Helen Gorman Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

October 13th 2026

1. Attendance

In Attendance:
Virginia Nymeyer, Melanie Boomhower, Charlotte Weighill, Jessica Moore, Kasey Cullom, Aubray Khapik, Samantha Ulland, Jaylene Bailey, Jessica Anjos, and Britney Morrison.

Regrets:
Jacqueline Bourdreau and Kaitlin Rutten.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda.

First: Melanie Boomhower
Second: Jessica Moore

3. Adoption of the Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.

First: Melanie Boomhower
Second: Jessica Moore

4. Treasurer's Report

The following balances were reported:

- **General Account:** $37,448.81
- **Gaming Account:** $151.69 – approved for $4800
- **Float:** $148.60
- **Babysitting Fund:** $175.00

5. President's Report

Executive Positions

The open executive positions were reviewed, and a vote was held to fill the Special Events Coordinator position.

- **Special Events Coordinator:** Samantha Ulland — accepted position

First: Aubray Khapik
Second: Virginia Nymeyer

- **COPAC Representative:** Position remains vacant.

PAC Roles, Responsibilities, and Fund Allocation

PAC roles and responsibilities were reviewed. Discussion took place regarding the allocation of funds raised during the school year, including setting aside funds for the future playground project.

The playground project may be two to ten years away. The provincial government is expected to announce in March which school districts will receive funding. Helen Gorman Elementary is currently second on the SD23 priority list.

Stream of Dreams

The Stream of Dreams installation is now in place along the school fence. Students and staff enjoyed the educational opportunity associated with the project.

As previously approved by the outgoing PAC, the PAC will contribute $800 toward the project.

HGE T-Shirts for the Apple Bowl

The possibility of purchasing Helen Gorman Elementary T-shirts for the Apple Bowl was discussed. Further research is needed to determine the cost per shirt, including printing expenses.

6. Upcoming Events

Quarter Wars

- Britney Morrison will deliver collection buckets to classrooms on Monday, October 19th, with the fundraiser running through October 30th.
- Funds will be counted, and the winning class will be announced at the Friday afternoon assembly.

Pumpkin Walk — October 30th

Students and participants are invited to bring their pumpkins to school on the morning of the event. Pumpkins should include a battery-operated light.

PAC volunteers assisting with the event will be Jessica Moore, Melanie Boomhower, Jaylene Bailey, and Virginia Nymeyer.

Paradigm 3D will donate prizes for the highest-voted pumpkin in each grade.

Tarragon Terror Fundraiser- All October long

The owners of Tarragon Terror have offered a donation box on their property to collect donations towards HE PAC. Jessica to connect with family for collection and check ins.

Snow Ball Dance- November 27th

The PAC agreed that the Snow Ball Dance will be offered by donation, with a suggested contribution of $20 per family.

Virginia Nymeyer will contact Paynter's Market to inquire about a possible donation of apples for the event.

The PAC discussed the importance of sending invitations home with every student to help ensure that information reaches families and encourages student participation. Additional promotion will include classroom window posters, the Helen Gorman Facebook group, and the Cougar Paw weekly newsletter. An invitation will also be sent home with each student.

DJ and Dance Floor Lighting

The cost for DJ Lux to provide two hours of DJ services and dance floor lighting is $250.

First: Aubray Khapik
Second: Charlotte Weighill

Jessica Anjos will contact the DJ to arrange and sign the contract for the event.

7. Programs and Funding

Lunch Buddies Program

A request was presented to fund four lunches per week through proceeds from the hot lunch program. The estimated cost is $40 per week to provide lunches for four students.

First: Melanie Boomhower
Second: Virginia Nymeyer

COBSS Bursary

A $1,000 bursary was proposed for a former Helen Gorman Elementary student graduating during the current school year.

First: Charlotte Weighill
Second: Aubray Khapik

8. Principal's Report and Funding Requests

Please refer to the attached Principal's Report for additional details.

The following funding requests were presented:

Bat Education Program — Vasko & Soukeroff

A request for $100 was presented to support an educational bat program for students.

First: Charlotte Weighill
Second: Aubray Khapik

Sharing Circle Carpet

Jessica Anjos requested $850 for a carpet to be used for sharing circles in the empty classroom.

First: Melanie Boomhower
Second: Virginia Nymeyer

Teacher Expense Allowance

A request was presented to provide $200 per teacher for classroom-related expenses. With 14 teachers, the total requested amount is $2,800.

First: Jaylene Bailey
Second: Melanie Boomhower

9. Next Meeting

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **November 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:40 p.m.**

Principal's Report: Helen Gorman Elementary School PAC Meeting
Jessica Anjos | October 13, 2026

1. **Thank Yous and Upcoming Events**

- To all Helen Gorman staff, students, and families for helping make our September school start-up go so well.
- To our custodians and school district operations department for keeping our school clean and ready for start up.
- To our PAC for a successful Welcome Back BBQ.
- Mrs. Vasko and Mrs. Marsich for organizing Terry Fox Run on September 25; Red and White Day and Toonies for Terry Collection
- Cultural Performance with Zac Gauthier was a huge success
- Student Photo Day October 5
- Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 13-16
- Learning Conferences
    - Official Dates October 15 and 16 with early dismissals on both days at 12:00pm
    - Some classroom teachers offering dates throughout the week
- Parkour (November 23-27) and Alien In-Line Skating (January 25-29)
- Fresh for Kids – Fruit and Vegetables for all students. Cost is supported through our Feeding for Futures account. Mrs. Kirkey is helping to organize this event.

2. **School Start-up Information**

- 205 students across 9 divisions – we are 2 less divisions this year

3. **FSA – Grade 4s**

- All grade 4s and 7s across the province complete an assessment called the Foundational Skills Assessment that reviews how students are doing in their Literacy and Numeracy progressions.

4. **Funding Requests**

- Tracey Vasko and Alycia Soukeroff requesting $100 to support a presentation around bats.
- Jessica Anjos on behalf of the school requesting a cost share of $850 for the purchase of a carpet to support the concept of circle, one of the twelve powerful practices for designing learner agency.