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Hillcrest C.S. November 25, 2015	
Meeting called by	Chairs, Robin and Seema
Note taker	Annie Salsberg
Attendees	Kaleigh Starritt, Merike Bauer, Lisa Kahn, Freda Theofilatos, Norbert Costa, Kyra Kendall, Robin Fribance, Peter Remish, Pam Stein, Seema Paniwala, Christine Paterson, Jamie Strashin, Kelci Gerson, Annie Salsberg,
Welcome/Call to Order/Adoption of previous meeting minutes	
Facilitator	Robin
Discussion	No questions or concerns from last month's meeting minutes.
Conclusions	Minutes from previous meeting adopted - all in favour
Agenda Topic: Budget	
Facilitator	Kelci
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please see Budget (to follow separately) for complete details. See October meeting minutes for details around discussion of allocations• We have about \$25,000 not allocated – pending approval today• Mr Costa reviewed budget actuals for each budget line• After review, council would still have \$5000-\$6000 unallocated - to be used as a buffer, if things comes up...(i.e. eco club)• Jamie Strashin: wondering about field trips - is there a way that we can bolster amount of field trips that kids are going on? Mr Costa work to rule from May-this Sept (no teacher meetings). And, we have much happening <i>in</i> school, i.e. scientists in the school.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kelci: full subsidies allocated to each classroom not being used• It's the teacher's initiative about what happens in each classroom, i.e. field trips. Depends on the teacher and what is relevant to curriculum.• Mr Costa will review classroom allocation with teachers at next staff meeting - will also remind that bussing allocation available.• Mr Costa: would like an allocation for the garden - Mr Ives keen to do again - \$500 would be adequate; also, requesting some funding to purchase new indoor recess games - the ones we have are quite old and need to be replenished, would be another \$500.• Mr Remish: commented that \$5 coupons for book fair a great initiative - there is money and resources to support teachers and their classrooms
Conclusion	All in agreement – motion to approve budget allocations passed
Teacher Funding Request	
Facilitator	Annie
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding request from Ms Maklin and Ms Kouvaris for special art project for their class.• \$14/child - \$266 total.• Reminder re: classroom allocations - each class has \$200 for 'supplies' - \$200 'special projects'; \$300 for buses (\$700 total)• Teachers request is within their classroom budget allocation• Council strongly feels that teachers requesting additional funds should be funded since allocations not fully used last year
Conclusion	Funds approved

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Principal's Report

Facilitator

Norbert Costa

- November 2 assembly: great feedback
- Next assembly Nov 30: will focus on empathy
- Report cards and IEPs will go home on Dec10
- Call out to start a playground committee: to work with and advise Costa and staff on how best to use funds to support for playground improvement - will send out request via PEN
- Aboriginal heritage month was in November: Dec 3/4 we are having teachers from OISE come to speak on aboriginal issues. Dec 14/15 funds from council are being used to bring in Aboriginal elder to speak with classrooms.
- School maintenance/improvement: new light in front entranceway - in front of school and at bottom of garage. LED lights, so very energy efficient. We have also applied for and received approval to paint part of the school - we are going to look at strategic areas: entrance of school, around display case....they will do a site visit - we are one of 4 schools in the ward to receive painting.
- Sports: basketball grade 5 and 6 girls, grade 5 and 6 boys volleyball, ice hockey tryouts tomorrow; swim meet tomorrow at Brown; next Friday Dec 4, Brown comes to Hillcrest for a swim meet.
- Holiday concert: Dec 16 / kindergarten concert will be same day (either am or pm)
- Winona band will be coming to perform at Hillcrest
- Local residents doing a dinner: supper or Syria - working to raise \$70,000 to sponsor families; TDSB has a fund too - government is matching money raised (\$ for \$.). Proposed that parent council could match funds raised by students, up to \$500. Mr Costa will promote Supper with Syria through PEN. Mr Costa would like a student group to help spearhead fundraising initiatives within school: i.e. bake sale.
- For a eco-school initiative, need a teacher to be involved.

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Conclusion	N/A
Other Business	
Facilitator	Robin
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time for Kids fundraising campaign already at \$2000! Parents have indicated that they would like to know more clearly about where money will go.• Hayley has said that she will coordinate bake sale for concert• Parents night: 2 dates on the table: would like to do it <i>in</i> the school - want to community-build, parents having a fun night out, want to have food, booze, parents can bartend, Pam would like to do silent auction at parents night. Friday Feb 5 <u>or</u> Friday Feb 19th. (FEB 5th seems to be preferred date).• Apparel: Christine brought pictures of apparel. Suggests a short campaign now before holidays, and then another one in the spring. Would be delivered to the school on Dec 16/17th and then distributed on the 18th. Will have samples with materials and sizing. For any students with a challenge for cost, Mr Costa and Janet will let council know if any subsidies required.• Seema: do we still want to do something for teachers since we did not get to do a welcome breakfast at start of year?
Conclusion	Council agrees to do something, ie welcome back in the New Year, for teachers in January

Next council meeting: Jan 27, 7pm 2016

See you there!