



THE HAWK EYE

HILL CREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a pleasure maneuvering Hill Crest Community School through uncharted and everchanging waters so far this year. It has not been easy and so many sacrifices have been made by parents and staff to make this year's learning experience an incredibly memorable one for students. We have missed the support of parents in the classroom and our hope is that we get back to that happening soon.

Although it has been a trying three months so far, I am reminded to focus on being grateful. I don't remember the weather being as nice as it has been. We have been able to take our students out for fresh air every day. We were even able to put on a winter carnival that was amazing! I am also grateful for a staff that happily tackles any circumstance thrown their way. Current circumstances could very well mean that many of our staff will be separated from family this Christmas Season. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." - Aesop

With the Christmas Season approaching, I would like to extend, on behalf of your Hill Crest Family our warmest wishes for the Holiday Season.

Blessings,
Mr. Ben Giesbrecht

For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

PARENT COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Called to order at 7:05 pm

Council Executive in Attendance: Ben Giesbrecht, Henry Goertzen, Bill Wiens, David Doerksen, Peter Goertzen, Joanne Dyck, Elizabeth Wiebe. Travis Hardy and Darren Froese attended virtually.

25 parents in attendance.

1. Welcome by Peter Goertzen (Parent Chair)
2. Trustee Announcements – Henry
 - Mr. McMann is taking a week off to refresh
 - Skate sharpening at skate shack - \$7
 - Trustee Boundary review – option #2 accepted for 2nd reading
3. Parent considerations
 - Please remember to contact Ben at the school should you have any questions or concerns. If it is something directly affecting a teacher, it should go to them first. Parents welcome to walk around the school and see kids' classrooms after council meeting
 - Thank you to all parents that have made contact! I love the feedback and I love the communication. So much misinformation dissolved with a quick phone call.
 - Also, don't hesitate to call and tell us what we are doing well
4. Bussing
 - Call Mr. McMann about bussing issues
 - Switching busses is available for extended stays
5. Yearbook This Year
 - Jostens possibly coming in the spring
 - Teachers are taking pictures in class for the yearbook
6. Report Cards and PTI's
 - Junior High – 4 report cards
 - K-7 – 3 report cards
 - PTI – Phone calls to parents, still figuring out logistics
 - Face Time is also an option
7. Media during lunch discussion and clarification
 - With the shortened school day, 2 fifteen-minute breaks for outdoor activity
 - Eating lunch during instructional time is causing distraction, for students and teachers do not get a break to eat
 - 5 minutes of distraction free time to eat lunch
8. Grade 9 Bottle drive and trip update
 - Bottle drive was a success - \$1000
 - Thanks to Atco for contributing to the bottle drive
 - Fall Highway cleanup funds toward the trip. \$4,500
 - Trailer behind the school. Donate your bottles anytime

9. Covid checklist and Self-Assessment
 - Revised covid checklist sent home
 - Thanks to parents for being proactive and keeping children home when sick
 - Covid is not mentioned in classrooms daily, doing best to normalize education
10. Living in the age of social media – get to the source – Digital Citizenship
 - Check your sources, not all media is facts
11. Christmas Concert Plans
 - Not realistic to have a concert this year
 - Christmas parties and activities will go ahead
 - Goody bags will still be handed out in classrooms at Christmas parties
12. Assessing student Achievement
 - a) TTT – Literacy
 - Results of first test are back
 - Second test will give clearer picture of where we're at
 - b) TNT Numeracy
 - Focus on knowing number through memorization
 - Student specific testing
 - Results for TTT and TNT discussed at next Executive Meeting
 - c) Connectivity Survey
13. Special monthly events discussion
 - Fun activities for connectivity, not promoting certain agendas
14. Volunteer Appreciation/Parents in school
 - Parents are missed in school
15. Blob activity – fun connectivity activity

Adjourned at 8:37 pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Christmas tree is up in the library again for Christmas Hampers! Once again we are asking students to place non-perishable food items under the tree by December 14th. Students will place the items under the tree and items will remain there until the 21st when they will be boxed up and delivered.

All items are donated to FCSS in Fort Vermilion or La Crete to be placed in food hampers for needy families over the holidays.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A BIG thank you going out to all the students, staff and community members who filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These contributions are sure to make a difference in the lives of many children this Christmas Season.

COOKBOOKS

We still have plenty of The Hill Crest Community School 25 Years Cookbooks for sale. They are \$20.00 each and would make a great Christmas gift! You can purchase them through School Cash online, and we can send them home with your student.

PRE-ECS

We are planning on running the Pre-Kindergarten program again in the new year. The tentative start date is the end of January. If you have a qualified child/children you would like to enroll, contact the school to sign them up or for more information. This would help us gauge numbers and interest. Spaces fill up quickly! We are very excited to meet your little ones!!

MEDIA DURING LUNCH

It should be clear that HCCS is not showing movies during lunch eating time. If parents have any concerns in this regard, please contact the school and we would gladly clear up any misconceptions in this area.

Upcoming Events in December & January

- December 3 – Hat Day
- December 9 – Slipper Day
- December 17 – Crazy Christmas Hair Day
- December 23 – Christmas Color Day
- December 23 – Parent Council Goodie Bags go Home
- December 24 – First day of Christmas break
- January 11 – Classes resume
- January 22 – Country & Western Day
- January 28 – Jersey Day



BLUMENORT ICE SCHEDULE

The ice may be rented Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Rental rate is \$40/hour. Rentals will be at caretakers discretion. Renters will be held liable for any damages or graffiti. An adult (21 years) has to be present at all times. Contact Henry at 780-502-3775. **Skate sharpening is also available by Henry Goertzen for \$7.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00PM— 5:00PM	7:00PM— 9:30PM	CLOSED	7:00PM— 9:30PM	7:00PM— 9:30PM	7:00PM— 9:30PM	2:00PM— 5:00PM
Public Skating/ Hockey	Public Skating/ Hockey		Public Skating/ Hockey	Public Skating	Hockey only for Ages 14 and up	Public Skating/ Hockey

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