



## **HSS School Council Meeting Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 STEM classroom 7-8 pm**

1 min **Call to order and welcome** – Margie Steingart School Council Chair

1 min **Acceptance of minutes as circulated from March 19, 2024 meeting**

1 min **Additions to the agenda/acceptance of the agenda**

10 min **HSS school council reports:**

- **Financial report** – Pam Barker School Council Co-chair
  - \$3005+ in the “school portion” account
  - School council vinyl banner needs to be updated with the new school logo
  - Going to keep a QR link to the website instead of adding the email address as the email address may change in the near future
  - Cost of new banner will range from \$80 - 125 + GST
  - Voted to use funds and proceed
- **Report on Connie Jakab April 23rd**
  - The teachers liked the initial message of the presentation; students can often be a hard sell on these types of assemblies, but many of them ended up leaving with a positive impression of it; the parents who engaged were happy with it
  - Some dissatisfaction from the school community about Connie’s use of negative wording in her podcast while speaking about the HSS situation; Margie and Dean to address with Connie
- **Report from ASCA conference presentation and learning April 26/27**
  - Group who travelled to the conference put together a presentation around what has been accomplished with HSS and school council over the last two years; received a lot of very good feedback about the presentation and the overall feelings are that “We are on the right track!”
  - Lots of work shops were attended and a lot of great learning happened
  - The Alberta Minister of Education attended and was impressed with what our school and council are doing; he fielded and answered questions from the crowd and had some very insightful answers for people
- **Report on school council planning for 2024/25 school year**
  - June 12th AGM
  - Open positions (including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) will be explained; advertising and messaging is being prepared around these vacant positions
  - Will discuss what funds can be used for during this meeting
- **Current playground decommissioned summer 2025**
  - Plan Parent committee will need to be created to start planning/fundraising process
  - Fundraising society allows us to move forward with the ability to present plans for funding, grants, etc.
  - We do need new messaging around the “playground” as a playground doesn’t sound as important for middle/high school; ideas may include: outdoor education space, outdoor activity space, outdoor health/fitness/wellness space...

10 min **Parent engagement opportunities:**

- **Please get current police checks to the office to be able to volunteer for any activity**
- **HSSMA (music association)** – Andrea Morton [hssma.pts@gmail.com](mailto:hssma.pts@gmail.com)
  - Grade 5 band will remain mandatory

- Grade 6, students will have a choice between band or music
- Not enough instruments available to continue having Grade 6 band be mandatory; the students who don't want to be in band generally know by now and can be disruptive to the program is forced to be involved
- **Kodiak Booster Club (support school athletics)** – Lindsey Good
  - May 9 AGM (time/place TBA)
  - Booster Club is always looking for more parent and community engagement
  - Lots of exciting things in the works and up for discussion
- **HSSEF (enhancement fund/fundraising)** – Jen Massop [hssef@gmail.com](mailto:hssef@gmail.com)
  - Jen attended a fundraising workshop at the ASCA and learned lots
  - Confirmed that we DO have a fundraising society
  - Next meeting is May 6 @ 7 PM in the library
  - The casino in March was successful, we will get confirmation on funds raised in June
- **HSS lunch and breakfast programs** – Yvonne Tempany [ytempany@cesd73.ca](mailto:ytempany@cesd73.ca)
- **Teacher lunch May 16 and June 20th** - parent supervision needed. Sign up link sent by office.

5 min **School reports:**

- **Student leadership video reports**

5 min **Trustee's Report:** Melissa Copley

- CESD board of trustees priorities and recommendations; meeting summary from April 9th
  - No update from Melissa

15 min **Principal's Report:** Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek

- Key updates in policy, programming, communication
- Asking parent input on some of these items
  - Grade 7/8 split class for next year, new teacher splitting between the grades. Details being rolled out to affected parent groups
  - There will be a few new teachers and a couple teachers moving on next year
  - End of year field trips upcoming, very busy and exciting time of year
  - Grade 9 PAT's just around the corner
  - Grade 9/10 orientation night this week
  - Artisan Ensemble on May 16; includes Drama Club, Band, Foods, Art and Shop - Tickets on sale for \$10
  - Dress code discussions happening at the staff level currently; students will be engaged in small groups over a 2 week period upcoming; final suggestions by staff to be confirmed at May 14 staff meeting - will bring final decisions to June 12 AGM
  - May 14 evening Academy information meeting

10 min **Roundtable discussion** – where parents have opportunity to highlight their perspectives

- What areas require growth/consideration and how would you suggest we proceed?
- What does meaningful engagement at HSS look like for your family?
  - Single question regarding what we learned from hockey academy to shape the programming of new academies. Dean responded and further details will be available at May 14th meeting.

2 min **Summary of roundtable topics presented to entire room**

**Next meeting Wednesday June 12th, 2024**

60 min **Adjournment (meeting over at 8 pm)**

Adjourned 8:08 pm