take notes on the presentation.

7. COSC Update

- a. There has not been a COSC meeting since November. Nothing new to report. Next COSC meeting is scheduled for February.

8. Open Discussion

- a. Korina asked why there are so many assessments in such a short period of time. Trustee McCann and Melissa said that the assessments are mandated by the

province. Assessments are necessary to have data baselines. The timeline is not up to the school

- i. Melissa said that she prefers checklists over one on one pull out assessments, but the province does provide some funding to help cover teachers while assessments are being administered.
- b. High Park Flyers will be ordered for the Kindergarten open house in February.
- c. Catrin will update the school council bulletin board
- d. Korina asked if it would be possible to have a staff member present at PAL Meetings in order to get a staff perspective on initiatives.
 - i. Some schools provide presentations by teachers at meetings. An example is a numeracy night to teach parents “new math”.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next meeting will be held February 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

10. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM