

PAC Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2026

Attendance:

Brandi Ripel, Mary Scheidegger, Kayla V. (President), Kendall Moland (Treasurer), Kim Hildebrandt (Secretary), Julie Bond, Mackenzie Barker, Jo Padgham, Kayla Wassen (Vice Principal), Lindsay Hall

Staff Present:

Jodi Garries (Principal)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

Kayla V. acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional lands of the Secwepemc People.

3. Administrative Actions

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Brandi R. and seconded by Mary Scheidegger. Carried unanimously.
 - Motion to amend the previous meeting's attendance to include Mackenzie Barker and to approve the minutes as amended was made by Kayla V. and seconded by Kendall Moland. Carried unanimously.
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4. Playground Upgrades

Guest: Travis Elwood (SD 83 Director of Operations, virtual attendance)

- Ideal planning timeline is January to mid-March, with construction scheduled during summer break. Due to the short construction window, advance planning and secured or clearly projected funding by mid-March are essential.
 - A discrepancy in swing set pricing was discussed. This was attributed to differences in site location and additional excavation requirements for the school. Estimated cost for installation on level ground without major excavation is approximately \$20,000.
 - It was noted that due to ALR regulations, South Canoe must use wood (6x6 posts) instead of concrete, reducing costs.
 - Current goal is to install one sport court, with additional fundraising aimed at covering the cost of swings.
 - Kendall M. proposed a tiered fundraising strategy with multiple target levels. Travis recommended creating a site plan drawing to support fundraising efforts.
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5. Principal's Report

See attached appendix.

6. Treasurer's Report (Kendall Moland)

- Mayfair Farms fundraiser raised \$241.
 - March DeMilles Box fundraiser raised \$20; April's fundraiser is significantly larger.
 - Recent Panago Pizza lunch generated approximately \$300.
 - Gaming Grant of just over \$5,000 has been received.
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7. Activity Booking Update (Swimming)

- Pool rental: \$133.95/hour (Total: \$2,411.10)
- Instructors: \$38.88/hour (Total: \$1,399.68)
 - Lessons provided for Divisions 6–13 (K–3), three sessions per class
- Lifeguards: \$47.13/hour (Total: \$1,696.68)
 - Required for all divisions; Divisions 1–5 will have recreational swims only
- Total Cost: \$5,507.46
- School will cover transportation costs.

Motion:

Mackenzie Barker moved that PAC cover the full swimming cost of \$5,507.46. Seconded by Kayla Wassen. Carried unanimously.

8. Fundraising Updates

- Spring Flowers (Growing Smiles):
Campaign launched early; delivery scheduled for May 11. Order deadline is April 27. Promotion efforts will continue to increase participation.
- Shuswap Coffee Co.:
Fundraiser scheduled for May via Munch-A-Lunch. Coffee has also been donated for the upcoming event.
- Coffee Event (April 15, 7:30–8:30 AM):
Co-op Uptown donated cups. Volunteers are still needed for preparation and baking. Due to safety and traffic concerns, it was decided to change from a drive-thru to a walk-up format on the grass area beside the road. Event will operate by donation.

9. Hot Lunch Program (Jo Padgham)

- Hot Lunch and Soup Days continue to be successful.
- Jo Padgham will step down from coordinating next year but is willing to assist with Soup Days and training a replacement.
- Fun Day lunch scheduled for June 12 (hot dogs, chips, juice).
- Discussion held regarding potential changes to the hot lunch program for next year.

10. Spring Carnival (Kayla V.)

- **Preparations:**
 - Bouncy castle, dunk tank, and bannock vendors confirmed
 - Raffle baskets require coordination; Lindsay Hall volunteered
 - Spin the Wheel game requires replacement
- **Planning:**

Final planning deferred to April 28 meeting (7:00 PM), which will also include a Sport Court fundraising committee meeting.
- **50/50 Draw:**

Proposal to include a 50/50 draw at the carnival. Estimated gaming license cost is \$25.

11. Open Floor

None brought forth.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Appendix:

Principal's Report

PAC Meeting – Apr. 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm

- As of today, we have 40 kindergarten students registered for next 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 27 – May 12 th . We thank you for being involved in this important communication.

- We still have \$2135 in outstanding school fees to collect. Any unpaid fees come out of our school operating budget, which affects

- 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 soon, Thurs. Apr 23, 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 confirming 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 11:00, April 29th – our Hillcrest team last year had about 65 kids, and we are hoping for an enthusiastic team once again!

- Class Photo day is Friday Apr 24. Photos will be taken in the morning, so please try not to arrive late or be away that day.

- April 20th Pro-D is a field trip for our teachers. We're going to the Kamloops Residential School & Museum, participating in the educator program.

- We are fortunate once again to be able to have every kindergarten and grade 3 student go through a quick, on-site vision test. It is being done for free, and if the screening shows any concern, parents will be notified. The vision screening will be on April 21st.

- Dates to remember:

-Apr 20 – Pro-D Day – no school

-Apr 22 – Secretary’s Day – we are so grateful for everything Cindy and Gillian do for us!

-Apr 23 – Hillcrest Hustle – after lunch

-Apr 24 – Class photo day and Yan’s hot lunch day

-Week of Apr 27 – Mayfair Farms orders arrive

-Apr 29 – Little Mountain Stomp

-Week of May 4 – School Educator Appreciation Week – we love our teachers and CEAs!

-May 8 – Inservice Day, no school for students (staff will have Indigenous Learning planned for us by the school district)

-May 18 – Victoria Day, no school

-May 25 – New Kindie Orientation Day, 12:30-1:50

-June 2 – District Track Meet

-June 5 – Spring Carnival!

Thanks and that’s it for now

Jodi