



Hillcrest Elementary

PAC General Meeting Minutes

Tues, April 20, 7:00pm, Zoom video-conference

Attendees: 15

Previous Action Items

Actions	Responsible	Due
Feb 16: PAC to promote Drive to 5 sites	All	
<i>From Nov meeting:</i> Colby followup to find out if there is a way to cross Grandview @ Greentree more safely and add flashing lights.	Colby	

Welcome and agenda adoption

- Agenda adoption motioned by Erika P, seconded Erin.
- Approval of minutes adoption by Lindsay Martin, seconded by Erika P.

Principal's report - Mr Kelly and Ms Johnson

- Mr Kelly thanked parents for the warm welcome to the school
- Simon Burgers will be the new principal and will be working on the transition. He is very keen to come to Hillcrest and will be involved in some of the staffing and scheduling this year, as much as he is able to be.

Q. What will district budget impacts have on Hillcrest?

- Still early to tell for now until final decisions will be made, however, a preliminary look at the Hillcrest proposed staffing budget for 2021/22 indicates it will be more conservative than previous years, notably:
 - Reduced time for EA, no time for strings (music), cut to admin time (0.1 FTE VP to zero), reduced office assistant time
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- As decisions are made, items may be put back into the budget.
- Parents can be part of budget discussions at the district level tomorrow (Wed) night.

Parents can get in touch directly with Mr Kelly or Ms Johnson with any questions at any time.

Gr 4 and 4/5 iRide program

- Scheduled for May 4, 5, 6 (1 hr session over 3 days held on back field).
- COVID protocols in place.

***Looking for at least 1 parent volunteer from the following cohorts (1 per cohort):
Mills/McNicoll, Healy/Morison, Johnson***

Q. Can the Gr 4s or 5s from the hybrid class participate?

- Gr 4/5s in the hybrid class won't be able to participate unfortunately as cohorts will learn together and would have hybrid kids mix with the in-person cohorts.

Treasurer's report

- Chequing account: ~\$6400, Savings ~\$41,000.
- Total income to date: ~\$12,000, Total expenses to date: ~\$22,000
- Hot lunch brings in ~\$100-\$140 monthly.
- Easter purdy's fundraiser: \$322

Proposed District Budget cuts

Public information session via zoom Wed, Apr 21 at 630pm about budget cuts.

- FAQ has been posted on district web site yesterday, which has been shared on Hillcrest PAC facebook page. Link here:
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2021/04/FAQ-Budget-2021-2022-2021-04-19.pdf>
- Suggestion made if parents have concerns about budget cuts to make voice heard by contacting superintendent, school trustees via email.

Outdoor log install/outdoor learning area

- Mr Kelly has followed up with the district. They have planned to install the log rounds but no timeline has been set. Person leading the project is now back from leave.
- Additional outdoor learning space was approved by the previous superintendent, but now on hold.

- Need to follow up with district and follow to the end of this process and if not possible from the school district budget, suggest having a local Hillcrest committee to discuss implementing through PAC next year.

Hot lunch coordinator needed!

If any parent is interested in organizing hot lunch for next school year, please get in touch with Lesley. **The program cannot run unless there is a coordinator.**

Most work is done at home. Hot lunch coordinator duties are as follows:

1. Set up menu on hotlunches.net. Nancy can assist with this.
2. Contact the vendors - Download a form from hotlunches.net and email the vendor with the orders.
3. Organize volunteers for hot lunch day
 - Subway is very easy as it is already pre-packaged per kid. Requires only 1 volunteer
 - Pizza days do require 3-4 volunteers.

Fundraising

- *NEW* Soap Exchange - Meg is working on this. For anyone who mentions Hillcrest when they purchase from Soap Exchange, 10% of the purchase goes to PAC. No card or anything is needed.
- Purdys - can continue next year and possibly expand next year.
- T-shirt sales/fundraising and encourage school spirit
 - Note: there is a vintage t-shirt design for Hillcrest from a number of years ago floating around that some parents have been interested in.
- Grade 5 fundraiser also happening.

Grade 5 grad activities

- Last year, we did a drive by the school with teachers. Each child got a gift bag.
- PAC has a budgeted line item for Grade 5 grad.
- There will be something done this year, but plans are still being worked on.

Other grad activity ideas

- Shutterfly yearbook
- Shirts with all kids signatures printed on the back.
 - Ms. Tissari's class did this in the past.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm.