

Home and School – Meeting

December 1, 2020



1. Welcome and Introductions

Presence: Danielle Leggett (chairing), Jason Ferris, Corinna Rake, Maya Orland, Kavi Hussain, Talib Hussain, Eliana Hussain, Sue Methe, Dina Abreu, Tricia Lax, Krista Pershall, Kathryn MacLennan, Maya Orland, Rosemary Hill, Rosey Rebolledo

Regrets: Lisa Del Greco

2. Adoption of Agenda Motioned by Corrina seconded by Tricia

3. Review and approval of November 3, 2020 meeting Minutes – a few typos were corrected, and the right version went out Motioned by Krista seconded by Tricia

4. Committee Reports

a) President - Danielle Leggett

Extension of thanks to BHS staff for helping and supporting H&S and thanks to Corrina for a great presentation at the QFHSA and thanks to Maya (grade 11 student) who will join H&S as a leadership and in BHS student representative and Kavi (grade 7 student) who will join H&S as both an on-line and student life rep.

b) Administration and Teacher - Jason Ferris and Rosemary Hill submitted Respectfully by: Rachel Wilson, Heather-Anne Denton

1. Remembrance Day

- a. Vimy memorial display visited by the students
- b. Cycle 1 postcards to Vets a hit and the Vets were grateful
- c. Poppy campaign was the most successful

2. Grad scavenger hunt – vary many happy faces - <https://youtu.be/brG9pbEwn0o>

3. Parent / Teacher interview feedback – format – teachers liked it and it went very well - leaning towards doing this all the time in the future, saw a lot more couples involved during the evening. Parents coming in from across the world.

4. Grade 7 online student program

- a. Online art class (Dec. 7) with S. Kaffash (Cycle 1 Art teacher)
- b. In person to decorate courtyard and get “class of 2025” t-shirts Dec. 10 @4:00

5. Dec. 11 - PED day (moved from Jan. 29) – allowing the teachers to transition to full time online learning for the regulated time

6. **Last opportunity to evaluate kids for term one will be Dec 16th.** There will be an increasing amount of testing and work for evaluation.

7. **Online learning schedule**

- a. December 17-18 (both day 5, day 6)
- b. January 4 - 8 (day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- c. January 11 - resumption of in-school learning (back into regular rotation)

c) **Governing Board** - Rosey Rebolledo / Sue Methe

There were two student representatives in attendance at the GB meeting, they shared their gratitude and how well the teachers are doing such an amazing job under the new circumstances.

d) **Treasurer** - Dina Abreu

The annual fee of \$156 to host the web site domain was paid from the \$200 allocation in September.

The current balance of **unallocated funds are \$2,306.78**

e) **Membership** - Krista Pershall

We currently have 19 full and 4 associate members. We'll make another call for action once fundraising takes into effect and to post it on the different Facebook accounts. A suggestion by our student representative Maya Orland was to encourage teachers to send out a blurb through notifications.

f) **Fundraising** - Danielle Leggett shared on behalf of Brad Wilson

- **Face mask** fundraiser - received quotes for customized masks with a 2 week turn around. There are 3 sizes and they would sell for about \$12 (pricing to be revisited) and at a cost price of \$6.50 and use the PayPal account to obtain payment (promote on Facebook page, H&S page, etc). There was discussion around how to execute in a timely and financially beneficial manner. But in the end, the timing is too tight but will be pursued for later.
- Motioned by Talib that **a proposal for the face mask with the BHS logo be presented to GB as a H&S fundraiser** seconded by Corrina non abstained, all in favor.
- **True Earth environmental house cleaning products** - the link to purchase would be on the H&S web page and we would receive **20% of proceeds from sales**. The products have been well reviewed, no pressure to sell and zero administration over the fundraiser, can self run.
- Motioned by Corrina that a upon GB approval that the **link to sell the products be added to our H&S web page and this to be an ongoing fundraiser** for H&S seconded by Krista non abstained, all in favor.

- **Use of funds - a reason, purpose.** A request was submitted **requesting \$1,000 from H&S** to support the modernization of the school's front entry. The total project will cost approximately \$5,000.

Motioned by Dina that H&S contribute \$1,000 toward the revamping of the front entrance foyer area projected by the school seconded by Corrina non abstained, all in favor.

g) **Communications** - Corinna Rake

Preliminary discussions around what the web site should look like and what it needs to do for H&S community have taken place. It will mostly be a source of info and means for BHS families to contact the executives etc... Looking for ideas to have on the web site, suggestions were calendar of events, past and present minutes, students involved by adding submissions of artwork to be displayed in the background or other ideas etc... We would include a section for on-line parents, maybe ask Ms Wilson to help with some input.

Action is to form a core group to develop the web site and get it up and running. This will include working more closely with student life because they are our link between staff and us given parents are currently not allowed in the school.

h) **On-Line BHS Students** - Talib and Eliana Hussain

This group is **looking at ways to encourage the online students to interact with each other more; so they can try to connect with each other on their own.** The team looked at the things going on in person at the school and how to hook the online student to these events. Example the days before x-mas draw, food drive, etc.. The team met and brainstormed a variety of options. The favorites were picked:

New ideas to foster new connections

- hook up online students to the **Bison News** - maybe the Bison staff send the link to everyone
- **after school clubs** - create self run groups that can be pushed out. The school will look into seeing if a teacher rep can be present if it is under the umbrella of the school. If not, organic groups can form - kids reach out to their past peers and self-organize to get their clubs up and going without the use of the BHS hub!
- Via Bison News, set up a **theme per week to get the students out submit their contribution and display the results etc...** helping both in house and online students involved and can be a regular repeating activity
- **Pen Pal** set up through the teachers that each lower grade is paired up with a student in the next level so that they may chat. Tricia to look into how this can be set up – the structure of it to submit it to the school
- How can we communicate/broadcast the information of any of the above to the online students and their parents – ideas have links on the BHS website, news letter, etc

The subcommittee reached out to QFHSA to get information on what and how other schools are doing and to have means of getting ideas from them and to share with them. BHS parents seem to be the first to venture down this avenue, thank you committee for your hard work.

i) **Other Business** arising from last meeting

j) **New Business / Open Discussion**

TSAW (teacher staff appreciation week) is on the way. A sub-team will need to be identified to work out details - theme, ideas, actions, etc... especially in light of the pandemic restrictions. Not sure if TSAW is the week of Feb 8th or week of Feb 15th (will the online staff teachers also be considered in order to make them feel a part of the BHS family). Ideas for replacing the buffet lunch would be – Hungry Box -\$12 for boxed lunch and every meal ordered is given to a homeless and it is a local business in LaSalle. \$750 of H&S funds has been set aside already for TSAW. How to get contributions and donations from parents/H&S families.

k) Adjournment

Motion Eliana and Krista at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: January 5, 2021
February 2
April 7
May 4
June 1