

Hillcrest Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom

Attendees

Melissa Niska, Rob McFaul, Dawn Jette, Judy Yang, Joanne Gaska, David White, Naomi Andrusiw, Georgina Havelka, Elaine Foo, Luba Shaferman, Lynn Truong, James Liu, Lily Wu-Vancouver

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Agenda

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting
- Executive Reports
- Fundraising Report
- Administrator's Report
- New Business

Approval of Prior Minutes and Current Night's Agenda

Welcome by chair Melissa.

Motion to approve agenda made by David; seconded by Joanne.

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 made by Joanne; seconded by Judy.

Melissa mentioned it has been a really busy start-up. Regarding fundraising, it was suggested that the school could put out a letter to parents regarding fundraising in light of the fact that many of our usual fundraising activities cannot be pursued this year due to COVID. Rob said the school has such a letter on file. Discussion of things to mention that the PAC has raised funds for before.

Motion by Melissa: To have Hillcrest School send out a letter to parents regarding fundraising; seconded by Luba. CARRIED

Discussion regarding Christmas Hampers, suggestions instead of goods. Discussion on Drama Mamas and their on-line classes.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Yang

Judy gave a report on the school wish list. Air purifiers are on hold for now. No revenue coming from pizza lunch program, Christmas concert this year. Also, in the Gaming Account, no expected revenue from 50/50 proceeds at concerts.

Budget details reviewed. Motion by Judy to approve the budget; seconded by Joanne. CARRIED

DPAC Report – Naomi Andrusiw

Initial Address from Superintendent Patricia Garland

- Discussed importance of school and social emotional state of students and school's important role in helping students maintain good mental health.
- Health and safety has been the main focus of return to school plan so the district developed in-school and remote learning options to help facilitate student learning and school connectedness
- Superintendent went over the procedures of reporting out recorded COVID-19 cases. Currently only exposures have occurred at SD43 schools
  - Levels:
    - **Exposure** is one person for one day (could be staff or students or maintenance personnel, etc.)
    - **Cluster** is 2 or more people at a school over a few days
    - **Outbreak** is multiple transmissions over a period of time at a school, would probably result in a class/school closure

Contact tracing/daily lists of visitors are being kept on school sites to aid the process.

Parent questions on COVID protocols, etc. Some discussion around fundraising ideas.

At the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, DPAC will have a guest speaker from Anxiety Canada.

#### Fundraising Report – Joanne Gaska

Gift cards SPC, Purdys Christmas and Purdys Easter going ahead. Poinsettias for delivery Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Administrator's Report – Rob McFaul

Report card time means a lot of extra work for teachers. Report cards out Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dawn thanked Joanne for the Plexiglas barriers which will be coming, another thing to help coping with COVID. Other things to help deal with the virus: outdoor sinks may be phased out in cold weather, staggered NUT breaks, five zones of play outside.

If need be, the school can rotate into on-line learning.

A technology support teacher is coming next week for six weeks. This will be an opportunity for teachers to learn.

Explorations are difficult with rotations. Band has been put on hold; very strict protocols needed for wind instruments.

Parent feedback is requested regarding school photos.

Rob announced that he is retiring as of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> next year. We will miss you, Rob! We all wish you a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

#### New Business

No new business at this time.

#### Next Meeting

The next PAC meeting is to be determined.

Melissa motioned to adjourn; seconded by Naomi. 8:23 p.m.