HILLHURST SCHOOL

Minutes: Hillhurst Elementary School Council AGM, School Society AGM and School Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hillhurst School - In-Person meeting and the school will send the link to attend virtually.

Attendance

In Person: Kristin Dahl, Shafali Hamir, Kristin Chow, Trisha Woodlock, Sage Kuderewko, Breanne Dolphin, Laura Cooper, Erin Bedell, Claire Fritsche, Aida Tavana, Jennifer De Bruyn, Hazel Kim, Tony Nguyen, Rafael Del Sole, Daniela Salva, Zac Trolley, Bill MacFarlane, Timothy Cole

Online: Chris Peng, Damariz Acosta, Fatemah Sadraei, Jacqui R, Joel Eriki, Kristin Lalji, Michelle, Don Wei, Mohini Jakhotra, Pardis Pedram, Rajesh Shirpuram, Mate

1. Call to Order Kristin Chow 6:31pm

    1.1. Land Acknowledgement

    1.2. Round table introductions

    1.3. Approval of agenda - Motioned Breanne Dolphin, seconded Sage Kuderewko

    1.4. Approval of previous meeting minutes - Motioned Sage Kuderewko, seconded Laura Cooper

Hillhurst Elementary School Council AGM

2. School Council AGM - Opened by Kristin Chow

2.1. Role of School Council - The role of school council is varied and includes fundraising, a forum for parent discussion and opinions and to act in an advisory capacity for the admin team.

2.2. Nominations and Motions to Approve: Executive & Directors at Large - Nominations are for 2 years.

Chair Role - Kristin Chow - Nominated by Sage Kuderewko, seconded by Trisha Woodlock

Vice Chair Role - Sage Kuderewko - Nominated by Kristin Chow, seconded by Laura Cooper

Treasurer Role - Jennifer De Bruyn - Nominated by Trisha Woodlock, seconded by Aida Tavana

Secretary Role - Erin Bedell - Nominated by Laura Cooper, seconded by Kristin Chow

Directors at Large - Claire Fritsche, Breanna Dolphin, Laura Cooper, Trisha Woodlock - Nominated by Erin Bedell, seconded by Kristin Chow

School Council AGM Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

3. Hillhurst Elementary Community School Society (School Society) AGM – Opened by Kristin Chow at 6:44pm

3.1. Role of School Society – the school society allows us to be registered as a not-for-profit, which is important for fundraising, it also allows us to host casinos and fundraise.

3.2. Motion to elect new Officers and Directors of the School Council as Officers of the School Society for a one-year term.

Chair – Kristin Chow

Vice Chair – Sage Kuderewko

Treasurer – Jennifer De Bruyn

Secretary – Erin Bedell

All executives elected passed by majority.

Hillhurst Elementary Community School Society (School Society) AGM closed at 6:46pm

4. School Council Meeting

4.1. Admin Updates (building, staff, volunteer clearance, school access) K. Dahl/S. Hamir

Welcome to all parents and families! Both Ms Dahl and Ms Hamir are open to any and all conversations, the relationship is a partnership with all families and we welcome ideas, concerns and conversation.

Enrollment Numbers – currently sitting at 260 students, the number will still fluctuate due to the demographic of the neighbourhood and the specialized programming in the school. September 30th is the funding deadline, and the school funding is based on the enrollment number as of September 30th.

Teaching Staff for the Year

Admin Secretary – Admin Secretary

Kindergarten – Alicia Sherman

Grade ½ Team – Crystal Spencer and Jesse Hamilton

Grade ¾ Team – Jennifer Simpson and Jennifer Molnar

Grade 5/6 Team – Mitchell McAreavy and Lauren Ewasyke

GATE 4/5 Team – Andy Watkins, Richie Stokes and Brielle St. Louis

GATE 6 Team – David Kooperberg and Antonia Kousouris

Music – Louis Au Yeung

Library – Keri Lindner

Resource – Breanna Coupland

4.2. Treasurer update/ call for auditors Trisha Woodlock

- We received 5 volunteers for Auditors, we'll be reviewing the numbers and fixing the balance sheets to present the 25-26 numbers at the October meeting.

4.3. Fundraising Update (Apparel, Bottle Drive) Kristin Chow

- We will be proceeding with Art Cards in October and Growing Smiles in November. We'll also be launching the Nest Egg fundraiser in November as well.

- New school shirts were ordered for the whole school, based on the new school colours that were voted on in June. We are looking at new suppliers, so the store will have a delayed opening until we find a partner.

4.4. Casino Update Breanne Dolphin

- The casino will be hosted on December 13 & 14 at Cowboys Casino, we are allowed to host a casino every two years as long as we stay within regulation. We are seeking 42 volunteers to help us run the casino. The funds can be used for School Enrichment.

4.5. School Picnic Kristin Chow

Picnic is happening on Thursday, September 24th, alongside the School Open House. There will be food trucks and a chance to explore the school and meet the teachers.

4.6. Fun Lunch Sage Kuderewko

We offer two opportunities for a fun lunch/fun snack each month. Fun lunch on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and fun snack on the 1st Friday of each month. These are opportunities for a hot lunch or snack, a chance for kids to try new foods and it also acts as a fundraiser. Proceeds go towards providing lunch for in need students.

We need a team of volunteers to make this happen, sign ups will be sent out shortly.

4.7. GATE Update Kristin Lalji

GATE AGM is on Monday, September 28th at 7pm. GATE families can sign up for the mailing list on the GATE Website. The meetings happen quarterly and GATE also hosts presentations to support GATE families.

4.8. Communications Update Kristin Chow

Parent Council emails will be sent out every Friday with updates and events. Admin will send out monthly emails and updates as needed. Teachers will send emails every Friday with classroom updates.

Families can also sign up for the Hillhurst School calendar to get the important dates and updates.

4.9. New Business & Adjournment Kristin Chow

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Next meeting date: October 21, 2026