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Hillcrest Elementary

# PAC General Meeting Minutes

Tues, Feb 16, 7:00pm, Zoom video-conference

**Attendees: 11**

## Action Items

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due</b>
<b>PAC to promote Drive to 5 sites</b>	All	
<b>Meg will get paper purdy's catalogues to put into the staff room in case staff would like to order</b>	Meg	
Jan 16: Cammy to contact Andy (IT director) about status of chromebooks and let Lesley and Nancy know - Chromebooks should be ready end of day Feb 19.	Amanda	Feb 19
Jan 16: Lesley to find out how many postcards to print based on teacher interest and communicate back to Natalie for Feb pilot.	Lesley	
Jan 16: Amanda will work with facilities to determine final locations of new bike racks and let Natalie know. (bike rack order has arrived)	Amanda	Mar 15
<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 Nancy, seconded Erika..
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- Approval of minutes adoption by Nancy, seconded by Heather.

## Principal's report

- New guidelines were published for K-12 settings for COVID.
- Library will start having classes going into space. Working on student flow in hallways and educating staff before opening.
- Music classroom will also increase in use as a shared space
- Health and Safety committee is reviewing guidelines and hallway flow for new spaces with staff at Feb 17 meeting.
- Crowding outside has improved before/after school. Keep up the 'drop/pick up and go'
- Secret garden area continues to be a challenging area to physically distance.

*Q. Some parents have heard the strings program could be cancelled. Does this impact Hillcrest?*

- Amanda has not heard this program is being cancelled.
- Clarification from Lesley: the school district is reviewing the strings program budget in conjunction with the regular budget cycle. Some parents are writing to the district about the program's importance.

## Ready Step Roll program

- Primary classes working on appreciation cards for Kim and Tracy
- Some grade 5s are grouping and walking together to school.
- ICBC Think of me - pedestrian education (K-3) coming in spring
- Bike skills workshop scheduled for May

Natalie presented update on program implementation phase

- Goal of program is to increase rates of active travel to/from school by reducing barriers to doing so (biking, wheeling, walking)
- Saanich is working on:
  - Cutting back vegetation at drop-off loop and cut thrus to increase visibility
  - Reviewing school perimeter to update school zone signs (e.g. back of school by Houlihan)
  - Will install raised crosswalk - anticipated for at Greentree and Hillcrest
  - New crosswalk at Tyndall/Hillcrest is being implemented.

Items for school to work on

- **Talk about moving crossing guard to Hillcrest/Greentree**

- Note: parking will be limited around a raised crosswalk immediately before as block visibility of students. May need to consider putting in bollards (flexible posts) to stop parking in these areas if education/signage doesn't work.
- **Discuss if another crossing guard needed (Grandview/Ferndale)**
- **Consider speed bump at drop-off loop**
  - School is looking into it, It would be a school-funded install. A quote has been requested.

**ACTION: PAC to promote Drive to 5 sites: St Dunstan's Church parking lot, Sierra Park, Houlihan Park, and King Alfred Park, Houlihan Pl. Natalie will provide PDF of all locations on a map.**

#### Notes

- There is some supervision at the back of the school on blacktop about 15 min prior to bell. No supervision in back forest currently prior to school.
- St Dunstan's Church - at time of drop-off, there is also preschool/daycare folks parking in this lot.

*Q. How does the walking school bus work? How have other schools set this up?*

- Good area for a walking school bus would be Grandview/Ferndale. Acts like a drive to 5 site as the drop-off point and then students are accompanied by an adult to school. (5 min walk away)

#### Walking school bus considerations

- Has to be daily in order to use it and depend on it.
- Is a narrow drop-off window (leaves 5-10min before bell)
- At one school, there was a designated staff member who would do this, but a crossing guard position could also fill this role.
- Having a parent volunteer to do the role in a more formal capacity and promoting it does require criminal record check to be done.

## Treasurer's report

- Hot lunch Subway - made \$115 in Jan.
- Thrifty smile cards - made \$200 in 1 month so far (Carrie is promoting)
- Hot lunch orders have increased for Feb.
- Chrome books have been paid for (\$7700) - will be set up by the end of week.
- Current balance: ~\$40k in account.

## Fundraiser - Easter Purdys

- Chocolate available for Easter ordering. Orders cut off right before spring break.

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- Have sold \$200 so far with \$50 profit so far.
  - **ACTION: Meg will get paper purdy's catalogues to put into the staff room in case staff would like to order**

**Meeting adjourned 7:46pm.**