



Hillcrest PAC

Helping Hillcrest Stars shine even brighter

PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept. 25th, 2017 - 7pm (7:09)

Welcome BACK!

In attendance: Sarah Ball, Tania Ross, Andrew Pitre, Cammy Coughlin, Allison Riley, Sally Tinis, Michelle Loukko, Eric Watters, Laird McLachlin, Lindsay Martin, Laurie Campbell, Sherilyn Wardrop, Denise Kramar, Sandy Hansen, Elisa Goldberg, Cindy Zimmer, Brie Wittman, Claire Bond, Laura, Tammy Ishikawa, Tia Wedge.

Round table introduction.

Approval of June's minutes: Motion to approve June's minutes by Allison Riley, seconded by Rachel Watters.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve tonight's agenda by, seconded by. Andrew Pitre and Sandy Hansen

Principal's Report: Report from Cammy:

Presented by Principal Cammy Coughlin

- 1. Information can be found on school website**
 - Hired someone for Grade 4/5 position (Div.2), thank you to Dean Anderson for starting the year**
 - Teacher today, Ms.van Katwijk, big smiles and very happy to be here, transitioning with Dean**
 - Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ Maria Kendall, started today, here until end of june. A temporary position**

- **New friendly face in office, Mrs Kate, Mon. Wed. Fri., an office person all week, Jollette Holland previously gone solo**
- **Two noon hour supervisors hired, Ki, just lunch hour, Liana, both just started today, still have one more opening**
 - **Resume and first aid required, first aid provided, it is a paid position**
- **“I Ride”, further details from Andrew**
- **Soccer has started for grade ½ students, with Mr Blackmore and Mrs Ball**
- **Cross Country has started, notice to be sent home**

2. Upcoming events/notices:

- **Chess to start up, facilitated by Greg Churchill**
- **Paws and Tails program, , was in today, opportunity for children to read with therapy dogs.**
 - **Kids that struggle with reading can be selected for program**
- **Grade 5 monitors are not the supervisors, just monitors, there is an adult in the room and are in charge, the roles are leadership opportunities and not a disciplinary role**
 - **Parents to sign off on their child being a monitor**
 - **Not to stress children out**
- **Questions regarding patrolling**
 - **Patrolling put on hold**
 - **Sept and Oct a busy time already**
 - **Children have to be trained**
- **Lieutenant Governor will be attending the school tomorrow**
 - **Children invited to dress up**
 - **A very special occasion to have her in our building**
 - **Scouts or Girl Guides are encouraged to wear uniforms**
 - **Parents are welcome**
- **This Friday is our second Orange Shirt Day**
 - **Further information and training to children to understand what this means, embracing the learning as a school and made as a goal**
 - **Looking at the residential schools**
 - **Personal connection with the principal to residential schools**
 - **Every Child Matters, embracing the many cultures within our school**
 - **Further information at future PAC meetings how it will be developed on a school level**
 - **Approximately 18% of students speak other language**
 - **Working with Superintendent, discussion regarding where the school is going, what can we do more? Embrace the outdoors**
 - **An outdoor classroom, amazing PAC, costs estimated approx \$50,000.**
 - **We are getting an outdoor classroom!!!**

- PAC to put some money aside to customize set up
 - \$50,000 endeavor is shell and wiring only, does not include anything inside
 - PAC possibly to need to raise \$20,000 for interior getting a totem pole commissioned similar to Quadra Elementary
 - Cammy to follow up with Quadra
- Pro D day discussion of location for outdoor classroom
- Likely closer to Gym wall
- Next time to speak about school based teams

Opportunity

PAC Executive and School Administrator Engaging as Ed. Partners

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- Roles and responsibilities of PAC, how are PACs being used and how to make the most of this partnership
- Executive to be getting flyer in mailbox- Sarah Ball will attend

Gaming Grants:

Due on Sept. 30th. Need volunteers to apply and write grant

- **Apply for gaming grant every year**
- **Last year approx. 6,000**
- **Application requires specificity in project**
 - **Perhaps better to better prepare ourselves for next year's application**
 - **Perhaps a new game on black top**
 - **Hesitant because of unknown location of outdoor classroom**
 - **Very expensive outdoor game, approx 8,000**
 - **Sarah Ball to email out to executive**
 - **Extend to replacing structures in the back of the field**
 - **Not having to shoot big but incorporate many small projects**

Budget:

- Nothing really to report
- Following up on donations
- Staff, an expense request form
 - If there is something they want or need, they can ask and it can be presented at PAC meetings
 - Previously brought up at Staff meeting
 - Approx \$20 per student, additional paperwork
 - Last year additional funds were not spent, possibly because teachers were not aware

Review of PAC Positions:

- All positions up for vote next meeting (Oct)
- All positions available to run for
- An position can be Co, can be shared

Still looking for a PAC Chairperson(Co?) and one member at large
Chair - _____

(Vacating Position this year, willing to work with and train new chair through to new year. Works well having two people, a lot of work)

Treasurer- Allison Riley

Secretary- Rachel Watters

Parent Partner Coordinator- Michelle Loukko

Hot Lunch Coordinator- Sharilynn Wardrop

Communications Coordinator- Nolan Zak (unconfirmed if continuing)

Earthquake Coordinator- Gina Zak (unconfirmed if continuing)

VCPAC representative-

4 members at large

- Lindsay Martin
- Tania Ross
- Sandy Hansen
- (Would like to have a 4th)

Members at Large sit on executive, have voting power

Idea to mention facebook page in newsletter

Hot Lunch update: Sharilynn

- Site has been up for a while
- Deadline next friday, 113 orders already in
- 29 people have used the online
- Number of changes
 - Monthly deadlines
 - Lots of reminders going out
 - Pizza is the first one, treats not offered this year
 - Prices are staying the same
 - Not doing Sushi this year, in spite of complaints
 - Done to simplify
 - Noodle box will deliver, have to take bins back
 - If Kids need lunch covered, cammy will let us know via teachers
 - PAC can't have access to online payment, teacher to set up
 - More limited than outlunch.net website
 - Also pay paypal fees
 - New district donation website started up this year
 - Waiting for setup and kinks to be worked out
 - Waiting to implement when ready
 - We still make a lot of money through hot lunch program
 - It still makes sense in spite of fees
 - Easier and more direct with funds
 - A lot of questions yet to answer regarding how it would work to get money out of district online method
 - Encouraging everyone to pay online
 - Small complaints regarding paying online
 - Special thank you to work and volunteer for service provided, it takes a lot of work and will require more support and volunteer
 - Volunteers needed on hot food days
 - Typically Friday
 - Pizza Friday, October 6th
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Tree on the PAC board- Michelle

What if we turned it into a Welcoming Tree, with signs in all the languages spoken in our school saying “Welcome” or a comparable phrase. With an English translation (if necessary) and name of the language included on the card as well. Originally the tree was supposed to demonstrate where the PAC funds were coming from and going to. Thoughts?

- PAC board to be changed and updated
- Introduction of tree and welcoming signs
- Unanimous “Yeah”
- Suggestion for signs to be laminated

Earthquake Preparedness:

Water?

- Water expired, not dangerous
- New water to be purchased
- Suggestion to purchase larger container to be refilled

Food for Kindy to be purchased?

- Bars previously purchases and taste tested
- Enough for 72 hours, for population of 300
- Each year to add more
 - Suggest parents of Kindies to purchase
 - New yearly influx can rotate product
 - Parents not to purchase but to donate cost equivalence

Donation Drive:

- Envelopes went home
- Teachers to keep envelopes
- Our goal is 4,000
- A big fundraiser, collecting now, coming down to the office
- Trying to do one bigger fundraiser rather than several small fundraiser

- Still have other fundraisers, such as movie night, more community based rather than fundraiser, but still to cover costs

Smile Cards: Sandy

- Get 5% back
- Load card before
- Last years cards still active

Cobs Bread

- Hillcrest 3030

Mables Labels

- Hillcrest PAC
- Deals on costco website, \$50 for \$30

Parent Welcome Back Coffee: Thank you letter? Volunteers? **Review**

- A great event, thank you to everyone for helping
- A great outreach to parents

Body Science to our k-3s as long as there is funding in the PAC budget

- In past paid for a specialized teacher to come and teach us about our bodies, the names of our parts
- Michelle has touched based
- Jennifer Gibson, will not be teaching, but she will be doing parent night
- Line item in budget (\$550)
- Approximately \$50 per class
- Suggestion to book them and will come up with additional costs
- School covers cost for Grades 4 and 5
- Suggestion for K-3

Movie Night Team:

Sarah Ball to head up- October 19th (Pro D Day after)

Moana

- It will be Moana
- Family oriented event
- Wear pajamas or hawaiian clothes
- Pre-order pizza, a week before
- Pizza by the slice
- Kernels popcorn
- Parents liked the chairs not the floors
- Pizza to arrive at 5:45
- Movie to start early 6pm
- Form to be sent home

I Ride

- It's about, a brand, a moto, Play everyday
- Started with playground, keep the idea going
- Paying for buses for sports
- Extra funding, \$1000 from Royal Bank at Spring fair
- Program by Cycling BC
- They come to the school and teach kids how to ride
- This program is about giving kids skills to ride bikes
 - Different than program provided by Cops which focus
- Wed, Thus, Fri, this week
- For Grades 4 and 5
- Reminder went to parents, bring your bike
- Strings this week as well
- Parent consent is important
- This is an external program
- Special attention from coaches for kids developing bike riding skills
- Looking at other school programs, physical literacy
- Getting kids moving and understanding moving, more than just playing
- I Ride is Free! First year is free, amazing program

**Next PAC Meeting- Monday, October 23rd, 2017 7pm in the library.
Annual General Meeting**

END OF MEETING 8:00 pm (8:18) - See you on Oct. 23rd th, 2017!