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Hillcrest C.S. October 28, 2015	
Meeting called by	Chairs, Robin and Seema
Note taker	Annie Salsberg
Attendees	Robin, Norbert Costa, Pamela, Seema, Kelci, Kari Taylor, Freda, Kyra, Annie, Kaleigh, Cynthia, Christine, Jon
Welcome/Call to Order	
Facilitator	Robin
Discussion	Minutes from previous meeting adopted - all in favour
Conclusions	N/A
Agenda Topic: Book Fair	
Facilitator	Kari
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kari Taylor is co-chair for Book Fair with Truc.• To start on Nov 23rd - 27th. Set up on 20th.• Not sure what teachers can/can't do with job action. Currently, teachers should be able to bring students during the day. But, wouldn't be able to collect money, etc.• If it turns out that they can't, we'll have to get creative to figure out how to get kids through.• Need for volunteers 8:30am - 4:30pm - usually in 2-hour shifts.• Meeting with Georgia on Tuesday to get vouchers done.• There are funds from parent council to support families who may need extra help with purchases at fair.• Will be open late on the Thursday eve till 6:30pm for Tigers parents.

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Conclusion	Looking for volunteers to help with book fair!
Budget / Funding priorities	
Facilitator	Kelci
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have about \$25,000 not allocated - we have \$54,000 (\$30,000+ allocated)• We have \$10-\$15,000 to put towards a new initiative.• We surveyed parents to ask where money would like to – #1 = classroom/academic enrichment.• But we also don't want to drop the ball on what we've been stewarding last few years, ie what does it take to get to where we'd like to be from a technology perspective?• Parent council can only fund things not funded by school, i.e. not school books.
Conclusion	Paused to hear funding needs request from Norbert.
Principal's Report	
Facilitator	Norbert Costa
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked everyone for being here• Work to rule: has impacted our start of the year - starting today, it's ramped up and no extra curriculums are offered. Has put a challenge on things. Progress reports are in doubt, probably no interviews (was supposed to be in 2 weeks). Teachers are still communicating with parents - you are welcome to contact teacher to talk about your child - this is acceptable within parameters of work-to-rule. They are available to talk with parents as needed. Teachers will not distribute letters to go home. Mr. Costa will move PEN notices to Thursdays - parents should check email regularly to get info about school.

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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics: from Sept until this past Tuesday - we've had over 200 students participate, possibly close to 300! It's fantastic and a sign that students are engaged!• Technology: we've added 2 more routers this fall - we're almost 100% wifi (part of tech plan from last year). Google chrome books up and running effective this week - in a cart in room 209 (computer lab) - we want to make this a hub of the school - to make it a room where classes can rotate through. Vision of computer lab: to bring us as close to a modern tech lab as possible. In future, could include: 3D printer, green screen.• Funding:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1- wants to start a playground committee - 3 of obelisks outside have been taken down - they were in ill repair. Wants to secure the ones there and re-furbish. This committee would look at painting on the ground, maybe some soccer boundaries, or basketball nets, and creating other ground games (ie 4 square). \$3-5,000 to get something like that started.2- Future plan: to also consider refurbishing artificial turf field - may want to consider extending it. This area is not just for sports. Daycare and parks n rec would also have to be on board. This would not be an easy process....would be a partnership with TDSB. Could be in the \$100-200,000 range. Not a short-term project.3- Recess equipment - could have a variety of balls, games, and students can borrow and return them OR can purchase a kit for each class - \$50/class.4- Lunch tables - 3 tables would be ideal \$1000/table.5- Technology: 3D printer for our junior kids to work with - they could design a product/project and could see it through to end of the project - cost \$3-4,000.6- Uniforms for sports teams: inter school athletics - quantity and quality getting low...we should start looking at replacing them over next few years \$20-30 each.
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<p>Discussion</p>	<p>7- Purchase of musical ingredients - previous councils made a commitment of one new instruments/year - this helped to keep inventory up. Need 5-7 new instruments @\$200-500/instrument).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive choir: going to be taking students to competitions. On hold during WTR. Mr Roblin will get started on this after WTR. Don't have a number on how much this initiative will cost. • Insurance for council needed \$150 / liability policy. • Assembly tomorrow morning 9:15, first all school assembly. We're going to recognize athletic achievements. Dance and song performance too. • Halloween parade at 1pm Friday afternoon - on school property. Teachers will parade around main school areas with their classes. • French immersion application for JK parents : till Dec 3rd online • Remembrance day assembly coming up Nov 11 • Clothing drive happened this year - will go to students in a partner TDSB school. High needs, high immigrant population. Was fantastic last year. • Aboriginal heritage month in November: wants to get presentation/activity done - Georgia organizing. • We have 12 OISE teacher candidates at Hillcrest. We have been selected as a site - great for our staff to work with them. They are doing their Masters of Education - they will be here for next 4 weeks. • Proposal for a dance company in Seaton village - their MO is getting non-dancers 'out'- could do a 2 hour drop in, 4 days / week. Would work with curriculum of teacher. • If something serious needs to be communicated - Norbert will communicate via PEN and via robo call
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>Parent council to consider above mentioned funding requests.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	
<p>Facilitator</p>	<p>Robin</p>

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Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robin opened the floor to discussing funding priorities.• John discussed Diversity committee. No one is directing diversity committee right now. Wants everyone to be cognizant about funding of diversity - thinks its important to keep 'the pot' robust so that this is maintained as a priority.• Lunch tables - it is a necessity; playground is also a priority• Robin: Georgia has requested a full playground clean up and the lost and found is exploding! Parents have one week to go and find stuff - if not picked up by Nov 7th - will be donated.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent council will review funding requests and bring to council for approval

**Next Council Meeting is Wednesday November 25th, 7pm.
See you there!**