

HOPE LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PTL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2020, 7 pm

Attendance:

Attendance over Zoom.

Approval of September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To accept the September 2020 minutes as written.

Motion approved.

Meeting Opening

Lisa prayed over all Hope families based on Numbers 6:24-26 which reads “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

PTL Housekeeping

- 1) The legal name of our new Treasurer is Shunmin So, otherwise known as Mischa Chen.
- 2) Janice Klassen serves as a PTL Signing Officer.

This fulfills our banking detail requirements.

Elementary Vice-Principal’s Report

Fall Updates:

- It has been wonderful starting our day together in the parking lot. With the cooler weather approaching, please make sure students are wearing appropriate jackets and boots. We always go outside for recess and with the extra tents, there is now more space that is covered from the elements.
- Completed our fall emergency drill practices staggered throughout the days and participated in ShakeOut BC (province-wide earthquake drill) on Oct. 15. Students have been phenomenal in lining up quickly and quietly.
- REAL day was different but an enjoyable experience for staff and students
- Terry Fox Run and KM Club were great opportunities to head outdoors and enjoy some exercise with their cohorts.
- Our first intake day saw our numbers on-site grow to 80% at the Elementary campus.
- Caribou math had its first session and will have its second next week (virtually at home)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were last week and an opportunity to check-in and hear about the progress students are making at the start of the school year.
- SO Thankful to the PTL putting on the Pumpkin Patch. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and so did the staff.

Upcoming Events:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ½ day early dismissal for sustaining teacher workload during COVID
- Report Cards
- Christmas Concert/Change in calendar

Middle School Vice-Principal's Report

- The Grade 6 class (students on site as well as students at home) welcomed Gary Bruker from Courage for Youth out of Kelowna to facilitate the SCREAM program this week
 - This 12.5-hour program “empowers students to think critically, feel deeply and act wisely to build trustworthy character”
 - Thank you to the PTL for once again providing the funds to make this program happen!
- After school clubs up and running:
 - Coding (online) - Mondays
 - Co-ed volleyball - Tuesdays
 - Climbing club - Mondays and Thursdays
 - Badminton with Coach Ken - Wednesdays, Fridays
 - Minecraft club (online) will be starting soon with Ms. Chu
- A positive Ministry of Education Monitoring visit took place at the middle school on October 21st
- It has been tremendously encouraging to see our middle school students giving so generously to our chapel offering on Wednesdays
- Hot lunch has started - orders increasing by the week!
- Staff and students had a REAL afternoon
- Students participated in the first Caribou Math Contest of the year
- Thankful to have 84% of our middle school students on-site (a number even returned before the October intake day!)

Upcoming Events:

- November 11th and 12th - Caribou Math Contest - contestants will have to take the test at home since there is no school on either day
- Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 10th

Elementary Calendar:

- Wednesday, November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day
- Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 - Teacher Pro-D Conference
- Friday, November 27 - NO SCHOOL - Admin Day (Report Writing)
- Saturday, November 28 - 25th Anniversary Online Concert
- Monday, December 7 - ½ Day of school - Early dismissal at 12:00pm
- Wednesday, December 9 - Report Cards go Home

Middle Calendar:

- Tuesday, November 10 - Math Final Assessment: Fractions
- Wednesday, November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day

- Thurs-Fri. November 12-13 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Conference and Professional Development
- Monday, November 16 - Math Pre-Assessment, Decimals and Percents
- Thursday, November 26 - End of Term 1
- Fri. Nov. 27: NO SCHOOL - Administrative Day for Teachers
- Saturday, November 28 - 25th Anniversary Online Concert
- Monday, December 7 - ½ Day of school - Early dismissal at 11:45 am
- Wednesday, December 9 - Term 1 Report Cards go home

Parent Prayer

- Meets every Monday morning at our PoCo Campus following the morning drop off.
- The schedule recently moved back to mornings in hopes that we can connect with more parents.
- We meet outside under the tent and spend a short time in prayer for our school, staff and families.
- Anyone is welcome to join.

Fundraising

Our **recycling fundraiser** has been active for about a month now. A labelled bag was sent home to each family and additional labels are available at both campus offices. Thank you to those families who have been contributing in this way - we've raised approximately \$165 so far.

Gift card purchase - one order made available in time for Christmas. Forms went home to all families November 2nd and completed forms are to be returned to the office by November 20th.

Christmas Art Cards - information went home this week about ordering cards featuring your child's art. Please go to www.TheCardProject.ca to see your child's art card and to order. You will need the ART NUMBER printed on the back of your child's card. The final order deadline is November 22nd.

The school receives 20% of all sales.

Bus Fundraiser Update

Our fundraising total to date is \$33,065.64.

The bus fund is still active on our Donate page through the website at hopelcs.ca/school. Click on "Donate" in the top right corner. If you wish to donate online towards the school bus fund, every donation is issued an emailed tax receipt.

We still have about \$10,000 to raise - please consider us for your year-end giving.

25th Anniversary Online Concert

A 25th Anniversary celebratory online concert will be held on Saturday, November 28th at 7pm.

Several performers connected with Hope Lutheran will be performing. During the performance, there will be an opportunity to donate towards our partner school in Galim, Cameroon in Africa to provide them with much-needed equipment. As well, some great prizes will be drawn for and our latest media development will be revealed.

This is an event you won't want to miss! A limited number of in-person tickets will be sold. Online connection details will be communicated closer to the date.

Opportunity for Service

This year, opportunities for us to serve others are limited but, as a member of Hope's community, you can still make a difference in the life of deserving families in the Tri-Cities.

Our annual Christmas food drive is starting soon. We encourage families to support this initiative that will benefit others who are struggling this season.

If you have a recommendation for a family to receive a hamper, please send Mr. Lok a short description of why you are recommending them and their contact details. (jllok@hopelcs.ca)

- Parents should receive an email from their class liaison shortly, if you haven't received it already, with a link to a Sign Up Genius sheet listing the items necessary to be fulfilled. In an effort to avoid duplication of items, the items are specific to each class. For example: Kindergarten to bring listed breakfast items, Grade 1 to bring listed personal items, and so on. (This way, we don't end up with multiples of the same item)
- Donations of cash & gift cards can be taken to the school office for safekeeping.
- Contributions are voluntary.
- For health and safety reasons please ensure all donated items are new and unwrapped. (If food item, please ensure it is not past expiry date).
- Starting on **Monday, November 16**, Christmas wrapped collection boxes will be placed in each classroom for Kindergarten through Grade 5. If you are at the Pitt Meadows Campus, please place your items in the boxes in the campus office.
- Donations will be collected for 2 weeks - Monday, November 16 until Monday, November 30.

Thank you for your help & support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Hooper at rghooper@hotmail.com.

Financial Statements - Mischa Chen

September 1-October 31, 2020

 Hope Lutheran Parent Teacher League Financial Statement September 01 to October 31, 2020	
Balance Forward September 01, 2020	\$9,789.06
Income:	
PTL Membership Fees (\$55 x 170 families)	\$9,350.00
Lunch Lady Refund (1/1-3/15/2020)	\$224.00
Fundscrip Trust Rebate	\$1,020.76
Pumpkin Patch Fundraising	\$758.10
Refund from Hearts for Hope Volunteer	\$5.00
Expenses:	
Bank Charge for Return Chq	\$5.00
In-School Pumpkin Patch	\$415.00
Balance on October 31, 2020	\$20,726.92

Funds held:	
Winter Activity 6-7-8	\$2,500.00
SCREAM	\$850.00
Christmas Hampers	\$300.00
LEST (end of Jan)	\$1,500.00
PTL Events	\$1,500.00
Gym Sense K-5	\$3,220.00
Swimming Lessons, 2 & 5	\$1,400.00
New School set-up fees (21/22)	\$5,900.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$3,556.92

New Business

No new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting date: January 7, 2021 at 7pm over Zoom. Connection details will be sent prior to the meeting.