

PAC Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2023

Meeting began 7:30pm

Parents in Attendance: Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (president), Fiona Fleming (secretary), Emily Slous (vice president), Brandi Ripel, Sarah Charlesworth, Holly Flinkman, Allie Tyssen, and Joanna Hamilton

Guests: Marianne VanBurkirk – trustee

Staff: Jodi Garries, Devon Corrie

1. Message from the Principle -Jodi Garries
 - a. See attached principles report in appendix below.
 - b. Winter Show: PAC to do popcorn and hot chocolate for evening shows to start for 5:45pm (show starts 6:30pm) and best seats in the house (6 big camp chairs). Will make hot chocolate in Ms. Meerza and Ms. Wesley's class and sell right outside this area. To sell best seats in the house and popcorn/hot chocolate by donation (bring own cup). PAC will need a float.
 - c. Santa: candy canes – PAC to fund and buy (mini ones)
2. Message from Teachers – Devon Corrie
 - a. Teachers are in the midst of report cards - has been more work due to some changes in the process.
 - b. Thanked PAC for donated funds – have not decided how to use yet but leaning towards FM purchase.
3. Message from SD83 Board Rep - Marianne VanBuskirk
 - a. Board meetings linked online as well as agenda and summary, so can view at own leisure.
 - b. Appreciates the communication from Hillcrest and relayed that she can be reached as needed if any questions between meetings.
 - c. Reconfiguration of schools – changes coming; concerns re: number of transitions between school (4 transitions) and this is not consistent with any other district. Priority has been a downtown elementary school and building new gym at one school. Priority now is to decrease number of school transitions due to research showing the negative impacts. Consider proposals for change to SA area (1, 2, or 3 high school model), and will have different catchment areas as well. Aiming for plan for likely 2025/2026 school year to allow for time to make plan that aligns with strategic plan. Might be some public consultation but not much; will be mostly board to make decision.

4. DPAC Update – (Celeste Hayward absent but gave written update from November 9, 2023 meeting)
 - a. Superintendent Report - Strategic plan is still in draft form, 22 community engagement sessions plus 7 districts. Planning sessions they have a board adopted a new vision, mission statement, and values with 6 priority areas with goals and measures to measure growth over time this will run from the time period of 2023-2028. These include: intellectual development, human and social, career, organizational, community partnership, effective governance, and leadership.
Next steps as its still in draft form is logo development to modernize the logo as well as a website refresh.
 - b. A presentation on the report on enhanced learning has been requested.
 - c. The school district is down about 147 students which means the budget is down roughly one million dollars.
 - d. The new 2023/24 DPAC Executive Team:
 - President - Julie de Boer
 - Vice President - Morgan Wilson
 - Co-Secretary/Treasurer - Savala Williams
 - Co-Secretary - Jenny Kucy
 - Member at Large - Christy Wright

5. Treasurer's report – Tabled (Caitlyn absent but Kayla provided updates)
 - a. Mable's Labels money coming in
 - b. Check from Roots and Blues came in – plan to donate back
 - c. Winter Flowers - \$866 (down by over \$1000)
 - d. Purdy's orders did well – about \$1750 profit (usually give \$2000 so will likely have to donate a bit to make difference)

6. Fundraising/Grant Check-In
 - a. Spring Flowers – order March
 - b. West Coast Seeds – new for us (order for Jan – “turn over a new leaf”)
 - c. Continue Mable's Labels
 - d. Consider Shuswap Coffee - Feb?
 - e. Consider Easter flowers/Purdy's with Growing Smiles in 2024
 - f. Grants: None found that could relate to AV system in gym (need \$45,000 plus installation); Jodi checked with leadership about sending request to community/businesses to see if interest to donate, but was recommended to approach in a group way (school district can donate some and PAC can donate some), so letter could be co-authored by these three groups to show community aspect. Unable to accept used equipment. Discussed assigning burger and a beer fundraiser and childcare. PAC agreed to be part of the funding and fundraising – to discuss in early 2024 (\$25,000 goal) – coordinate with school on letter for community partners.

7. LASS unplug and play January 20-28, 2024
 - a. Funded breakdancing event last year
 - b. Discussed doing that again

Kayla made motion to fund \$200 for breakdancing event; Emily seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.

8. Cookie Decorating/Movie Night Decision
 - a. December is busy so decided not to plan for now for movie night.
 - b. Could do cookie decorating and Santa on Dec 18 – will be a cost (\$10 per kid for 4 cookies, to a family rate of \$25 – kids only) – will be a sign-up event and not PAC funded as will not be for all kids. But can consider colouring table. Could do cookie decorating for 50 kids from 5:30-7:30pm. Holly to find a craft and will donate it. Jodi to order tables from district and to look into online sign-up options. Sarah to organize supplies. Holly to organize craft. PAC will need 10 volunteers to assist from (2 shifts, 5 volunteers per shift for 4:30-6:30 and 6:30-8:30pm and a float)

Next meeting: January 22, 2024, at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Appendix:

Principal's Report
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- Buster the Bus came to visit our kindie and k/1 classes today!
- We have our 1st term written learning update (also called the report card) coming soon - these will go home on Wed. Dec. 13. Students and teachers have been working hard!
- We are so grateful for your targeted funding for our upgrades to the gym's AV equipment! I have some info to share from our Secretary Treasurer and would like your thoughts about proceeding with community donations. No progress still with any grants 😞



- We look forward to the Book fair our librarian is planning and parents are helping with from Dec 4 - 8. Thanks for your support with this!
- Winter concert information: "83.3 Hillcrest Winter Radio Show"
Dates: Dec 6 and 7, 30-45 min show
Times: 1:00 pm and 6:30, drop off child at outside classroom door at 6:10 pm
Who: half the school on the 6th (Porter, Corbett, Meerza, Larmand, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Tyssen/Sudbury), the other half on the 7th (Corrie, Kehl, Boyd, Wessely, Housden/Blacklock, Gecse, Menzies)
Where: It's outside! Harrison Hill amphitheater style, please dress warmly! Think outdoor winter music festival. There will be areas to stand, as well as areas to sit, but not on chairs, so please bring a sit-upon, a low seated camp chair, blanket, etc.
Students' attire: very warm winter clothing including snowpants, mitts, hats, scarves, coat
Popcorn/hot chocolate sales: Can we talk about and plan this?
Santa is coming! Evening shows only. Can we talk about planning for this? Is the PAC interested in providing Santa with candy canes to give out?
Best Seats in the House: Can we talk about this too?
Anything I'm missing?
- The Silverbacks are coming! Tues Dec 12. Some students will get to play floor hockey against them, some will get to do some reading with them, but everyone who wants to will get to watch the floor hockey games and cheer the players on!
- Skating - every class will be skating 3 times again this year. Our dates are all booked for January (a few are in the 1st week of Feb). Permission slips and skate sizing (for those without their own skates) will happen before winter break.
- Last day before the winter break is Thurs Dec 21, and the first day back after the winter break is Mon. Jan 8, 2024.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone 😊

~ Jodi