

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PTL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2022, 7 pm**

Attendance:

59 participants over Zoom.

Meeting Opening

Lisa welcomed all families and staff to the first meeting of the new year. We look forward to all that the new year may bring us. The opening devotional was Psalm 103:2-5; 8-13. Lisa reflected on how God creates a clean canvas for us and doesn't hold our sins against us, but rather extends grace to us through His forgiveness. A prayer for guidance as we seek forgiveness was shared for all staff, students and families.

Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To accept the November 2021 minutes as written.

Moved by: Tina Goetz Seconded by: Jimmy Yan Motion approved.

Elementary Vice-Principal's Report

Winter Updates:

- We hope that you were able to enjoy the online Christmas concert through Facebook over the break
- We welcomed two babies - Mrs. Oh's (Dec 23 - Luka) and Mr. and Mrs. MacLean's (Jan 4 - Amelia), Mrs. Candace Tsang and Mrs. Michelle O'Dell are now teaching in the 4B class and Mrs. Jenny Leung is covering Mrs. MacLean's maternity leave in the resource department
- We are excited to have the students back in session, even if our return was delayed and tempered now with increased COVID protocols
- We were blessed to have our parents joining us on our chapel mornings before Christmas, but unfortunately, it is now on hold for the time being
- We appreciate the support and diligence our parents are taking in response to our protocols and conducting their daily health checks at home.

Upcoming Events:

- Ministry of Education Monitoring Visit (Jan 14th) – review of policies and curriculum with Mr. Lok
- Virtual Open House (6:30pm - Jan 20th) – please share with any friends that you know who might be interested to learn more about our school

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- GymSense - End of January and beginning of February
- Re-Enrolment (goes out Jan 28th; due by Feb 11th)

Middle School Vice-Principal Report:

Updates:

- Although we have intensified our Covid-19 measures at Hope, the provincial guidelines for K-12 settings permit sports practices within schools to continue when and where coaches, staff, and students feel comfortable; we are thankful that at this time the following will continue to be offered at the middle school: climbing club, girls' and boys' basketball
- Lunch Hour Prayer Group, Yearbook Club, Newsletter Club, Homework Club, and The Well (no cooking/baking by students) will also continue
- We do plan to have the Grade 5's visit the Middle School for an experience day

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 6/7 boys' and girls' basketball tournaments are scheduled for dates in February; we will update parents and students when we know if these tournaments will go ahead as planned or rescheduled for a later date
- Grade 5 and 8 Purdy's chocolate bar fundraiser sale will be held after school on the days leading up to Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day
- Middle School Information Night meeting for Grade 4 and 5 parents will also be happening tentatively on Jan 27th – information will be in the Monday note

Whole School Calendar Events

Calendar:

- Thursday, January 20 - Virtual Open House at 6:30pm
- Friday, January 21 - NO SCHOOL - Pro-D Day
- Friday, January 28 - Re-Enrolment goes out
- Friday, February 11 - Re-Enrolment deadline
- Monday, February 21 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day
- Thursday, February 24 - NO SCHOOL - Student-Led Conferences
- Friday, February 25 - NO SCHOOL - Admin Day

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Financial Statements - Mischa Chen

Hope Lutheran Parent Teacher League

Financial Statement

Nov 01 to Dec 31, 2021

Balance Forward Nov 01, 2021 **\$18,870.40**

Income:

PTL Membership Fees (9 families)	\$495.00
Card Project Fundraising	\$1,035.80
Hot Chocolate Fundraising	\$303.00
SoFund Donation	\$200.00
Recycle Depot	\$300.00
Gr.5&Gr.8 Graduation Fundraising	\$1,685.00

Expenses:

Gr.5 & Gr. 8 Hoodies Order	\$1,521.45
Remembrance Day (Middle)	\$30.00
Library	\$500.00
Resource Dept	\$600.00
SCREAM	\$850.00
Teacher Wishlist	\$54.85
PTL Coffee Fellowship	\$27.57
Staff Room Supplies	\$112.42
Recycling Fundraising Supplies	\$17.91
Hot Chocolate Fundraising Supplies	\$119.51
Discipleship	\$33.53
Bank Charge	\$6.00

Balance on Dec 31, 2021 **\$19,015.96**

Funds held:

Gr.5 Celebration*	\$441.89
Gr.8 Celebration	\$28.50
Winter Activity 6-7-8	\$2,500.00
Reading Link	\$300.00
PTL Events	\$1,000.00
Gym Sense K-5	\$3,220.00
Gr.8 Mission Trip	\$1,500.00
New School Year set-up fees (22/23)	\$5,500.00
Staff Room provision	\$69.67
Discipleship	\$99.23

AVAILABLE FUNDS

\$4,356.67

* Surplus from Graduation Fundraising was \$129.55, split between Gr.5 & Gr. 8 based on the number of students.
Gr.5 has additional funds from the surplus from Hot Chocolate Fundraising.

Comments and clarifications for the financial report:

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Lisa noted that the funds held for the Grade 8 Mission trip were re-allocated from the LEST funds that were not used due to the trip cancellation. This was not new money.

Clarification was provided that the Grade 5/8 fundraising income was from the hoodie sales. Hot chocolate fundraiser is solely for the Grade 5 celebration fundraising.

Parent Participation Hours

A reminder that the PPH sheets will be closing on January 31st. Please ensure all your participation hours have been recorded on your youngest child's class sheet.

Families who fully complete the 15 hour minimum requirement will not have their money cashed; families who complete partial hours will have their funds deducted based on the number of hours completed.

Elementary Lunch Supervision

1A - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – urgent need (we do have 1 parent for Mondays)

1B – Mondays only

2A – Mon, Tuesday and Thursday

If you are able to fill any of these slots, please contact Agnes White at agneswhite0106@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

- Badminton Tournament hosted at HLCS - April 29 (includes running concession)
 - Contact Mr. O'Dell for more details (codell@hopelcs.ca)
- Spring Km Club starts March 28th. Parents are needed to act as field supervision- stay tuned for a sign-up sheet.

Parent Prayer

You are invited and welcome to join other parents and our school administration to pray (even if you've never prayed before!). Please consider setting aside 30 minutes of your time at the beginning of each week to join us for Parent Prayer as we pray for our school, families, and community.

We meet outside at the Port Coquitlam Campus by the main entrance.

Every Monday from 9:00 – 9:30 am (except for holidays).

Monthly Prayer & Worship Gathering

- Launching a new prayer initiative – Hope Prayer Community
- These informal gatherings will be the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30pm.
- First gathering is January 25th
- Please consider joining us as we engage in prayer for our school presently, its future direction, the church's direction and the future relationship between the school & church.
- Parents of all languages welcome; prayer does not need to be done in English.
- Whether you are comfortable praying in public or not, you are welcome! There is no sign-up, please just come out.
- We will ensure everyone's safety during this pandemic.
- A parent requested a zoom option – Lisa will look into this with the church and will update us.

Small Group Online Bible Reading Plan

A new small group online Bible reading plan is starting on Monday – New Year, New Mercies. Anyone is welcome to join as we learn to trust in God's goodness, rely on His grace and live for His glory each and every day.

Email Lisa at lklym@hopelcs.ca with your mobile number to receive the invitation to join the group.

We would also like to have a Chinese group running simultaneously. If there is a Chinese parent willing to act as the host, please let me know. The role of the host is simply to send the invitations via text and participate in the reading plan. If you are able to host, please contact Lisa.

PTL Coffee Fellowship

We would like to continue giving you an opportunity to connect with other parents and staff members each month.

January 28th at 9am in the Elementary campus parking lot is our next *tentative* date for coffee, treats and a chance to connect with Administrative staff and Board members. It will be announced in the Monday note.

Grade 5 & 8 Fundraising

Fundraising continues for the celebration events of grades 5 and 8. A Purdy's chocolate bar

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fundraiser will take place on January 28th, in time for Lunar New Year, as well as February 11th in time for Valentine's Day.

Pre-ordering will be made available with an online order form in the Monday Note next week.

Dumpling Sale

Back by popular demand, we will have a Dumpling Sale just in time for your Lunar New Year festivities. Two flavors of pork dumplings will be offered at \$20/1 kg package (~45 pieces each). Quantities will need to be pre-ordered next week (deadline to order is Friday Jan 21st by midnight) and orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, January 28th. Payment will be taken at the time of pickup. Please check the Monday Note next week for further information.

All funds raised will go towards our Grade 8 Missions Trip – they will be visiting an indigenous community on Vancouver Island. In the event that that trip is canceled, the funds will be reallocated back to the school for student opportunities.

Ideas for Social Events

- Local trail cleanup - several teams taking different sections of trails around PoCo
 - A Coordinator is required to liaise with the City for suggested clean-up areas, map out the areas, oversee sign-up, arrange for any food/drink, etc.
 - Sharon Ho and Reagan Schroeder have volunteered to coordinate this event – thank-you!!!
- April 23 Earth Day garage sale - the PoCo City website is not listing anything yet but if there is a city-wide garage sale, registration is online. We'd need to host ours from 9-1pm, minimum.
 - Please consider if you are able to help coordinate this event and let Lisa know.
- If you think of any other social event ideas please reach out to the PTL by emailing us [hopelutheranptl@hopelcs.ca](mailto:hovelutheranptl@hopelcs.ca)

Parent Information Nights

- In the past, interest has been expressed about having information nights available for parents on pertinent topics. The following two ideas were proposed to seek interest and comfort level if we were to host these two videos in the spring:
- Kirk Cameron's "Connect: Real Help for Parenting Kids in a Social Media World" <https://www.connectmovie.com/> Movie is 70 minutes

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- o As a father of 6 kids, he created CONNECT for parents and their kids who are blazing new trails as we grow up together in a social media and technology world.
- Tony Evans' "Raising Kingdom Kids" – 6 week DVD curriculum
 - o These sessions will challenge and equip parents to fully understand their position under God, helping them fulfill their role in parenting the children God has given them
- Parents expressed interest in both topics – we will look to hosting them after spring break. More information will be shared later.
- Mr. Lok also recommended the book "The Gift of Failure – How Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children can Succeed" – This book offers advice on how parents must learn to allow their children to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur from life's inevitable problems so that they can grow up to be successful, resilient, and self-reliant adults.

Upcoming PTL Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming meeting dates:

Mar. 3

Apr. 7

June 2

Ideas for events, fundraising, improvement or other new business? Please inform the PTL at [hopelutheranptl@hopelcs.ca](mailto:hopenlutheranptl@hopelcs.ca)

Our next meeting date is **7 pm, March 3, 2022** over Zoom.