

SPESPHEA 2023 Winter Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023

Hillside Public School, 4pm

1. Welcome and attendance - Delia

2. Introductions and roles:

SPESPHEA Executive:

Chair: Delia Chan – Hillcrest

Chair: Andrea Breuer – Homelands (on leave)

Treasurer: Tariq Ayubi – Thomas Street

Secretary: Jennifer Kitching - Edenwood

Bus Coordinator: Jaipal Jatana - Thomas Street

Athletics Convenor/Awards: Adam Stanley - Hillside

Website/Social Media Administrator: Scott Skinner - Elm Drive (THANK YOU AND WELCOME!)

3. **SPESPHEA REVISED Mission Statement:** - Delia * to make more relevant based on our board climate*

- a. supports students' growth by providing equitable, accessible, Anti-Oppressive , and Anti-Racist opportunities for athletic and personal development
- b. encourages Teamwork/Fairplay, self-esteem, and the acquisition of life-long skills while participating in sports and activities in a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment

- What does this mean? We **must provide and communicate opportunities for anyone** to participate in sport. Specifically offering opportunities for marginalized and/or underprivileged students. I.e: BIPOC, non-binary students where they feel seen and safe to develop athletically and socio-emotionally. ***regardless of behaviours or past experiences* Discipline needs to be progressive- not the day before the tournament***

4. HPE/Athletics Representative.- Delia

a. Winter/Weather Cancellations

We **need to be proactive** in regards to tournaments and keep an eye on weather for our tournament/game days. Decisions need to be made **BEFORE NOON on the day BEFORE** the event to make sure buses can be canceled as well as to cancel any supply coverage using code 482. If the **absences are already accepted** in the system the **only ones who can cancel them will be your Office Staff or Admin**. So for them to do that we need to let them know by noon the day prior to have that done. Buses must also be canceled, if the system is shut down we don't have to worry about bussing as it will be canceled automatically but we must still cancel the supply coverage.

5. **Website:spesphea.** - Jen/Scott *****HOLY CALENDAR NEEDS TO BE UPDATED******

- a. please refer questions to our website and [2022-23 Policies](#) or put on your email signature as there is a TON of important information here ****** REMIND COACHES & STAFF TO CHECK WEBSITE BEFORE SENDING EMAIL QUESTIONS*****

6. **Budget** - Tariq Joe will continue to support our days until his last day & then he will let us know who to send dates to the Retirement party in June.

7. Bussing, transportation - Jaipal

- a. Transportation forms - How to book a bus (Convenor's responsibility and Coach's responsibility) ON website. Look at tournament times on website 9:15 am, 1:15 or 4:15pm
- b. Adherence to timelines.
- c. *double check dates & confirm with Dates*
- d. Revisiting SANCTIONED EVENTS because transportation costs have increased significantly- changes likely to come next year.

8. Awards - Adam

- a. Medals and pennants this year; medals to 1st and ribbons to 2nd, 3rd
- b. Pennants are coming - felt shortage... felt should be available end of January we hope.

Other info?

- Hockey tournaments were discussed. Equity surrounding student access to equipment. Schools can make site based decisions. Some invitational NON-SANCTIONED events are available.
- Transportation options taxi's vs bus options discussed and sometimes it is site based, geographically close schools can be cheaper to take taxis. Other times Buses 2 or 3 schools/school can be cheaper. Really depends on events and schools participating.
- Joe Grdisa is retiring after March break & some vacation time. Stay tuned for celebration details.
- Job posting for his position and interviews for those interested are likely coming soon.

9. Athletics - Adam

- Remember that dates must be approved by Joe; see [Peel Days of Significance](#) and do not book dates with a red dot.
- Approximate timelines:
 - a. Sr. Basketball - late Feb, March
 - b. Jr. Basketball (non-sanctioned) - late March, early April
 - c. Ball hockey - April
 - d. Badminton (non-sanctioned) - April
 - e. Indoor Cricket (non-sanctioned) ?

*Sit in divisions, sort out hosts, dates, etc.

WINTER ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION DOC

10. Next Meeting: April (date to be determined)

a. Host: Tomken