



# Highland Public School Parent Council Meeting

June 12th 2024

Start Time: 6:30 pm

End Time: 8:35 pm

Location: Highland Library

Facilitator: Ekaterina Borshevetskaya and April Lindemann, Co-chairs

Author: Cynthia Solowiejczyk, Secretary

Mission Statement: *"To support the Highland School community in its dedication to the encouragement of life-long learning, the pursuit of personal best, and the fostering of respect for self and others, through the nurturing of responsible behavior and cooperation in a secure, motivating atmosphere for all."*

**Members: \*voting member**

Name	Role	P/R/V	Name	Role	P/R/V
April Lindemann*	Co-Chair	P	Laura Down*	Support Staff	P
Ekaterina Borshevetskaya*	Co-Chair	P	Whitney Ellis*		P
Stacy Weber*	Treasurer	P	Jessica Allen**	Co-Teacher	P
Cynthia Solowiejczyk*	Secretary	P	Jason Gordon**	Co-Teacher	P
Sean Finn	Principal	P	Sheri Ilo	Vice Principal	P
Teri Horgan*	WRAPSC	P	Kany Blair*		P
Tara Chapman*		R	Paula Oullet*		P
Rohit Kumar		R	Tania Gonzalez*		P
Craig McLennan		R	Amy Sigman*		R

Brenda Fowler	SERT	P	Lindsay Porteous	SERT	P
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1.	Welcome: - Review and approve Agenda - Review and approve minutes from last meeting (May 2024)	All	
2.	Administrator's Report	Sean Finn Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sheri moving in to Principal role at Chalmers, Kyle Metcalf is coming</li> <li>- Do have a 5th EA (Lisa Stott)</li> <li>- Mary Coonan to be new staff in 4/5</li> <li>- 0.45 FTE is still posted</li> <li>- EQAO done</li> <li>- Highland Hustle (200 kids, representing 6 schools)</li> <li>- Play Day June 24</li> <li>- Grade 6 Celebration June 25</li> <li>- Report cards home June 24</li> <li>- Q: Date for meet the teacher? Meet the Teacher Night will be September 26th pm- let's do food trucks and chat over summer via email</li> <li>- Jeff Cull (Environmental Officer from the school board) is available to answer any questions from the asbestos report</li> <li>- Q: Water? Updated frequently and is still testing as approved</li> <li>- Q: How many non-teachers are in classrooms currently? A daily occurrence of at least one, sometimes three, non teaching staff. Helps the fail to fill situations within the classroom.</li> </ul>
3.	Teacher's Report/ requests	Teacher Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maker space is holding out well, may ask for donations in the fall</li> </ul>

4.	Treasurer's Report	Stacy Weber Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some large items have come out in June for end of year field trips.</li> <li>- Just under \$4000 available to move to next year budget, \$13250k in reserve</li> </ul>
5.	WRAPSC report	WRAPSC Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report</li> </ul>
6.	PIC report	PIC Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you're interested in being a member there is a process through the board website</li> </ul>
7.	Guest SERT	Brenda Fowler, Lindsay Porteous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety plan put in to place to help mitigate risk to self and others. Include triggers based on past experience. Binder of Safety Plans for incoming classroom teachers.</li> <li>- IEPs (Individual Education Plans) are in OSR and private to only classroom teachers. They are used for guiding instruction. IEPs can be accommodated or modified based on the needs of the kids.</li> <li>- Many "best practice" teaching strategies might be used in class, but an IEP is a "must do" for that particular student</li> <li>- Highland has two sensory rooms; one which is student specific for a handful of specific needs. Second one is a mix of physical items to help with energy exertion, stretch and then calm.</li> </ul>
8.	Fundraising approach for the next year	Ekaterina Borshevetskaya April Lindemann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for fundraising to be more equally distributed or done in a less "in your face" way.</li> <li>- Visibility always helps; transparency</li> <li>- Proposed a write up of money fundraised and costs of initiatives of council to send to families? (Kany)</li> <li>- Google form for receiving donations of pizza?</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bingo- possibility? Tania to inquire</li> </ul>
9.	Swing into Spring	April Lindemann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$1176.73 spent (of the \$3000 approved)</li> </ul>
10.	Equity/LGBTQ education	Cynthia Solowiejczyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible messaging about PRIDE through school day</li> <li>- Suggested a rainbow day</li> <li>- IEHR suggests messaging comes from Principal down and is not grassroots due to the sensitive nature of the conversations</li> </ul>
11.	Next year School Council – first meeting	Ekaterina Borshevetskaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date: September 11th SAVE THE DATE!</li> </ul>
12.	Agenda Items for next meeting: Parking lot for the items brought in for discussion, to be included to the next agenda	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What communications should happen over the summer?</li> <li>- Kany to make a summarizing communication about what we "did"</li> </ul>

**Future meeting dates- mark your calendar!**

**6:30pm second Wednesday of the month; HAPPY SUMMER!**