

Hillcrest Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2020

Via Zoom

Attendees

Melissa Niska, Rob McFaul, Dawn Jette, Judy Yang, Joanne Gaska, David White, Naomi Andrusiw, Elaine Foo, Lynn Truong, Erinn G, Julia, Pam Chan

Agenda

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes of September 28th, 2020, meeting
- Executive Reports
- Fundraising Report
- Administrator's Report
- New Business

Approval of Prior Minutes and Current Night's Agenda

Welcome by chair Melissa. Participants initially on line introduced themselves.

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

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of September 28th, 2020, made by Naomi; seconded by Judy.

Melissa reported that she had met with outgoing chair Annika last week to discuss the upcoming budget, which will be approved at the November meeting. It was noted that some parents have children at Charles Best School as well as at Hillcrest and that Charles Best were having their PAC meeting the same evening.

Melissa also mentioned that she has tried every avenue she could to find a vice-chair for our PAC, but so far no success.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Yang

Judy reported that our Gaming Fund grant has been approved. The amount of \$10,860 will be deposited to our account within a few days. Big Brothers have sent a cheque for our clothing drive earlier this year.

DPAC Report – Naomi Andrusiw

Naomi reported that the October 7th meeting was just orientation. If anyone has questions regarding the DPAC, Naomi can send information. The next meeting is October 28th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Fundraising Report – Joanne Gaska

Joanne said nothing else has been done on SPC. Purdys will be done in December.

Administrator's Report – Rob McFaul

Rob reported on Student Vote at the school. Attendance has been “phenomenal”, very solid in the last few weeks.

Dawn spoke about anxiety around technology at first. Staff learned at an incredible rate. Teams gradually outfitted with computers. District approved 30 more computers. On BYOD: reluctant to push students into screens. Students seem to have lost ability to socialize. Asking to reduce phone use. Explorations in classroom framework rather than in labs. To be safe, school cannot mix students from different classes.

Band and choir – A parent survey to be done on band, which may not start until the new year. Not doing choir this year. More information will be coming out on band.

Parent-teacher conferences starting tomorrow, with early dismissal on Tuesday and Wednesday (20th & 21st Oct.)

New Business

The PAC will have an executive meeting on Monday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Erinn Gleason gave a report and presentation on student plays and performance. Discussion re: online performances.

Parent questions regarding COVID protocols and outdoor sinks answered by Dawn and Rob.

Next Meeting

The next PAC meeting is set for Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Joanne motioned to adjourn; seconded by Naomi.