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| **Hillcrest Monthly School Council Meeting – March 11th 2015**  |
| Meeting called by  | Chairs, Lisa Kahn and Scott Tabachnick  |
| Note taker  | Scott Tabachnick/Annie Salsberg  |
| Attendees  | Scott Tabachnick, Lisa Kahn, Kaleigh Starritt, Jeanette Lawrence, John Campbell, Kari Taylor, Priya Arora, Anne Borkwood, Peter Remisch (staff rep), Christine Paterson, Freda Theofilatos, Seema Paniwala, Kelci Gershon, Norbert Costa  |
| **Welcome/Call to Order/Acceptance of previous minutes**  |
| Facilitator  | Scott  |
| Discussion  | * Call to order and approval of Feb. meeting minutes
* Motion to pass last month’s meeting minutes - approved.
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| Conclusions  |  • N/A  |
| **Principal Update**  |
| Facilitator  | Norbert Costa  |
| Discussion  | * Expected return to rooms 109+110, following the steam pipe burst, is the week following March Break.
* An invite should be sent to Trustee Laskin to both attend

FunFest and an upcoming Parent Council meeting Scott will send invitation * April 27-May 1 will be Author's week, led by Ms. Booker. Volunteers are needed.
* April 1-2 will have an Aboriginal Storyteller visiting classrooms within the school
* The staffing process for 2015-16 has begun, and will proceed over the coming months. Preliminary student numbers for next year will be available later this month, and will dictate staffing needs.
* The new gates on Nina St. have been installed. They are easier to open/close and are more secure than the previous version.
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| Discussion  |  * Reminder of the parking and driving restrictions on Hilton Ave. and surrounding streets. Street parking has a 1-hour limit during the day, and northbound traffic is restricted during key drop-off and pick-up times. Staff, parents, vendors and volunteers are responsible for following all posted traffic/parking regulations and for the consequences of any infractions.
* New photocopiers have been installed in the school. The newer machines should jam less, provide faster and clearer copies and provide teachers with improved teaching aids.
* In May, a contingent of student teachers from Switzerland will be at the school for a two-week placement as part of their International English studies.
* 2014-15 has seen a significant increase in the amount of extra-curriculars offered by the school.

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| Conclusions  | * The budget for 2015-16 should be adjusted to mirror the amount spent in 2014-15.
* Additionally, any extra funds from parent council to support this year's increased expenses (referees, supplies, transportation, etc.) would be appreciated.

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| **Agenda Topic: Report/Update on Committees**  |
| Facilitator  | Various  |

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|   | Technology – Lisa/Mr. Costa * The school has purchased 5 new iPads, a ChromeBook (pilot to possibly replace the Netbooks, which will come to the end of their lease at the end of this school year) and an HP Laptop.
* The Tech Committee are discussing and reviewing a long-term strategy for implementation of new technology throughout the school in the year, and years) to come.

Diversity *–* John* African Heritage month saw many successes including the participation of the Multi-Cultural Museum and various student engagement opportunities.
* Efforts are underway to create an annual tradition of a family/cultural potluck event.

Health and Safety – Scott for Annie * Opportunity to offer first aid course through Active Canadian Emergency Training Inc. They train TDSB employees and can extend a preferred rate to parents/caregivers.
* 2-hour course with focus on CPR (adult, child, infant), choking and EPI-pen administration.
* Rate is $360 for up to 12 participants. $30 for any additional participant.
* Course can be offered weekend or evening.
* Is appropriate for grade 5 and 6 students too.
* Annie will move forward to pick a date(s) and time(s) and then publicize.

Funfest – Pam Stein * Inflatables, DJ and BBQ rental sourced, awaiting approval from council.
* Giorgia has completed Save the Date posters and they are ready for circulation.
* We will be having a BBQ and pizza – arranging food vendors is something we can explore in the future.

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|   | •   | Need to pull together to get silent auction items! Asking that everyone tap into their network for donations.  |
| Conclusions  |   |  |

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| **Agenda Topic: Other Business**  |
| Facilitator  | Various  |
| Discussion  | * A call has been put out for nominees for 2015-16 Parent Council (Scott). A key learning from 2014-15 is the importance of securing the Council Executive before the close of the previous school year to ensure they are up to speed and able to move forward at the start of the following year.
* Jeanette inquired as to funding for the SK/JK play day.
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| Conclusions  |  Council confirmed a budget item exists for this event, and * encouraged the Kindergarten parents to continue in their planning.
* Potential Parent Council candidates for a variety of roles (Chair, Co-Chair, etc.) should present themselves prior to the close of the 2014-15 school year, with a vote held at the final June meeting.
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 Adjournment: Scott

**Next Council Meeting: April 8**