

PAC Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

Meeting began 7:33pm with land acknowledgement

Parents in Attendance: Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (president), Fiona Fleming (secretary), Emily Slous (vice president), Caitlyn Newton (treasurer) and Erin Sudbury

Guests: None

Staff: Jodi Garries

Motion to accept the November 2023 by Emily; seconded by Kayla – everyone in favour.
Minutes accepted.

1. Message from the Principle -Jodi Garries
 - a. See attached principles report in appendix below.
2. Message from Teachers – no teachers present
3. Message from SD83 Board Rep - Marianne VanBuskirk unable to attend
 - a. Board meeting summary from December and minutes for tomorrow – available on the school district website
4. DPAC Update – no meeting since last Hillcrest meeting (next meeting this coming Wednesday so will have update next meeting)
5. Treasurer’s report – Tabled (Caitlyn absent but Kayla provided updates)
 - a. Fiona made motion to donate back the Roots and Blues money (\$124); seconded by Kayla; motion passed. Caitlyn to look into how to donate funds back.
6. Fundraising:
 - a. Spring Flowers – order March (Kayla to handle)
 - b. West Coast Seeds – table for 2025
 - c. Continue Mable’s Labels
 - d. Consider Shuswap Coffee – Fiona to look into this and Emily to research tea options
 - e. Consider Easter flowers/Purdy’s with Growing Smiles in 2024 – decided not to proceed this year
 - f. Grants: None found that could relate to AV system in gym (need \$45,000 plus installation); Fiona sent grant request letter to SASCU.
 - g. Carnival: pencil in May 10, 2024; planning to take place in February
7. LASS unplug and play January 20-28, 2024
 - a. Funding breakdancing event again this year on Jan 24, 2024 - Fiona, Caitlyn, and Emily to attend and supervise.

8. Valentine's Movie Night

- a. Plan to do a childcare night for Valentine's day to fundraise for AV system – for kids 3+/potty trained up to grade 5, up to 60 kids, on Feb 15th, from 6-8pm, offer popcorn and juice box, by donation with recommendation of \$20/kid or \$40 for household members – for attending students and siblings only. Jodi sent movie link options to PAC to choose – selected Wish. Kayla to put together a flyer to send to Jodi and create sign up sheet.

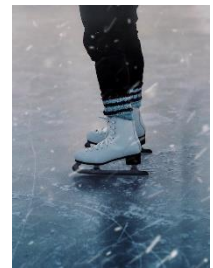
Next meeting: February 26, 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Appendix:

Principal's Report
PAC Meeting - Jan. 22, 2024

- Happy New Year! It was so nice to see everybody back looking rested and happy, which may have helped us navigate these crazy winter conditions - we went from extreme cold to an abundance of snow in the course of 2 weeks!
- Our skating sessions have been going well, and we are very grateful to the following people for helping out on the ice for 'pseudo-lessons', as the skating coaches from the Skating Club were not able to help us out this year: Cara Visco, Jaime Hotte, Jen Findlay, Steve Rodwell, Pat Sherman, Kyla Sherman, a few of the Silverbacks, and various other parents who have been amazing and helpful too. Team work makes the dream work!
- We are thrilled once again that we have both a grade 5 boys and grade 5 girls basketball team. Mrs. Menzies has offered to coach both teams, which is very generous! Practices have already started, and games will start next week.
- Thank you to parents who let us know when their child(ren) are going to be absent or late for school. The most preferred way to contact us is to call the school, and even if no one answers, leave a message. Email is an OK method, but sometimes gets missed first thing in the morning, so that is why calling the school number is best.



- Our school district has been having many planning and brainstorming meetings, and more to come, to get ready for some changes to grade configurations of our schools. There is no clear decision yet, but the trustees are expected to continue gathering information to be able to make decisions soon. Many considerations are given with these kinds of changes, including catchment area lines, student well-being, staffing implications, and much more... decisions that impact many, many people. Stay tuned over the next while, and as I learn more, I will keep you in the loop as well.
- Kindergarten registrations have been slow to come in this year, but so far we do have 21 kindie students registered for next year, which is great. If you know of families who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec 31, 2024, please let them know their child is eligible to register for school for this coming year. Thanks!
- Dates to remember:
 - Jan 24 - Unplug and Play Breakdancing session with Manny in our gym, 6:30-7:30 pm (thanks for this!)
 - Jan 26 - Schoolwide Sports Themed Multiples Day (twins, triplets, etc match their sportswear)
 - Jan 26 - Subway day (thank you for this!)
 - Jan 29 - Pro-D Day - No School for students - All staff, including support staff, will be at our school for this Indigenous Learning Day, we have a great speaker in the morning, and an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper coming in the afternoon
 - Feb 2 - Pirate Loppet at Larch Hills - primarily involves grade 3 - 5 students
 - Feb 9 - Cultural Performance, "Rainbow Dance Theatre" in our gym from 1:00-1:50, all families and younger siblings are welcome to attend 😊
 - Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
 - Feb 16 - Pro-D day, students do not attend
 - Feb 19 - Family Day - no school
 - Feb 28 - Pink shirt day
 - Feb 29 - Ready, Set, Learn, in our library, 1-2 pm, for 3 & 4 yr olds and a parent

~ Jodi