

PAC MEETING MINUTES

HJORTH ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Hjorth Library
FACILITATOR: PAC Execs & Mrs. Reena P. Chohan, (Principal)

DATE: Mar. 13, 2024
TIME: 6:00pm

Attendees:

Wai-Yung Akdogu, (PAC President & Chair)
Namrata Kohli, (PAC Vice President)
Reena Parhar Chohan, (Principal)
And 11 Hjorth Parents (*attached meeting sign-in sheet, filled out by attendees*)

Regrets:

Imad Abdul, (PAC Treasurer)
Ese Vivian Oruru, (PAC Co-Treasurer)
Elena Medina Diaz, (PAC Secretary)
Zainab Amra, (DPAC Representative)

1. Call to order

Meeting started at 6:08pm
Executive Introductions
Approval of Agenda
Adopting Previous Minutes

2. Old Business

Banking Financials are getting sorted out. Removing members that are no longer a part of the PAC and adding new signing authorities.

3. Executive Reports

Approved PAC funds of \$1750 to the school

Proposes funds go to classrooms and assistance for extra supplies and prizes:

\$100 per class,
\$100 for IST and CYCW,
and \$50 for LST
(Total funds equal to \$1750 - cheque written, signatures need to be finalized at the bank)

Application for Gaming Grant – These Funds are allocated to school events where the whole school takes part, such as special events, performances, presentations; field trip bus costs; Grade 7 leaving ceremony (\$300 for decorations, metals and cake), etc.

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To raise money for new technology for classroom use and for communication with students who have a second language. Proposing to raise enough funds for 5 tablets per division. (15 divisions = 75 tablets)

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - At the moment we are trying to sort out the signing authorities, so accounts remain the same.
 - **General account** \$2400
 - **Previous Gaming Account** \$14,098.95

- **Principal's Report**
 - **Presentation of Drumming Performance** for the students was a success. Children were engaged and interested in asking questions
 - **Ramadan Holiday** talks in classrooms, we would like to see more parents and students sharing their family traditions.
 - **Ready, Set, Learn is a program** for 3-5yr olds that are not in school
 - **Spring break closure** is coming soon, for 2 weeks, plus Easter - school resumes on April 2nd.
 - **Student Reports** came out today.
 - **Spaces is an online app**, where some teachers use it to showcase student work and parents can login to view student progress. Do parents prefer paper reports or online reports in Spaces? Parents like the app Spaces but not all teachers uses it.

Complaints:

- **Parking out front**, there is too much chaos with drop offs, not enough parking spaces for teachers. Principal is looking after the safety of the children and families. Illegal to park on right turning lane for drop off
- **Phone Passes** - for not feeling well, no personal calls
- **Families taking children out early** and missing instructional time not permitted. Should only be for important appointments. Please notify school.
- **Late Students** - Please come to school on time - being late is not acceptable.
- **Litter on school grounds** - kids eating outside are throwing garbage everywhere. Please throw your garbage in the trash. Eating will only be permitted indoors.

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- **Student Mobile Phones** - Students should not bring mobile phones. Social media accounts are illegal for ages under 18, illegal to take photos of other children, distracting in classrooms, children do not need to have phones, everyclassroom has a phone. If you want your child to carry a phone for safety purposes, please talk to your child about phone usage and keep their phones in their bags.
- **Crosswalk man** - has been missing for over a month. Parents are wondering where he is. Be cautious when crossing the street, drivers sometimes do not stop
- **Locked Gates** - Complaints that the gate near the basketball court is always locked, and the principal will look into this.
- **Last hot lunch from Pizza Hut was cold.** Try another option... There are new pizza flyers we can review to plan another hot lunch.

4. New Business

- Fundraising ideas

5. Open Discussion

- Hot Lunches Ideas for fundraising - Fresh slices, Pizza hut, Samosas, Boston Pizza
- Mothers Day Gift Raffle per class, a student from each class can win a Gift basket for Mom for Mother's Day
- Getting the Families together events - Family Picnics, Fairs, Introducing International Foods - trying/cooking ethnic foods
- Fundraisers Ideas - Chocolates or Popcorn sales
- Fairs, Casino Nights, Movie Nights, Board Games
- Would like to see parents volunteering in classrooms

6. Meeting Adjourned

Ended 6:55pm, Next meeting TBA (April 17th, 2024 at 6pm)