



Hillcrest PAC

Helping Hillcrest Stars shine even brighter

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 17th 2019

In attendance: Carrie Andersen, Scott Low, Erika Palmer, Karen Fielding, Chris Reck, Patrycja Niesluctwsica, Heather Murdock, Michelle Loukko, Erin Eastman Paulson, Lindsay Martin, Nancy Trudeau, Yama Bajarami, Diana Bueno, Jaime Boardman, Tania Ross, Trisha Myers, Suzi Smart, Gina Zak, Elora Selby, Hodan Ahmed, Ayan Ahmed, Ilhan Ahmed, Sahra Ahmed

Welcome Back/What is the PAC?

Tonight will be a brief meeting with a rundown on how PAC meetings work. We follow an agenda with a step by step of what will be discussed. We usually have a call out prior to the meeting for anything that needs to be added to the agenda.

What is the PAC?

A collective voice of parents

Discuss school and education of children

Also host Events such as : spring fair, dances, winter events etc.

This year we have sponsored a new dance program that all kids at the school will be able to participate in.

PAC Positions

Every parent is a member of the PAC. Every parent who comes to PAC meetings will be able to vote. We also have an executive a small board of people who have larger roles within the PAC

Chair - Lesley Arnold

Vice Chair - currently vacant

Treasurer - currently vacant temporarily Nancy Trudeau

Secretary - currently vacant temporarily Lindsay Martin

VCPAC representative - Lindsay Martin

Parent Partner Coordinator - Gina Zak

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Nancy Trudeau

Communications Coordinator - Erin Paulson

Earthquake Coordinator - Eric Watters

4 Members at large

Jaime Boardman

Tania Ross

Andrew Pitre

Tia Wedge

This year we also plan to have representatives for each class.

PAC Programs

We also have several PAC programs that are run with volunteers

Thrifty's smile cards - parents can use Thrifty's gift cards to purchase groceries and a percentage goes back to our PAC.

Lice Check - this program did not run last year as we were unable to secure a team of volunteers. If this is something you are interested in, please email Lesley Arnold. hillcrestpac@gmail.com

Fruit and Vegetable Program

Why Join PAC?

It's good for your kids!!

It's good for you!! - get to have your input.

If you are interested in taking on any of these roles please email Lesley at hillcrestpac@gmail.com

Approval of June's minutes: Karen Motion to approve; Jaime second

Approval of September's Agenda: Erin motion to approve; Nancy second

Hello from new VP

Amanda Johnson new VP started at the beginning of August. For the majority she will be teaching 4 / 5 class. Will step in for Cammy when needed and be her second in command. Excited to join the warm wonderful hillcrest community. Please reach out if you need anything.

Jessica McPhee stopped in to introduce herself. New teacher at Hillcrest, teaching a 3 / 4 class. Is really enjoying the school and the school community. If there is anything we need as a PAC she would be happy to help.

Principals Report

Thrilled to be back at school! Has been principal for 14 years and has really enjoyed her years at hillcrest. There are lots of clubs and all updated information regarding the clubs is on the website:

<https://hillcrest.sd61.bc.ca/>

The school website also has all the events that are coming up.

First newsletter goes home Wednesday September 25th, 2019.

School was full up to a couple days ago. We now sit at 286 students with only 3 spots left in the school. They are at the primary level. We did not keep the 14th division.

Two postings are out for the classrooms that currently have T.O.C.'s One for a full year grade 3 / 4 position, currently held by T.O.C. Dimitre Delhoumme. The other is for a grade 4 / 5 position that could be until the end of November, or at the discretion of the teacher. Currently held by TOC Stacy Bainbridge. Postings are being sorted and we are hoping for a start as early as Thursday or possibly Monday.

Teacher for the 3 / 4 position has been placed will start Thursday as long as it is confirmed by HR, Can not announce the teachers name until it has been confirmed by HR.

Teacher for 4 / 5 class should be placed soon as well actively working on filling that position until November.

Question from PAC member - Why does our school district post jobs later than other school districts?

Answer - Every school district works differently, we must work within the written contract. All contracts are different.

We have new staff: Emily McDermid (strings), Jessica McPhee (grade 3/4), Thuy Nguyen (K), Alison McKend (Grade 1 share with Claudia Jay), and Sarah Bonsor Kurki (grade 1 share with Courtney Aune). Tara Anderson(learning support teacher) will start working in Amanda Johnson's class during her allotted admin time on Thursday mornings. Chloe McChonchie and Thuy Nguyen will be sharing kindergarten class. Off to a great start.

Strings Program is now offered before school on Monday & Friday.

Based on feedback from grade 4 / 5 teachers when the strings program was offered during class time it was very difficult to get through the curriculum with students out of class. Strings is now offered on Monday & Friday from 7:45 - 8:30. This will work better for 4/ 5 teachers.

Monday & Friday were picked because we have a very active choir and music program on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and the large strings instruments would be filling up the room when it needs to be used for music.

Classroom Screening Meetings

Number of new kids starting out, meetings are held to discuss the new kids discuss possible need for referral of services. These meetings take place next week and go on for about two weeks. Followed by that ELP meetings are held. Teachers may not have a fixed schedule yet as gym time has not been scheduled as we need to wait and see where learning support might need to fit in.

Meet the teacher night September 26th, 2019

Another reminder to check the website regularly for all up to date information on clubs and events.

<https://hillcrest.sd61.bc.ca/>

If you have a certain query about something in the school. Please give Cammy a heads up and she would be happy to prepare a presentation to present at the meeting. This works better than putting her on the spot as it gives the chance to give all the details.

Terry Fox run will be outside with assembly at 1:30 pm on September 26, 2019.

Dance program starts October 4, 2019 every student will get 5 lessons.

Budget review:

Budget was approved in June

We are running at a deficit but do have the funds carried over from previous years to cover deficit.

Any fundraising that may be added is encouraged to try to offset deficit.

PAC exec can vote up to \$500 in spending. Everything larger will go to a PAC meeting to be voted.

Hot Lunch Update

Hot lunch brings in about \$5000 - \$7000 per year to the PAC

Great fundraiser but is a lot of work. Nancy is looking for someone to help out with the Hot Lunch. Hot Lunch is 2 days per month. Nancy needs someone to help out at the school on hot lunch days. Info on hot lunch days will be coming out soon, website up and running.

On pizza day fridays we need lots of volunteers preferably at least 13!

Please meet in the multipurpose room at 11:20 am.

Halloween Dance

Halloween Dance is on October 24, 2019

Was a big success last year but really need people to volunteer in order to make it happen. Kids wear costumes, we have a costume contest lots of dancing a very fun event.

Parent Partner Evening

October 8, 2019 is parent partner orientation. Evening where we discuss roles of the parent partner. Night to get together and discuss what the job entails.

Please consider volunteering!! Our fun events can not happen without volunteers.

Next meeting is October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm

This is the Annual General Meeting where all PAC positions come up for nominations. If you are interested in a role on the PAC please email Leslie at hillcrestpac@gmail.com

End of meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

