

Hartman Public School Parent Council Meeting Agenda - Minutes

Date: Monday, November 4, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Hartman Public School Library

1. Principal's Report – Saira Salman

School Updates:

- EQAO results were above both province and board averages. A deeper analysis of the results will be shared with the Council.

Fundraising Plan:

- Principal will establish fundraising goals and a spending plan (refer to Fundraising Plan).
- Council will subsidize \$500 per grade for buses.
- A long-term goal is to establish a school band/club, with Council's help in raising funds for instruments and competitions.
- Technology Needs: Cost-sharing arrangement with a \$4,000 budget match from the school for Chromebooks, which will soon be out of warranty, and projectors (\$2,000 each)

Student Council Initiatives:

- Grade 8 trip proposed, pending approval. Fundraising will aim to assist students unable to afford the trip.
- Grade 8 Grad Committee raised \$2,200 through Fall Ball. Council has been asked allocate \$2,500 for the graduation ceremony and dinner.

Modernizing Learning Commons:

- Council's target to raise \$5,000 by end of 2025 to help make the learning commons a space for student clubs and community engagement.

Engagement and Wellbeing:

- Council to support co-curricular activities (e.g., LEGO, sports equipment) with a \$1,500 goal.

2. Treasurer's Report - Shahid

- Review of remaining funds from 2023 with Miriam.

3. Guest Speaker (Vali Shah) – Saira Salman

- Vali Shah, author of "I Am," is a well-regarded local speaker who engages effectively with students. Scheduling will be arranged based on his availability.

4. Student Council Selection – Saira Salman

- Selection Process: 60 applicants answered four questions, narrowed down by school staff to form the General Committee, with representatives from Grades 6, 7, and 8. Class reps were also added, receiving positive feedback.

5. Dog Policy on School Property - Miriam

- Reminder: No pets allowed on school property during school hours, with service animals excepted. Friendly reminder to be included in the school newsletter.

6. Hartman Lunch Program – Miriam (Anna Provided Details)

- Current Vendors: Positive feedback on Papa Johns, Hero Burger, Mucho Burrito, and East Side Marios, though concerns over affordability and volume of work.
- Parent Feedback: Some parents prefer 5-day offerings, while others suggest fewer days for cost savings.
- Research Ongoing: Plans will continue until December; pizza remains the top fundraiser.

7. Hartman Universal Snack Program - Miriam

- Support and Donations: Weekly support from Farm Boy, monthly contributions from RCSS, and support from the Optimist Club and the Student Nutrition Program Central East Ontario – Peterborough Child and Family Services. Baskets of snacks are provided in each classroom, and demand remains high.
- RCSS - very supportive – Backpacks were donated this year filled with school supplies. Support \$5000-\$8000/year. Curtis (manager) We give them pictures of what students have made and certificates thanking them. Hartman and RCSS have been in paper twice showcasing their support.

8. Fundraising and Event Brainstorm - Miriam

- Fall Ball Recap: Successful event led by Grade 8s, raising funds through glow bags and School Cash Online.
- Future Events: Possible Garage Sale (weekend) and Holiday Shop (staff involvement required). Exploring educational themes and charity support.

9. Discussion Items - Miriam

- Family Fun Night: Proposal for another event, with focus on accessibility. Dates need to be confirmed, and proposal sent to Admin for approval.
- Communication Enhancements: Newsletter translations into multiple languages to improve awareness and engagement.

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment and Action Items

- Miriam to email Council for additional ideas and input – “Council Community News”
- Community information document to be created and distributed to all students, discussing our fundraising, and intro to our Parent Council and what we do.
- Fundraising calendar (3 events max to not overwhelm the Community).

Next meeting – Monday, December 9th 6:30 PM – Hartman Library