

## PAC Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Meeting began 7:31pm with land acknowledgement

**Parents in Attendance:** Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (president), Fiona Fleming (secretary), Emily Slous (vice president), Caitlyn Newton (treasurer), Brandi Ripel, Holly Flinkman, Savannah Eis, Lindsay Hall, and Devon Corrie

Guests: None

Staff: Jodi Garries (Principle)

Motion to accept the February 2023 minutes by Caitlyn; seconded by Emily – everyone in favour. Minutes accepted.

1. Message from the Principle -Jodi Garries
  - a. See attached principles report in appendix below.
  - b. French immersion info – encourage registration for those considering as numbers are tight
2. Message from Teachers:
  - a. No one present
3. Message from SD83 Board Rep - Marianne VanBuskirk not in attendance but provided written update
  - a. Board meeting highlights from March 12: <https://sd83.bc.ca/2024/03/20/highlights-from-the-march-2024-board-meeting/>
  - b. Reminder of upcoming meetings re: Configuration of Salmon Arm Schools Apr. 23 and 24 from 6-8pm at the DESC.
  - c. I am so excited to help at Hillcrest's carnival on May 3. I've signed up for the concession from 6:15-7:15 and can help in other ways if necessary. I will certainly promote it on my social media.
4. DPAC Update: No rep at present
  - a. Last meeting was Feb 28<sup>th</sup> which Caitlyn and Kayla attended. Serena Caner presented on food boxes; and Donna Krieger presented on configuration. Meetings are virtual once a month.
5. PAC positions
  - a. DPAC rep – vacant
  - b. Hot lunch coordinator (Kristy) will need to be filled for 2024/2025 – hoping to have filled before Kristy leaves to allow for knowledge transfer. Savannah Edis volunteered to take over.

*Caitlyn made motion for Savannah Edis to take over for September 2024 as Hot Lunch coordinator; Emily seconded the motion. Vote: All in favour. Motion passed for Savannah Edis to become Hot Lunch Coordinator starting September 2024.*

6. Treasurer's report – Caitlyn

- a. Currently using Bambora for online ordering system but may want to consider changing (such as Munch-a-lunch) – PAC to research systems and then vote next meeting.
- b. Last year donated \$2000 to grade 5 last year; and plan to do same this year. Plan grade 5's to help for movie fundraiser.

Fiona made motion to donate \$2000 for grade 5 grad, and Kayla seconded. All in favour. Motion passed to donate \$2000 for grade 5 graduation activities.

- c. Movie night was about \$700;
- d. \$200 donation from a parent,
- e. Raised about \$370 with Shuswap Coffee = \$1262 total for AV system
- f. PAC has two of the \$20,000 banking terms and will be applying \$20,000 for the AV system. Total cost for AV system with installation is about \$52,000. School has a budget for tech and thus has about \$32,000. Thus, we have funding for all equipment and installation. Caitlyn able to get funds out of term.

*Motion made to donate \$20,000 to the AV system by Holly; Lindsay seconded. Vote: All in favour. Motion passed to donate \$20,000 to the school for the AV system purchase.*

7. Fundraising:

- a. Spring Flowers – we have registered. Order deadline is April 22 and delivery date is May 7 and pick up by May 8.
- b. Continue Mable's Labels – ongoing
- c. Grants: Fiona sent grant request letter to SASCU but they declined to provide any grant money.
- d. Plan another movie night on May 24, 2024 from 6-8pm – fundraiser for grade 5 year end event.

8. Carnival: will be held on May 3, 2024

- a. Raffle basket info has gone out to teachers (Joanna is away and thus unable to do them)
- b. Not able to use the following rooms: room 8, 17, 37, and 40.
- c. Savannah to ask Booster juice to come again; Bannock ladies coming again. Will see if grade 5's want to help with concession.
- d. Bouncy castle will be there and selling candy too.
- e. Volunteer sign up is active.
- f. Fireworks: We need to buy them ourselves this year. Fiona to check with fire dept to see if they will assist.

*Kayla made motion to spend \$750 on fireworks; Brandi seconded. All in favour. Motion passed to spend \$750 on fireworks for the May 2024 carnival*

9. Misc. – Round Table

- a. Field issues – Jodi looking into signage for field/dogs
- b. Parking lot issues – might reconfigure parking lot and add signage to address and waiting for more formal plan for signs for parking lot. Multiple people brought up concerns about speeding and illegal parking in lot – safety risks present. Discussed signage, coning, parent volunteers, citizens on patrol?
- c. Nature Delivered – new boxes for veggies and protein box have started and still some left (deadline for order is April 23; April 25 is first delivery date) - 27 left for protein boxes and 26 left for farmers box.

Next meeting: May 27, 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Appendix:

**Principal's Report**

**PAC Meeting – Apr. 8, 2024 – 7:30 pm**

- It was a solar eclipse today - although we really didn't notice anything different! It was so cloudy and we were just too far west to experience much, but many classes live streamed NASA's showing of what it was looking like in Mazatlan, Mexico where it was the best place to witness this. We all stayed inside from 10:40 - 12:20 as per Interior Health's recommendations and we had some dance parties in the gym to spell off some energy at lunch!
- Speaking of dance - thank you! Due to the PAC's generosity, we were able to hire Manny Christjansen to do hip hop/breakdancing lessons with every class for 3 sessions each. We started today and it was VERY well received by students. It will continue each Monday and Tuesday basically until the end of the month.
- As of today we have 32 kindergarten students registered for next year. This is a significant drop from previous years (about 15 fewer students than this time last year). If you know of someone who lives in the Hillcrest catchment area and will be attending Hillcrest (kindergarten age or

otherwise), please let them know to register as soon as possible, by calling our school or coming in.

- Interim reports/student led interviews - the second of the required 2 informal progress reports are happening from Apr 30 - May 10<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for being involved in this important communication.
- We started our schoolwide xc run/walks, to get ready for xc season, and every Mon/Wed/Fri the whole school comes out and runs from 9:30-9:45.
- The Hillcrest Hustle is coming soon! It is on Fri. Apr 26, starting after lunch. The information will be sent out to all families, but all students participate in this fun run.

12:30 - marshalls and volunteers get to their positions (we have 12 course marshalls - I still need to confirm volunteers, so if you want to help out, let me know!)

12:40 - runners all come out to the inner field

12:50 - races begin and run in this order:

-Kindies

-Grade 1s and 2s (boys first, then girls)

-Grade 3s and 4s (boys first, then girls)

-Grade 5s (boys and girls run together)

It should all wrap up by 2:05 at the latest (we dismiss at 2:10)

- The Little Mountain Stomp is at 11:00 May 1st - our Hillcrest team last year had about 75 kids, and we are having a team sign up meeting next week, so we will know our numbers soon!
- Our next (and final) cultural performance is on Thurs Apr 11 at 10:20. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us in the gym! It's a music performance called 'Black Dog String Quartet'.
- We have a school choir this year, primarily grades 3-5, and they are performing at their first recital on Mon Apr 15 at Nexus. Thanks to Mrs. Carriere and Mr. Power for creating this opportunity for them.
- Class Photo day is Thursday Apr 25. It is also the day when the veggie and the protein boxes will be delivered. Thanks for your help with that!
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is a day off school for students, as it is a Pro-D day for teachers. Our staff has an Indigenous day of learning planned, including some outdoor learning at the Wharf, some Secwepemc

language, and an activity called "The Blanket Exercise" which has to do with **building understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. A heavy but important topic.**

Thanks and that's it for now