



## Hillcrest Elementary School PAC

### PAC Meeting

*Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00PM*

*Execs in Attendance*

*President- Tanya Burnsta*

*Secretary- Natalie Malyk*

*Treasurer- Keeley Cavanaugh*

*Social Media Coordinator- Emily Morton*

*Grade 7 Committee Liaison- Leah Funk*

*Hot Lunch Coordinator- Karen Callaghan Cullen*

*DPAC Representative- Jenn Buholzer*

*Regrets*

*Volunteer Coordinator- Carleigh Banford*

*Fundraising Coordinator- Gena T*

*Admin in Attendance*

*Principal - Annette Keeper / Vice Principal - Mary Stregger*

*Total Voting Members in Attendance : 10*

*Online - Zoom*

*Meeting ID: 837 1803 5312 Passcode: Hillpac*

1. **Call to Order: 7:01PM**, motioned and passed
2. **Approval of the Agenda**, motioned and passed
3. **Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes**, motioned and passed
4. **Principal/Vice Principal Reports**
  - Creative U started this Monday. It is a weekly art program for students with neurodiversity. This will be held in school until Mid-June.
  - Author of Kendra Kandlestar, Lee Edward Fodi, will be visiting our school tomorrow. Students will be broken down into 4 grade groups to meet with him.
  - Andy the Musical Scientist will be performing at school on May 9th, through the Art Starts program.

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- Jump Rope for Heart starts this week, beginning with an assembly on Friday. Fundraising will be going on until May 9th. Ms. Jones is spearheading the fundraiser this year and suggesting ideas, such as throwing pies in the teachers' faces if they reach their fundraising goal of \$2,000. Actual date for Jump rope for Heart is April 25th from 1pm-1:30pm
- **25/26 staffing** : Ms. Stregger is likely leaving this year and Ms. Porter is retiring.
- The school is projected to have 1 less division next year, with 453 estimated enrollments. There are currently 470 students attending Hillcrest this year.
- Ms. Aikema will be replacing Ms. Nina Sandhu for the remainder of this school year. Ms. Sandhu is expected to return in the Fall. Ms. Mundreon will be transferring out after this school year. Admin is hoping for Ms. Aikema and Ms. Mundreon's return for the following school year through the transfer process.
- Ms. Beirsto has given notice that she will be moving back East at the end of this year, so we will be expecting a new counsellor next school year.
- The grass field had been progressively getting muddier. The school had been corresponding with facilities regarding this concern. They have filled the holes with sand and have placed orange fencing around the premises in the meantime to allow the grass to recover. Unfortunately, there is no budget to install proper drainage, so the school had been advised to remove the permanent goal post and replace it with moveable ones to encourage students to play on different parts of the field.
- The city has locked the baseball diamond and it is no longer accessible to our school in order to keep it in good repair after their recent upgrade. The school is asking for permission to use it for sports day and is currently waiting on a response.
- Spring Concert on May 21st at 1pm. *Admin is requesting \$1,100 of PAC funds for chair rental. PAC had previously budgeted \$800. **Funding request put to a vote to increase another \$300, up to a total of \$1,100 for chair rental : split decision, passed with 6 votes***
- Welcome to K will be held on April 29th in the afternoon. Due to cutbacks from the ministry, Ready, Set, Learn will be consolidated with Welcome to K this year.
- Grade 6 and 7 students will be performing at the Bell Centre on April 29th for the Dance festival this year. A primary group is also rehearsing a dance and plans to have their own celebration in the next few months. The district will not be funding the buses this year.
- Drama club had written a play and will be performing it during lunchtime for students interested on watching on May 6th

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- Crochet club is looking for yarn donations
- The staff got together for a Pro-D day this past Summer to set up a learning plan. The teachers had developed cold writing, which is an assessment that was given to all the students to get a baseline for where they were at with their writing. Students will be reassessed at the end of May to see where the improvements are and where support is needed for the following school year..
- The playground fundraising assistance program assisted the school with applying for a \$25,000 grant through RBC and is currently waiting for a response.

### 5. PAC Executive Reports

#### a. President's Report

- Salish Scholarships applications are now open. All previous Hillcrest students graduating from Salish Secondary this year are eligible to apply. If anyone knows an eligible Salish grad, please suggest they collect more information at their school's career centre and apply before May Long weekend.
- Western Day pancake breakfast is on May 16th. Plates, napkins, utensils, and pancake mix donations are needed. Volunteers are needed once a schedule is confirmed with administration

#### b. Treasurer's Report

- see attached

#### c. Fundraising Report

- Meridian Meats gift cards Fundraiser will open this weekend on Sunday, April 13th and will be open until Mothers' Day, on Sunday, May 11th. Gift cards will be emailed directly to each customer and can be used on their website immediately.
- Growing Smiles hanging basket fundraiser is waiting on a date confirmation. More information to come.

#### d. Hot Lunch Report

- The next hot lunch is on Thursday, April 24th with Cobs Bread and Booster Juice. Last day to order is April 14th. Volunteers, please arrive at 11am, sign in at the front office, and meet in the multipurpose room
- May hot lunch is Ming and Sing on Friday, May 23rd, with orders closing on May 13th

#### e. DPAC Report

- see attachment II

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- f. Grade 7 Parents**
  - 50/50 earned more than \$900. Grad Committee is potentially running another 50/50 again from May 20th-30th.
  - Another upcoming Krispy Kreme fundraiser from April 14th - May 1st through Munch-A-Lunch, with delivery on May 15th
- 6. New Business**
  - a. The role of PAC & PAC roles**
    - <https://surreydpac.ca/pac-registration/surrey-dpac-pac-roles/>
    - PAC AGM will be held in June. With quite a few exec members finishing off their 2nd and 3rd term in their roles, now is a great time for anyone interested in volunteering to nominate themselves or someone they know might be interested to fill a role for the upcoming school year.
- 7. Open Discussion**
  - n/a
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 @ 9:00AM (Hybrid)
- 9. Adjournment: 7:47PM**

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