

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School PTA Minutes

October 14, 2025

In attendance:

Carmen Bartlett
Michelle Croxen
Kara Redding
Carolyn Milne
Robert Bonnar

Donna Bohemier
Cathy Noseworthy
Orr Frohlich
Andrea Marsman

Regrets:

Anna Barkhouse
Lynn Corkum
Sharon Higgins

1. Welcome/Call to order/Introductions

Michelle Croxen calls meeting to order 6:35 pm

2. Approval of October's agenda

Moved by: Michelle Croxen

Seconded by: Orr Frolich

3. Approval of September's minutes

Moved by: Rob Bonnar

Seconded by: Michelle Croxen

4. Administration Report – Andrea Marsman – Vice Principal

- Very grateful for Turkey Bingo, a great success for the school. Thank you to the PTA for organizing
- Halloween Dance sign up sheet will be posted soon
- Update on modular classroom – everything is up and operational however waiting on lockers which are on backorder
- Very happy with last fire drill, no tears and done in record time
- English and French have undergone a language assessment, individuals who were targeted due to results will be retested in the spring
- French language assistant is here once a week until the end of March to develop French oral language skills across classrooms

- Andrea Malone attached to HRM fine arts school specialists – Ithandi Munro will be working with her to create a Kwanza and Seven Sacred Teachings mural that she has presented and has been approved. We will paint over the older murals to reflect the diversity in our building and community. All grade 4 and 5 will be invited to join a dance program over Friday. Depending on interest she will do a performance in the school
- Grade 5 leadership program – waiting for permission forms to come back in. One guest speaker will come in soon, hoping before the end of the month. Rob is interested in volunteering as a guest speaker
- School success plan – staff reviewed at last PD day. The goals are ongoing, it is about improving student achievement
- School pictures and retakes have been completed, available online – link on HPCS website

5. SAC Report – Orr Frohlich

- Housecleaning about membership – on the lookout for community members to join
- Will be sending the next two weeks for the teachers requesting for spending and innovation funds. SAC will copy Michelle Croxen on the google doc form
- Kids & Technology – Unplugged Canada – has a Zoom event November 2, 2025 6:30 pm at the Hammonds Plains Community Centre - Register at unpluggedtogether.eventbrite.ca . This will be distributed via the school to parents via email

6. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Noseworthy

- Mabels Labels - \$63.51 cheque deposited
- Turkey Bingo **expenses** - \$179.50 (Costco), \$494.00 (Superstore), \$231.60 Bingo Cards
- Turkey Bingo **revenue** - \$328.50 50/50, \$481.00 Canteen, \$1955.00 Bingo Card Purchases, 3 safe drops of \$763.75, \$324.00, \$107.00
- Expense – PTA Supplies \$27.31

7. Other Business

a. Turkey Bingo Recap

- Forms went well with donation option at end. Between general donation and \$2 from pre-primaries we received \$170.00
- In the past we went all in donation only instead of food donation however it was unsuccessful, the children enjoy bringing the food donations in
- \$3050 profit (estimated)

- From the teachers running the canteen – sold out quickly with snacks. Next year could we do two canteens if we have volunteers to support
- 350 registered participants

b. Halloween Dance

- Upcoming – October 29th (Wednesday) 6:30 – 7:30 pm *note there was a typo in the newsletter – Andrea will send out a SWIFT message to clarify the time
- Mr. Dykeman may be able to DJ in the gym
- Second dance in the cafeteria with playlist, Orr will let us borrow his speaker
- Glow sticks – we will order for the dance and provide at canteen
- Sharon will pick up more popcorn supplies
- Jen available to pop popcorn in the evening if needed
- Song list suggestions on Facebook page
- Quiet room will be available
- Photo booth will be relocated to the end of the hall near primary classrooms
- Hallway monitors
- Cathy will print colouring sheets
- Will rent the party lights for the dance from Long & McQuade
- QR Code for parent volunteers
- No masks, no weapons

c. Name Tag fundraiser

- Will move to the new year to avoid overlap in fundraisers

d. School clothing fundraiser

- Tentative launch date – after the dance. Orders will be open for two weeks. We will have orders before Christmas

e. Santa Social

- Saturday November 29th 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Santa Ron is coming back again
- Photographer is booked for event
- Will be inclusive to Kwanza, Hannukah
- We have received confirmation of donations from various businesses
- Market area possibly to support local small business

f. Volunteer incentives

- Free admission to event – EXCLUSIVE sign up before on the QR code
- Volunteer has chances to win one free front row tickets

g. Did you know – PTA updates, FAQ, etc

- We could provide info to public on where funds go via social media
- Things we have provided – water fountains, cafeteria tables, iPads, etc to celebrate success

8. Adjournment

- Michelle Croxen adjourns meeting at 7:46 pm

Next meeting Tuesday November 18th 2025 at 6:30 pm