



Hillcrest Elementary School PAC

PAC Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00PM

Execs in Attendance

President- Tanya Burnstad

Vice President- Leah Funk

Secretary- Natalie Malyk

DPAC Representative- Jenn Buholzer

Social Media Coordinator- Emily Morton

Hot Lunch Coordinator- Karen Callaghan Cullen

Regrets

Volunteer Coordinator- Carleigh Banford

Treasurer- Kelly Sanker

Admin in Attendance

Principal - Annette Keeper

Vice Principal - Rosie Johal

Total Voting Members in Attendance : 15

Online - Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86370773996?pwd=vRg8K2djbAZCcJ6spmX8nvdROiwt.1>

Meeting ID: 863-707-73996 Password: 856978

1. Call to Order: 7:01PM

2. Approval of the Agenda and the Prior Meeting Minutes, motioned and approved

3. Principal/Vice Principal Reports

- Our Music teacher, Ms. Bugden, and the grade 1s went around to each classroom to perform the Good Luck Dragon dance today. It has been a long standing tradition at Hillcrest. Admin would like to acknowledge that the pronunciation of the piece performed may not be accurate as the majority of the students singing are not native speakers to the language.

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- Pink Shirt Day coming up on February 25th with an assembly held on the same day surrounding the theme. The school is focusing on teaching about kindness, tolerance, and peaceful conflict resolution. Many pieces of related artwork has been displayed along the walls of the school
- The grade 6s and 7s have been practicing their dance routines, taught by a PAC funded dance instructor. 24 students have opted to perform their routine at the Bell Centre this April
- A Student learning survey was sent out to parents by our principal to collect feedback about the school encounters, engagement, student wellness, and learning experience. The data is used by the ministry to set goals and make improvements.
- Mrs. Keeper will be away as of March 11th for a knee replacement surgery. Ms. Johal will be taking over as acting principal. Another acting VP will be transferred to Hillcrest after spring break. Our principal is forecasting her return between mid to late April
- Spring Break will be from March 16th-20th, followed by school closure from March 23th-27th, and will reopen on Monday, March 30th
- School will not be in session on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th to celebrate the Easter holiday

4. PAC Executive Reports

a. President/Vice President Report

- Prices for DIY VDay cookies went up significantly this year so PAC has decided to send out predecorated VDay cookies this year to keep it within budget. Cookies will be delivered the morning of Friday, February 13th

b. Treasurer Report

- see attachment I

c. Fundraising Report

- Giants Game ticket sales did not hit the 50 ticket minimum sold threshold, so it had to cancel the fundraiser. However, game day tickets are still available for purchase for those who would like to attend
- Neufeld's fundraiser to open between April/May, aiming to distribute before May long weekend.

d. Hot Lunch Report

- Umami Sushi hot lunch on Friday, February 27th. The last day to order is Tuesday, February 17th. Please ensure you receive a confirmation email the day before your order.
- There is a reoccurrence of a few students who were expecting a hot lunch but were either not on the confirmation list or did not receive the correct items. Volunteers do take the time to count out each item before distribution. Ms. Johal will be patrolling the classrooms during the next hot lunch date to investigate further to where the discrepancy is occurring
- Next hot lunch will be Booster Juice and Cobs Bread on April 24th

e. DPAC Report

- See attachment II
- DPAC meetings are intended for every parent within the district, not just for PAC

executives. Parents who are interested in learning more of what is happening in our school system are strongly encouraged to attend..

- f. Playground Committee update**
 - The playground committee is planning a spring raffle, with the grand prize being **2 lower bowl tickets to Bruno Mars**. Other prizes may include **a Night's stay in Fairmont Whistler** as well as a **\$500 cash prize**.
 - The committee is looking for anyone who may have connections to larger business donations for raffle items or donations.
 - Glynis, the chair to the committee, has decided to step down from her position and is in search of another parent to step up to take her place.
- g. Grade 7 Parents update**
 - The first meeting was held on Monday and this year's theme is **Hollywood**. An email link to join the Facebook group went out to all grade 7 parents. The link was also shared on the Hillcrest Facebook group
 - Possible fundraisers include a 50/50 and Krispy Kremes
 - The Return-It account is available to anyone who would like to donate their empties to the grade 7 grads account when returning their recyclables
- 5. Open Discussion**
 - Don Christian elementary has reached out and offered their remaining spots for their babysitting course as well as stay at home safe course, held on Friday, February 20th. Information is posted on the Hillcrest Facebook page. Those who are interested must register no later than Friday, February 13th
- 6. New Business**
 - An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, February 19th to motion the approval of \$1970 in gaming funds to cover the cost of a soapstone carving workshop for Divisions 1-8. This is for 197 students at \$10 each. The workshop will take place in April and funding needs to be approved prior to submitting the paperwork for this activity. Of the **15** attendees, **12** voted to **YES** to the funding. This item on the agenda was **approved**.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 @ 7:00PM via ZOOM
- 8. Adjournment: 7:55PM**