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Hillcrest Monthly School Council Meeting – Feb 11th 2014	
Meeting called by	Chair, Lisa Kahn
Note taker	Annie Salsberg
Attendees	Anne Borkwood, Kaileigh Starritt, Fernando Soto, Annie Salsberg, Freda Theofilates, Robin Fribance, Peter Remish, Kelci Gerson, Norbert Costa, Lisa Khan, Pam Stein, Kari Taylor, Cynthia Papdakis, Seema Omar.
Welcome/Call to Order/Acceptance of previous minutes	
Facilitator	Lisa
Discussion	• Introduced some new attendees to Parent Council meeting. • Motion to pass last month's meeting minutes - approved.
Conclusions	• N/A
Principal Update	
Facilitator	Norbert Costa
Discussion	Almost 80% WIFI coverage in school; we've presented a solid technology plan to board so now we're going to move forward with more purchases (from money raised last year) – this includes Scoreboard for gym, Macbook Air, Chrome books, wireless mic (already purchased). #TDSB_Hillcrest is new Twitter Handle! Report cards out this week; interviews Thursday night and Friday morning. Mr. Costa feels as though it's important to meet with your child's teacher to foster dialogue and reflect on current/future students' needs. School is getting new photocopiers. New ones will be networked to computers in school. We are in need of a new lunchroom supervisor for room 110. The position is for 1 hour plus 15 minutes in middle of day over the lunch hour. Please get the word out to caregivers in the neighbourhood to see if there is interest. Please see Mr. Costa and Janet in the office if you know someone. They would become a TDSB employee. Earth Rangers are coming to Hillcrest Feb 17 @ 2pm – program funded by Ministry of Environment. It is a live animal show. To promote environmental awareness. Free but they do encourage a donation.

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Discussion	This week Hillcrest attended the Winter Classic at De La Salle – hockey game plus skating afterwards. They were gracious hosts and everyone had a great time. Feedback from students and parents has been very positive. There were many teachers who helped to coordinate this event so we're very grateful for their help and support! Bike racks: we've applied for funding for extra bike racks. We are waiting to hear back from TDSB from this. An application has gone through 'Eco Schools'. Kindergarten registration: we have a lot of new kids coming in next year to JK. If you are out of district, then the answer to new registration is NO. We are a Closed School – we cannot accept anyone outside of area, even if siblings already in school. This might change in the future. There is a cap of 20 students/class grades 1-3. No cap beyond grade 3. This is African Heritage month – all students went through gym and saw interactive display on inventors. Ms Bronfield is coordinating a speaker to come in to speak to children, will be at a future assembly.
Conclusions	N/A
Agenda Topic: No One Eats Alone	
Facilitator	Freda Theofilates
Discussion	• February 13th is a national day in US to commemorate/honour Sandyhook victims. • The idea of No One Eats Alone is to promote inclusiveness and start new dialogues among students. • The goal is to have students interact with children that they might not typically connect with.
Conclusions	Will chat further with Mr Costa to see how this might look and how to best organize. May be done over a lunch hour. May promote in April.
Agenda Topic: Report/Update on Committees	
Facilitator	Various

	Technology – R. Fribance We did not get the Future Shop grant. 60 applications were received – 13 were awarded. Was a productive exercise and we'll try again next year! Health and Safety – Annie Salsberg/Norbert Costa Mr Ives is looking into inclusive practices @ Hillcrest. We are modifying some of our exit doors – so that you would need a key to get back in (ie exit to smaller playground). The garage door will now be closed during day. The door beside the garage will now have a buzzer. These types of modifications are going to happen across all TDSB schools as part of Caring and Safe Schools. First Aid training among staff: Hillcrest has above-required number of trained staff on site at any given time. Funfest – Pam Stein **The Date is: Thursday May 28, 2015, 3:30-7:30pm** Set up will start at noon that day. Have 10 people on committee – strong group! Will start approaching local businesses to sponsor to minimize cost of event. The Turf: will host a variety of activities (ie egg/spoon) There will be some inflatables, tattoo, face painting. Grab bags will be sold. Silent Auction: trying to recruit a lead on this. DJ will be outside to engage crowd. Sweet table/café will include salad bar. Hope is to have food stations and will approach local restaurants to see if want to rent a table – to offer variety of food. Looking at options of roaming performers to engage crowd. Take down of event will be 7:30pm – hopefully will not take more than 2 hours.

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Conclusions	Annie will look into First Aid/CPR training for parents/ caregivers, to be hosted @ Hillcrest to further engage community.

Agenda Topic: Other Business	
Facilitator	Various
Discussion	Mr Remish: inquired further about budget/teacher and classroom allowances; Answer: we have a good amount of funds that have been allocated but not dispensed; we have additional money to allocate to teachers – this has been undersubscribed. Each class gets $200/special projects plus $200 for subsidy. Cynthia: curious about a portable stage for gym. Pam: curious as to whether it's ever been suggested to extend footprint of lunchroom. Lunchtime has now been extended: the children now eating until 12:10.
Conclusions	N/A

Next Parent Council Meeting is March 11, 2015.

See you there!