

High Park

School Council Agenda

March 18, 2025

Agenda Items

In attendance – Nicole Marcinkevics, Melissa Dallinger, Lois Radbourne, Kimberly Shim, Korina Parent, Rebecca Vishloff, Pam Armitage, Shelby Williams, Catrin Thomson, Sarah Klimochko, Ashley Skopyk

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of November 2024 Minutes

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

Catrin noted that Trustee Paul McCann will be sitting out School Council meetings for the duration of the strike. All trustees have made this decision. There will be a trustees meeting online tomorrow if anyone wants to watch.

4. Principal's Report

- a. Nicole gave an update on how things have been going during the strike.
 - i. Three teachers have been hired to do extra learning with small groups of students. These are certified teachers that are planning, assessing and teaching students while the EA's are out. The school has seen academic growth in some students.
 - ii. Admin made the choice to stop circulation of library books while support staff is out to show support.
 - iii. Admin tried to find ways to show support to striking staff. They will see where things go in the next 24 hours with job action and will make a plan for return to work.

- iv. Supervision has been improved with teachers doing outdoor supervision. Admin has seen a decrease in incidents during outdoor Recess.
- v. Admin has learned a lot during the strike and will implement some changes when support staff is back.
- vi. Registrations have been sitting during the strike and there will be a lot of catch up to do when staff is back
- vii. High Park was able to bring back higher needs students quite quickly
- viii. Nicole submitted a work order to have the bathroom partitions painted in the Junior High section. They are now a neutral grey.
- ix. Junior A and Senior A Basketball teams won banners. The school hosted a pep rally for them and would like to continue to do more to recognize student accomplishments.
- x. High Park was able to have developmental basketball teams this year as well as two Junior B Girls basketball teams. The athletics program is starting to grow again.
- xi. The Fish for the Fish In Schools program are thriving.
- xii. Staff morale is higher than previously – staff have overcome something difficult (The strike) together.
- xiii. The school has the Presidents Choice grant money to spend on food. They have the ability to spend on things like track and field concession items as well as food for Meet the Teacher Night.

b. Nicole Presented on how the school budget is allocated

- i. After staffing is paid there is 136,000 leftover in the school budget. 20,000 of this goes towards printing.
- ii. Maintenance costs can vary. This year bathroom partitions were painted. The Division will cover some facilities maintenance but the school is responsible for certain things.
- iii. Repairs to the bleachers may be partially covered by facilities.
- iv. If the school is willing to invest in facility maintenance, the division will be more willing to help out with things.
- v. Professional Development comes out of the school budget. The Division will cover the cost for some subs to cover for Professional Development.
- vi. Educational Assessments are approximately \$12,000. This does not cover the need for assessments.

- vii. Technology is paid for out of the school budget. Chrome books are \$13,000 for 30 Chromebooks. The school currently has devices for every grade 5-9 student as well as chrome books for younger classes to share. Chrom books need to be replaced every few years.
- viii. Smartboards are an obsolete technology and will be replaced with white boards and potentially 75 inch TVs
- ix. PAL enhances what the school is able to offer. Funding requests are made by admin to PAL to help cover additional experiences.

5. PAL Update

- a. PAL meetings now happen after school council. Kim motions to remove the PAL update from School Council meetings. Sarah seconds. Motion is approved.

6. COSC Update

- a. The Division knows their budget, but the funding manual has not yet been released so they do not know how they are allowed to allocate it for next year.
- b. Funding per child has changed. There is more money per child, but inflation has not been accounted for.
- c. Next month ASCA resolutions will be discussed. Catrin will send out the resolutions to everyone. ASCA symposium is virtual this year.

7. Open Discussion

- a. Melissa asked how Read-A-Thon is going. We are at 49,000 minutes read and \$10,472 raised

8. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next meeting will be held April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM