

Request for DPAC Funding for 2015/2016 School Year

Please complete the information on this form and submit via email to dpac@sd57dpac.ca.

Decisions on funding are made at general DPAC meetings, usually held on the first Monday of each month. Please submit the request at least one week in advance of the meeting. DPAC has a limited amount of money for grants, and may not be able to fund all requests.

Use of funds:

- Speaker Grants: up to \$300 towards hiring speakers for PAC events
- Family of Schools Grants: up to \$200 contribution toward a joint event, such as within a family of schools (the group of schools around each secondary school), serving to improve communication/interaction between schools
- Anti-bullying Grant: up to \$200 for PACs to promote anti-bullying in their school
- BCCPAC Conference Attendance: an application may be made if there is any excess DPAC funding to pay for PAC parent attendance at BCCPAC conferences.
- Something else that helps foster parental involvement in the schools, and/or promotes effective communication between schools, parents, students and the community.

Requested by which PAC or PACs: Hart Highlands Elementary		
Total amount: \$300	Date: June 2016	One time X
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Description of request, including cost components and any support required: We are looking for support for our <i>Evening in the Garden</i> school community event that will take place in June (date TBD). The event includes a BBQ (hot dogs, burgers, salads, treats, drinks) and fun activities for everyone. Last year the cost of food purchased by the PAC was \$470 and this year we are wanting to have local musicians in attendance and are also planning for other entertainment and craft activities for everyone.		
How will parents benefit from this funding? The <i>Evening in the Garden</i> is our biggest event of the year and highlights the importance of the school garden, which is used as an outdoor classroom by all teachers and grades at Hart Highlands. While this event is a celebration, it is also an opportunity for students to share what they've learned in the garden with their families. It's also a chance to build connection amongst families of the school and have caregivers connect to the school and staff in a friendly and laid back atmosphere. There were approximately 200 people in attendance last year, including: students, parents, grandparents, school staff and neighbors. The evening also connects the school community to the neighborhood. For the past few years, many neighbors have attended the event, having no children in the school. It's a really welcoming event! Kindergarten families who will be starting school in the fall are also invited. We will have a number of vacant positions on our PAC at the end of this school year and this event will be a great opportunity to promote the PAC and attract new parents to the committee for the 2016/17 school year.		