

Hillcrest Middle School PAC Meeting

September 21, 2026

Call to Order – Melissa Ferreira (Vice-Chair)

- Melissa called the meeting to order, and invited Principal Mike Parkins to provide a principal update.

Principal Update – (Principal Mike Parkins)

- Things have gone smoothly starting the school year.
- There were a number of updates over the summer to the building, such as partial new flooring and exterior paint and board replacements, and some things are still ongoing with electricians coming to the school after school hours. The rest of the flooring will be done next summer. There are ongoing updates to the portables.
- We have 507 students currently enrolled, which is slightly down from last year. We still have 20 divisions. There has been a significant increase in EA staffing as there has been an influx of students who require support. There are currently 16 EAs.
- There have been activities starting up, like breakfast club and open gym. There are 50-100 students taking part between the two groups each day. The band is also ongoing. Cross country had their first practice, as well as Grade 8 girls' volleyball. Grade 6 and 7 volleyball will be starting soon. The swim team is also starting up.
- There are some after school programs such as chess, Moresports, and a basketball program.
- There are a number of upcoming dates to note: On the 29th there will be a school-wide activity related to Orange Shirt Day. This Friday is a Pro-D, and the staff will be focusing on preparing for classroom-based assessments that will generate data around reading and support that is needed. October 5th is World Teachers Day. The Terry Fox Run is Thursday, September 24. Wednesday and Thursday, the 23rd and 24th, will be early dismissal.

- The shift around regulations for E-scooters and E-bikes has gone smoothly. RCMP will be coming to the school to provide education on this.

Treasurer's Report – Angel Chen (Treasurer)

- No update as of now. Angel will be corresponding with the past treasurer to take over the position.

Hot Lunch Update – Melissa Ferreira (Vice-Chair)

- Hot Lunch planning is underway for the 2026–2027 school year. We have 17 Hot Lunch dates scheduled throughout the year: most of the dates are Wednesdays, except for the very first one which is a Thursday, and we have one Tuesday in December. Dates are subject to change, and final dates will be sent out on Friday. We will be opening it up for the October 8 Domino's hot lunch tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22, for parents to register and order. Ordering will be done through Munchalunch.com, and there will be information coming about how families can make an account if they haven't already made one.
- Hot lunch dates: October: 8 & 21
November: 4 & 18
December: 1 & 16
January: 6 & 20
February: 3 & 17
March: 3 & 31
April: 14 & 28
May: 12 & 26
June: 9
- Vendors: This year we are planning to work with a mix of returning favourites and vendors that provide a little more variety. Catering vendors may change, and the final vendors will be locked in on Friday. The potential vendors are: Fuel Catering (waiting for reply), A&W, Sushi (still trying to find one), Subway, White Spot, Domino's Pizza, Domino's Pasta, and Pasta Polo (still waiting for reply).
- Our most popular vendors in previous years have been Domino's, Subway and White Spot, so we will continue to include those in the rotation.

- Fuel Catering gives us an opportunity to offer a wider variety of school-lunch choices, with options that may include items such as sushi, salads, quesadillas, burgers and hot dogs.
- We are currently working on contacting vendors and securing our dates for the year.

Fundraising Update - Melissa Ferreira (Vice-Chair)

- We have several fundraising opportunities that we are hoping to run throughout the 2026–2027 school year.
- Purdy's Chocolates: We are hoping to run two Purdy's chocolate fundraisers this year: November – Holiday/Christmas campaign. February – Winter/Valentine's campaign. More information and ordering details will be shared with families closer to each campaign.
- Treat Days: We are also planning some special Treat Days throughout the school year. Donut Love will be featured for some of our treat days, giving students something fun to look forward to while also providing another fundraising opportunity. We are also planning to offer a TCBY fundraiser/treat day during the school year.
- Funds raised through these treat-day initiatives will be split between the school and the Grade 8 graduating class. This allows our fundraising to support school-wide needs and activities while also helping our Grade 8 students with their year-end graduation activities and celebrations.
- Additional dates and details for Treat Days, TCBY and our Purdy's campaigns will be shared as they are confirmed.
- The gaming grant has been applied for already, and we will have an update at the next meeting about whether it has been approved.
- There is now a PAC cash donation option on school cash online, and there will be information sent out to the community about this.
- There was some discussion about various fundraiser options for the future like a readathon, Neufeld's foods, or Meridian Meats.
- Some fundraising money will likely be allocated to new sports equipment.

Adjourn Melissa Ferreira (Vice-Chair)

- Melissa adjourned the meeting, and advised that our next meeting is tentatively booked for October 19 at 6:30 PM.

Attendees:

Angel Chen, Christy Dirks, Damien Cha, Jeff Hart, Masa Haraguchi, Mike Parkins, Melissa Ferreira.

Board Members:

Angel Chen (Treasurer), Aubrey Marshall (Chair), Christy Dirks (Secretary), Damien Cha (DPAC Representative), Melissa Ferreira (Vice-Chair).