

## **PAC Meeting February 25, 2026**

### **Attendance:**

Brandi Ripel, Mary Scheidegger, Kayla V. (President), Kendall Moland (Treasurer), Lindsay Hall, Kim Hildebrandt (Secretary), Julie Bond

### **Staff Present:**

Jodi Garries (Principal)

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

### **Territorial Acknowledgment**

### **Administrative Actions**

- Kayla V. requested an amendment to the agenda to include discussion of a D-PAC event. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Mackenzie Barker and seconded by Kendall Moland. Motion carried.
- Lindsay Hall moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Mackenzie Barker. Motion carried.

### **Principal's Report (Jodi Garries)**

Please see attached appendix.

### **Treasurer's Report (Kendall Moland)**

- February Movie Night raised \$310.
- DeMille's boxes generated \$25.
- February Subway Hot Lunch raised \$80.

### **Spring Fundraising (Kayla V.):**

#### **Mayfair Farms:**

PAC opted to use Mayfair Farms for this year's spring fundraiser. Orders were originally set to close February 27; due to lower-than-expected sales, the closing date has been extended to March 4. Delivery is scheduled for the first week of May.

There was discussion about also launching a Growing Smiles fundraiser (used in previous years). Kayla V. will register with Growing Smiles as a backup option should the PAC decide to proceed.

**New Fundraisers** (Kayla V): Discussion about a Coffee Drive-Thru as a Fundraiser. This was decided upon for April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will look into the Shuswap Coffee Co. Fundraiser.

We will host another Movie Night on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Zootopia was the movie proposed and agreed upon.

### **Curling Activity (Jodi Garries)**

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of hosting “Rocks and Rings” after Spring Break. Concerns were raised about the number of activities already scheduled.

Staff indicated that, if given a preference, swimming lessons would be their top choice. Jodi will explore this option with the Salmon Arm Recreation Centre.

Funding discussion:

- \$4,400 is currently allocated for swim lessons.
- \$2,500 is allocated for gymnastics or dance lessons.
- The PAC discussed the possibility of reallocating gymnastics/dance funds to swimming lessons if needed.

### **Playground Expansion Update (Jodi Garries)**

Jodi recently met with a representative from the School District’s Grounds and Operations department regarding the \$10,000 price difference between our playground quote and a similar quote from another school, despite the equipment appearing identical. The reason for the discrepancy is unclear and is being looked into. Ground preparation costs may account for the difference. For a sport court, it was decided that the school would ideally have two courts but if fundraising doesn’t go as planned, the school would aim for one court. A conversation occurred about how one court may be more feasible financially. Is there a better spot for an accessible swing than out in the field? Our total we are looking at is \$135,000 for the swing set, accessible swing and the two sport courts. (This includes \$20,000 we already have).

### **Parent Concerns:**

- a) Parking Lot and School Zones/ Crosswalks: Lots of comments about the school zone on the side of the field. Parents are parking so close to the crosswalk that others cannot see the children crossing. Another concern is speeding on both sides of the school. Concerns also that parents are speeding through the school parking lot. Jodi will be in contact with our school RCMP liaison to brainstorm about what can be done to help the situation. Discussion about requesting the digital sign that tracks your speed and putting this on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Kayla V. will write a letter on behalf of the PAC and send it to the city.

### **Events:**

- a) Spring Carnival: June 5<sup>th</sup> is the new date. Kayla V. got confirmation from the Bouncy Castle company that this date works for them. It was also confirmed that we will be doing a dunk tank again this year. Discussion about children having the opportunity to use the dunk tank as well (if parent is there/ sign waivers, etc.)

**DPAC Event:** DPAC sent out an invitation for an Upcoming Round Table on March 11 at the DESC. Limit of 5 seats per PAC, can consist of Executive or any PAC members. There will be dinner at 5:30 PM and introductions. Discussions include the topic of DPAC and PACs in general such as clarifying PAC roles and responsibilities. There will also be a presentation on Inclusive Education. The night will run from 5:30-8:00 PM.

Next PAC Meeting is **April 8<sup>th</sup>** (no meeting during Spring Break).

We agreed to start the process for fundraising the building of a sport court and/or swings and bringing this forth to the District to get the ball rolling. The Executive will look into a Fundraising Committee for this significant fundraiser. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

## **Appendix:**

### Principal's Report

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- We have been having some special PE opportunities at our school lately: The Soccer Association has been here doing some demo lessons for classes, and we also had the Lacrosse Association here doing demo lessons for classes too.
- The District Art Fair was last week – Feb 6-13 at Picadilly Mall. Teachers put our display boards together and art was showcased at the mall. The Art Fair workshops for 9 lucky grade 4 & 5 students were at Picadilly Mall too, on Feb 11.
- Please share with friends, families and neighbours that we need any further kindergarten registrations to come in as soon as possible. Currently we have 39 students registered for kindergarten for 2026-27.
- Written Learning Updates (formerly called Report Cards) go home to families on Tues. Mar. 10.
- Today was Pink Shirt Day! We had a short assembly and it was Stone Soup Day which paired nicely with a kindness and sharing focus. Classes participated in various other kindness activities in class as well.
- Thank you for hosting family movie night on Feb 20 – lots of fun and so happy it was a successful fundraiser as well.
- On Feb 4 we held our Ready, Set, Learn session in our library, and about 18 preschool aged future Hillcrest students and their parent attended. Great seeing our up and comers!
- Kids enjoyed the skating program over the last 2 mths & we wrap up next Monday.

- Dates to remember:

- Mar 2 – Last skating date
- Mar 3 – Grade 5 Boys and Girls Basketball Jamboree at SMS afterschool
- Mar 5 – Science World Presentations, K-2 and Gr 3-5 have their own 45 minute, age appropriate presentation of “the Science of Sport” in the gym
- Mar 8 – International Women’s Day
- Mar 10 – Written Learning Updates go home
- Mar 13 – Panago Pizza Day and last day before Spring Break
- Mar 16 – 27 – Spring Break
- Mar 30 – First Day Back to School
- Apr 3/6 – Good Friday/Easter Monday – No School