



HSS School Council Meeting Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 STEM classroom 7-8 pm

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

Call to order 7:01

1 min **Acceptance of minutes as circulated from June 12th, 2024 meeting**

Adopt minutes by Pam Barker

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

No additions

15 min **HSS school council reports:**

- **Present current 2024/25 School Council Plan and Purpose**

Reviewed the purpose of school council as a place to dialog and share perspectives to enhance school culture. Review of goals with implemented strategies

- **Financial report** – Margie

Opening balance \$2559.59

Motion: Use \$1250 to contribute to Jo Phillips *Starting a social media conversation* Oct 22&23. Program specifics to be defined but will include middle school classrooms and a parent night. jooutloud.com

Motion unanimously passed as presented.

- **Current playground removed summer 2025**

- HSSEF requires parent support to start planning/fundraising process

Removal process slated for summer of 2025. Dean stated there may be some room for discussion if our fundraising and planning efforts are shown. School growth and location of new infrastructure will also play a part in the conversation.

- **AGM : open board positions chair, vice chair, secretary and grade representatives**

Chair and Vice chair remain open. Margie Steingart Past chair, Mel Lorek communications Tara Lee Penner secretary; Franca Young grade 5/6, Tracy Friesen grade 7/8, Candace Carter grade 9/10, Darren Owen/Pam Barker grade 11/12

10 min **Parent engagement opportunities to enhance school community:**

- **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

AGM Sept 17 and board positions filled. Parent support for concerts, field trips and fundraising will be required throughout the year.

- **Kodiak Booster Club (support school athletics)** – Lindsey Good gav2007@gmail.com

AGM will be later this fall. Sept 21 ACAC college basketball exhibition game hosted at HSS. HSS alumni playing in both womens and mens games. Exciting event to connect school community through highlighting sport and academics.

- **HSSEF (enhancement fund/fundraising)** – Jen Massop hssefs@gmail.com

Next meeting Sept 23rd and AGM Oct 18th. 2 branches to fundraising - casino and general fundraising. With special outdoor infrastructure project, there will be 2 areas of focus for general fundraising 1) outdoor infrastructure 2) general school needs/requests. Positions required: outdoor infrastructure fundraising lead, fundraising lead, secretary, short term volunteers to lead individual fundraising initiatives (ie bacon, Purdys chocolate)

- **HSS lunch and breakfast programs** – Shalan Holinaty

New menu changes to Snack Shack and parent volunteers always needed to help with prep/sales. Breakfast program runs with parent volunteers for prep/serving.

- **Teacher lunch supervision** - parent supervision needed and Sign up link sent by office.

Once a month staff set a lunch aside to meet together. With such a large school, we have about 90 staff who do not get to see each other often. A way to develop community within staff. 10-12 parents needed to supervise over lunch. POLICE CHECKS SHOULD BE AT THE OFFICE!

5 min **School reports:**

Student leadership- student leadership role at HSS

High school Leadership provided a video of what they are doing and explained the intention of creating stronger community through their efforts.

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

- CESD board of trustees priorities for 2024
- Successes to highlight

Melissa was unable to attend and did not review.

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

- Key updates in policy, programming, communication, staffing
- Plans for 2024/25 school year

-Update on staff at the school.

-Current enrollment 826 students.

-Minimal issues with cell phone policy.

-Highlighted *Anxious Generation* book that adds great insight to the phone, online and social media story. Office has copies to lend out.

-Academies - dance/cheer grade 7-12, hockey grade 5-9, robotics 10-12 going for the year; talking about possibility of a basketball and equine for next year.

-Communication - core subjects/grades getting into email and or monthly updates from teachers.

Options are more of a newsletter or single format. Watch for them and know how to respond to teacher if needed.

-digital sign delayed and install planned for late October.

-football field is improved and growing. New dirt, sod and irrigation.

-grade 10 internships planned for April and we will require community/parent support in finding placements. Stay tuned.

-Admin asked teachers to consider a question to shape the year - How can you/we be new, innovative and geared to greatness? The idea is we don't just want to be good, we want to choose wisely and be great. Food for thought for all of us.

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

- What areas require growth/consideration and how would you suggest we proceed?

No new comments brought forward.

Next meeting Wednesday October 23rd, 2024 - likely to be changed due to Jo Phillips presentation. Stay tuned!

60 min **Adjournment (meeting over no later than 8:15pm)**

Meeting adjourned 8:15