

**Hillcrest Middle School – January 24th @ 6:30pm
VIA ZOOM**

PAC General Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Melissa Niska, Jennifer Raptis, Dawn Jette, Katarina Thorsen, Laurie Ebenal, Zoe Sanbornb, Andrea MacDonald, Judy Yang, Charlene, Perminder Parmar, Lili Wu, C Nordin, Naomi Andrusiw

Welcome & Introductions

- Happy to see some new attendees- Welcome! So happy to have you here at the meeting

Approve Agenda

- Naomi M. motion to approve the agenda / seconded by Judy Yang

Approve December 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Andrea motion to approve the DEC. minutes/ seconded by Naomi A.

Guest Speaker Kat Thorsen –

- Brought in by Laurie and met with Dawn to create an envisioning process around Hillcrest
- Take us through what they have been doing this year
- Artist by trade- creative facilitator / use ART to build connection and dialogue
- Work with the staff, students and PAC so everyone gets a voice
- Art and creative engagement with illustrations= creates engagement
- Drew, shared ideas, doodled to come together to where plan is tonight
- Leadership session with students & Workshops and PRO D with staff
- Captures everyone's voice- getting student voice was important to admin
- **WHY are we revisoning?** A refresher for the school. And to move forward with identity and place
- Meaning of the process is how do we create a new identity, community connections, and sense of place
- Move Hillcrest from mascot to what is the Identity???
- **School Identity is HILLCREST-** represents where school sits and is situated
- Filtering all the dialogue from students and staff – **school THEME= Our Stories Matter-** attachment to everyone that comes into the school
- Student friendly mission statement=
“At Hillcrest, we empower our diverse young people within an inclusive and engaging school community”
- Came up from students and leadership counsel
- Leadership counsel came up with own name **HLC= Hillcrest Leadership Counsel**
- **New LOGO- Tshirt** for the school / Glen Ross DMA and students from DMA using technology to create the new logo / connect with theme
- Will create some **SWAG**

- Grade 8s*** most impacted- want them to have something special to take with them
- **What is the big shift in the school? =** acknowledging the past and people's connection to the school/ embracing new ideas and letting go
- **SCHOOL TEAM NAMES = BIRDS**
- **Red = Falcons Orange = Ravens Green = Owls Blue = Jays**
- **Rainbow = Explorations**
- Looking at deep knowledge and connection to land and indigenous knowledge about each bird and their symbols
- **GOAL =** to create an art piece that Kat creates for the school (1 meter by 2 meter drawing) to create an art piece/ mural to represent an attachment/ include the history of the place, team names, mission statement, art drawings, key words, Indigenous connections
- Incorporate all the things that came up in the dialogue in the art
- **Ideas =** the school sitting up the hill, House Post, Mundy Park, mother tree, value words, First Principles can be intertwined in the roots, flora, birds, mission statement, theme
- **Feedback -** beautiful, connection, House Post

*****Carmen McKay - Coast Salish Artist - House Post at the front of Hillcrest/** carved with students in years past / protects everyone in the building and family in the home of Hillcrest Middle

- Reawaken the House Post at Hillcrest with the artist when unveiling the new mission statement
- If anyone has a specific word they would like to be included please let Kat know
- Thank you Kat- this is beautiful and powerful! we are so grateful
- Thank you Laurie from bringing Kat in for this wonderful new vision or Hillcrest Community
- Parents will receive information for feedback

Executive Reports a. Chair: Melissa Niska

- Email about fundraising from Purdy's Chocolates- for Easter/ easy fundraiser we have done in the past
- Is there someone to take this on?
- What have been some successful fundraisers? Hanging baskets, Purdy's, Hot Lunch pre-covid

b. Treasurer: Judy Yang

- Bank statement- nothing to report
- Just passed the budget and school hasn't spent anything yet
- No receipts received yet
- Email regarding bottle return- we have \$42 .30- request the money before the end of the school year
- Request the money – 4 weeks to receive- PAC should request in MAY

c. DPAC: Naomi Andrusiw

- November Meeting- Technology
- District demands
- MyED- family portal/ moving attendance and report cards
- Family Smart- parent group to help support parents with children with mental health challenges (ex, share and connect with families with shared experiences)
- If parents are looking for resources- **Keltymentalhealth.ca** / BC Children's library and resources from BC Children's

Highschool Information in Hillcrest Happenings

Virtual information

Cross Catchment Feb4- lottery system

New Business:

a) Questions

b) Next meeting date : **Wednesday February 23rd @ 6:30pm via ZOOM**

Motion to adjourn by Perminder- Second by Naomi @ 7:28pm

******Reminder!!!**

-Send Leanne information to send out to parents regarding information on Return It Fundraiser

-Need PAC Treasurer for next school year - can shadow Judy for a few months before end of the year