

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 10, 2017

**Present:** Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Donna Flasz, Dmitri Demetrokopoulos, Cheri Lappage, Kim Copp

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was accepted.

**3. Review and Approval of May Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Pro-grant money needs to be spent before end of year. Dr. Tranter to do presentation for us regarding the teenage brain and dealing with anxiety.
- Hoping for May 24 or 31 at 7 pm in the Lecture Theatre

**5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report**

- Grade 12 Graduation will be June 8 at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium – students to arrive by 6:15. Starts at 7pm.
- Two official retirements this year – Ms. Hardisty and Mr. Philp
- Valedictorian address will be done by Beth O’Neill
- 202 Grade 9’s now registered
- Tennis started today. Jen Smith is staff coach. JR SSSAA is June 5. SR SSSAA is June 7. May 18 OFSAA Qualifier. Ontario Competition will be in Toronto May 29-31
- Track & Field – Running city wide meet June 1-3 OFSAA
- Outdoor Soccer – Regular season. Competing against other city schools
- Cycling – Mr. Kamerman is staff coach. 15 members
- Tech Department – Ontario Skills Competition was May 2nd in Toronto. Josh Picard won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Precision Machining. Keander Smith and Austin Janzen also attended for Team Carpentry

- Cheerleading – Hammarskjold Competitive Team SSSAA won 1<sup>st</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup>
- National competition was April 6-9 in Niagra Falls. Very successful trip!
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Valhalla Gala was April 21 with Jane Saunders. Was overcapacity crowd. 100+ kids performed!
- SR music trip May 5-9. 35 Senior Band and String students performed at elementary schools in Duluth & Minneapolis and attended the musical “Grease”
- Final performance and exam will be June 6 @ 7:30 for culminating activity
- Jazz band will be performing at Convocation on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Five grads will be performing for the last time.
- Sharon Deleon and the SR drama class will be performing “A Mid Summer Jersey” on Saturday June 11 & Sunday June 12 @ 7pm in Cafeteria. It is based on Shakespeare and TV show Jersey Shores. Tickets can be purchased at the office for \$20. Coffee & dessert will be available at intermission.
- Math Updates – In February 70 students in Grades 9, 10 & 11 participated in the University of Waterloo contest
- March was preparation and practice contest for those interested in Hammarskjold Math Club
- April was the Waterloo Contest. Hammarskjold hosted all secondary schools from both boards Grades 9-12 for Individual and Relay Team Events.
- May 18 – Hammarskjold Powwow 11-3
- LU Northwestern Ontario Mathematics Contest. Four junior teams and three senior teams. Placed in top ten in both divisions. One of the senior teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! Next year Math Club will have monthly meetings and contest in November.
- May 17-22(?) New York City Drama trip with Ms. Deleon and Ms. Hughes and 17 students
- Ministry of Education (Thunder Bay office) coming on May 23. ELearning is available some courses. Looking for feedback regarding Civics and Careers
- Donna & Derek will both be back at Hammarskjold next year (Yay!!)
- Getting new mats for gym before the end of June. Board Maintenance Crew to put them up for us.
- Gym floors to be stripped and waxed starting June 16<sup>th</sup>
- May 11 – Spring Fling Dance
- School Photo to be taken Spring/Summer
- We will continue to build social media
- OSSTF Awards was April 29
- Council will award five \$100 scholarships to graduating students
- Cheri to check with Michelle Tavares regarding budget info
- Hammarskjold SC has invited PIC Committee to come to Hammarskjold in the fall. We would be pleased to host their meeting, complete with a tour of our facility. We have spoken to the executive assistant of the Office of the Director of Lakehead Public Schools.
- Discussion regarding appropriate sportsmanship took place. Recommendation was made for code of conduct regarding social media to be discussed at first meeting in fall.

**6. Student Council Report**

- N/A

**7. New Business**

- N/A

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN THE FALL! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**