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HOMECOMING 2012 - 100 YEARS OF HILL CITY SCHOOL HOMECOMINGS



Pictured above: King Tim Benson and Queen Caitlin Crandall.

This year's Homecoming week was a huge success, not only within the school but with our community as well. The Senior class would like to extend a big "Thank You!" to all the parents, staff and community members who helped to make this year's homecoming one to remember.

The week started off with Holiday day, which gave students a chance to get really creative. Not surprisingly, we had a handful of students dressed in camo or blaze orange,

because we all know that hunting opener is a holiday in Northern Minnesota! Monday also included Coronation, which was a chance to really celebrate



Pictured above: Royal Court: Matthew Lutterman, Connor Grigsby, King Tim Benson, Queen Caitlin Crandall, Miranda James-Smith, and Katie Majerus.

100 years of Hill City Homecomings. We had former royalty who were available, come in to create a human timeline, and starting with Mavis Gowell, who was Homecoming queen in 1954, we had 7 decades represented!

HILL CITY SCHOOL HOMECOMING

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Pictured above: Junior Escorts Lilly Watkins and Xavier James.

Mr. Hedlund and his business class created a fantastic slideshow, and Roger Rhodes, class of 2012, introduced the show as well as helped create it. The Homecoming court was made up of Timmy Benson, Matt Lutterman, Connor Grigsby, Caitlin Crandall, Miranda James-Smith, and Katie Majerus. Caitlin and Timmy were crowned king and queen by last year's royalty, Jacob Swing and Alyssa Jensen. Junior escorts were Lilly Watkins and Xavier James. Monday night the boys played power puff volleyball, with the Seniors squeaking out a win over the Juniors.

Tuesday was costume day, with some pretty interesting costumes- a whoopie cushion costume comes to mind! Tuesday night the volleyball team hosted Bigfork, and beat them soundly in three games. The volleyball team also sponsored a Pink Out night to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research, and I can tell you from experience that there were some delicious baked goods in the bake sale! The gym was really rocking that night as many of our students dressed in all pink and led the crowd in cheers and chants.

Wednesday was Hawaiian and tacky tourist day, with the students a little bit confused over which teachers were dressed up and which were just wearing their regular school clothes. Window judging took place Wednesday as well, with the staff beating out the classes (hey, can't hurt to have an art teacher on your team).

Thursday was class color day, with really high participation-100% of the students in grades 8, 9, 11, 12. Also 100% of the staff dressed in black! The volleyball team traveled to Crosby-Ironton where they beat the class AA Rangers 3-0, bringing their record to 17-4!!

Friday was packed with school spirit, as usual. For Purple Pride day we had 100% participation among students and staff!! There was a pep fest in the morning, where the Seniors were crowned spirit point winners for the week. Also on Friday was the Homecoming game, which the Hornets won handily, beating Isle 14-0. The football game was played in the afternoon, at 2:00, which allowed students to attend until bus dismissal time. At halftime, a beloved tradition was renewed-the Homecoming floats! Each class, as well as the staff, created unique floats promoting Hornet pride. These floats were pulled around the track at half time. It was so much fun to see all the parent and community involvement, and it definitely created a sense of nostalgia for the many alumni in attendance. The Sophomores won the Best Float contest, and will be rewarded by the student council with a pizza party.



Following the game, Kids Plus sponsored a cookout, with local businesses such as Buckshot's and Harry's Bar donating food. Parents, alumni and other community members also brought dishes to

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share, and everyone shared good food, laughs and memories. The girls played their powder puff game, ending in a hotly debated win for the Juniors. The week ended with the Homecoming dance, DJ'd by a local company Double DJ's.



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Committee Assignments for 2012

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Negotiations Committee

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Community Education Advisory Council
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Staff Development
School and Community Health Team
Recertification Committee
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Athletic Advisory Committee
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For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

KKIN	Aitkin	930 AM
KKIN	Aitkin	94.3 FM
KOZY	Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY	Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX	Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE	Grand Rapids	91.7 FM

INSTANT ALERT

Honeywell's Instant
Alert system will
call parents between
**5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for
school closings.**

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
KDLH
KBJR
WCCO

Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104

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- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Tom Fasteland, Jodi Gulbraa, Sue Kaslow, and Martha Lentz. Board Members absent: Brent Welk. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill and Dawn Fairchild. Brent Welk arrived at 7:02 p.m.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2012;
 - *August 2012 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 09/8/12;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments or requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Dale Juntunen is president of Nor-Tran, Inc. Learning process is in place for District and Nor-Tran, Inc. The bus building is on track with inspections going on. They hope to be done in three weeks.
6. Student Council: elected officials. They donated \$150.00 to the senior class to help cover costs of homecoming. They will also be putting on a mini parade during half-time of the homecoming game.
7. System Accountability Committee met on September 18, 2012. They were given an update on the telepresence carts that are installed in room 109. Science K-12 improvement plans and Industrial Arts improvement plans will be done this year.
8. Approved the 2011-2012 Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Report.
9. School and Community Health Committee met on September 21, 2012. They discussed the open house and 6th grade transition. They also discussed the fresh fruit and vegetable grant. October 3, 2012 is Walk to School Day, flu shots at the school for the public will be on November 14, 2012 and for the staff on October 11, 2012. Rachel's Challenge program is on October 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. We will be receiving a Wellness Grant from NESC this year; possible uses could be a walk/run in the spring.
10. Negotiations Committee: none to report.
11. Approved the Community Education Annual Report for 2011-2012.
12. Eric Hill reported that the school is off to a good start; although did need to replace the transmission in the school van.
13. No Technology Coordinator update.

14. Approved the Staff Development Report for the 2011-2012 school year.
15. Telepresence is up and working, although there are some small glitches that need to be worked out.
16. Approved hiring Joshua Hirschev, Laurie Holm, and Phil Kneeland as Senior Class Advisors.
17. Approved hiring Marc Olig and Adam Johnson as Junior Class Advisors.
18. Approved hiring Jeanie Crandall as Assistant Girls' Basketball coach with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement and to post for Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach.
19. Approved hiring Chad Lathrop as Head Baseball Coach with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement and to post for Assistant Baseball Coach.
20. Approved hiring Jordan Persons as Junior High Boys' Basketball coach with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
21. Approved the 2012-2013 Preliminary Seniority List as presented.
22. Accepted resignation from Chad Lathrop as 50% Athletic Director and to post for this position.
23. Changed the December Board meeting from Monday, December 24, 2012 to Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
24. Set the Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2012 Payable 2013 at the maximum allowable and also reviewed/discussed the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Truth in Taxation will be held at the regular board meeting on December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
25. Adopted the Resolution Providing for Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds; Covenanting and Obligation the District to be bound by and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to Guarantee the Payment of the Principal and Interest on the Bonds.
26. MREA Annual Conference will be held on November 11-13, 2012.
27. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

**2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT ON
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The 2011-2012 Annual Report from the System Accountability Committee has been posted on the school's website (<http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us>). If you do not have internet access or would like a paper copy, please feel free to stop in the office and request a copy. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please feel free to contact Patty Sawdey at (218) 697-2394, extension 104.



**WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
AT
HILL CITY SCHOOL**

Approximately 90 Hill City students, parents, staff and volunteers walked to school on October 3, 2012 as part of the International Walk to School Day. This was the third year that students from Hill City School have participated in Walk to School Day. Students met at two separate drop-off points in Hill City and made their way to the school using safe routes. When the groups of walkers arrived at the school, they were met with music, stickers and applause by teachers, volunteers and other students. Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community. For more information, visit www.walktoschool.org.

School Flu Shot Clinic

Aitkin County Public Health is offering Seasonal Flu shots for students, families and any others that are interested during Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 14, 2012 from 3-5 pm. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Check in at the Nurse's Office inside of the Main Office of the school. Aitkin County can bill Medicare, Medical Assistance, Minnesota Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medica and Health Partners, otherwise cost for the shot is \$30. **Remember to bring your insurance card!**



*Mark your
Calendar!*

**2012 FALL
CONFERENCES
AT HILL CITY SCHOOL**

Wednesday, November 14	4:00 to 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 15	4:00 to 7:00 PM

**Visit Elementary and Secondary
Teachers in their classrooms**

CHILDCARE will be provided both evenings.

**Please call the school at 218-697-2394, if you
have questions or would like a special appointment.**

Veterans Day Invitation

Hill City School to Honor Veterans:

November 12, 2012

9:00 AM

Hill City School

The students, faculty, and staff of Hill City School would like to cordially invite you to our Veterans Day Recognition Assembly. To honor those who have served, we are asking that you wear red, white or blue to the event. The program will last approx. 45 minutes.



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

ASSET #38: Self-Esteem

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they have high self-esteem.

38%

of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.*

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Self-esteem" is one of four positive identity assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

High Self-Esteem: Where Does It Come From?

We all know what pulls us down when it comes to how we feel about ourselves. Guilt.

Prejudice. Rejection. Neglect. Disrespect. Put-downs. Ridicule. Exploitation.

But what pulls us up? Author and psychologist Dr. Louise Hart, a leading educator on self-esteem development, says high self-esteem comes from:

- Love, respect, and acceptance.
- Being taken seriously.
- Being listened to.
- Having your needs met and taken seriously.
- Honoring uniqueness.
- Being healthy and fit.
- Having meaning and purpose in life.
- A sense of humor, laughter, and play.
- Taking pride in your cultural heritage.
- Having choices and a sense of personal power.
- Having safety and security.
- Doing good.
- Competence and achievement.



She suggests families talk about their strengths and focus on positive things about each other. "We make healthy children by working from the inside out," she says, "by cherishing and accepting them as they are and nurturing their growth and development."

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- How do you feel about yourself right now? Why?
- Think back to when you were younger. When did you feel really good about yourself? What was happening? When did you feel bad about yourself? Why?
- When you feel the best about yourself, what activities are you doing?

The Difference Between Boys and Girls

Who is more apt to like themselves, think they have a number of good qualities, and be glad for who they are?

Boys are. Search Institute researchers discovered that 54% of boys have a positive self-esteem whereas only 40% of girls do. Why do you think that is?

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Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

time together

Three ways to help your child feel better about her or himself:

1. Write specific things you like about your child on Post-it notes. Hide them around your child's room.
2. Start a "We did it!" journal. At family meetings, have family members individually name things they've accomplished or things they've noticed other family members accomplish. Periodically celebrate those successes.
3. Have each family member create a T-shirt. Buy plain T-shirts and fabric paints and have each person write words (or draw pictures) of what he or she likes to do or does well. Have everyone wear these T-shirts on the same day.

Quick Tip:
Build self-esteem
by being more
nurturing.

More Stuff You Can Use

The Winning Family. This book gives practical ideas on how to increase self-esteem in your children and yourself. (Available from Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 7123, Berkeley, CA 94707; 1-800-841-2665.)

Q & A About Self-Esteem

Q: Can a parent really affect a child's self-esteem?

A: Yes, says Jean Illsley Clarke, author of *Self-Esteem A Family Affair*. "Life's positive and life's negative offerings are the areas in which adults have great power and opportunity to impact self-esteem," she writes in her book. She suggests parents can provide positive opportunities for their children to succeed, give positive messages to their children, love their children even when they make poor choices, and give specific alternative suggestions when they want their children to act in different ways.

FINAL WORD

"Positive self-esteem comes from making the commitment to respect, accept, and love yourself completely. It is the best gift you can give to yourself—and your children."

—Louise Hart, Ph.D., author of *The Winning Family: Increasing Self-Esteem in Your Children and Yourself*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

1. Let your child see you reading today.
2. Get an audio recorder and record a conversation with your child. Listen to it together and talk about how your voices sound.
3. With your child, create an indoor miniature golf course with obstacles and ramps.
4. Set aside some time today to work on a hobby with your child.
5. Start a project with your child, such as building a model or a doll house. Make plans to work on it regularly together.
6. Talk with your child about important events in the news.
7. Give your child a calendar to fill with important notes about homework, tests and school activities.
8. Record math facts ("3 times 2 is ..."). Leave time for the answer. Then give the correct response.
9. Help your child figure out the average time she spends reading per day.
10. Write a note saying something nice about your child. Tuck it where he will find it later.
11. Ask your child, "What are your three favorite movies?"
12. Start a kitchen band. Use spoons, pans and lids for instruments. March around the house.
13. Ask your child, "Who is the nicest person you know?"
14. Talk about a familiar place and decide which direction (north, south, east or west) it is from your home.
15. Challenge your child to determine the direction of the wind by using his finger or by watching things blow.
16. Is your child behaving well? Be sure to say how proud this makes you.
17. Help your child make a list of things, such as vegetables. Then have her put them in alphabetical order.
18. Gather bus schedules or maps to a fun place—the zoo, a museum, a park. Let your child plan a trip.
19. Play tic-tac-toe with your child.
20. Write a list of creatures that live in the ocean. Have your child draw a picture of one or two.
21. Ask your child to flick his cheek while changing the shape of his mouth to get different sounds.
22. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about oceans.
23. Look at the weather map in your local newspaper. Ask your child to find the hottest spot and the coldest spot.
24. This evening play a board game with your child.
25. Volunteer as a family. Let your child help pick what to do.
26. Bake cupcakes with your child. Use colors of icing to show fractions—halves, fourths or thirds.
27. Ask your child to tell you a bedtime story tonight.
28. Make up new compound words for familiar objects. Perhaps your cat is a purrcuddler.
29. Take turns reading aloud with your child.
30. Teach your child how to handle stress—exercising, getting enough sleep, talking about problems.



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The Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!



November 2012

Go 'shopping' for math skills

Grocery store ads provide a great opportunity for some math fun with your child. With their bright pictures and large numbers, they are easy for even young children to read. Here are some ideas for using grocery ads and coupons to reinforce your child's math skills:

- **Look through the ads together.**

Help your child find pictures of a few foods she likes. Cut out these pictures along with their prices.

- **Have her create math word problems** using the pictures she's cut out. "Emma bought one pound of bananas for 50 cents.

How much would two pounds of bananas cost?"

- **Pretend she is going shopping.**

Pretend she has \$50.00. Ask what she would buy.

Help her make a shopping list. Then help her calculate how much she would spend if she bought the items on her list. If you have coupons, you can help her see how much she would save by using them.

- **Include your child when you do your shopping.** Show her your list. Allow her to help you find items on the list. Talk about how much the items cost.

As you help your child improve her math skills, you'll also be raising a savvy shopper!

Source: I. Hechtman and D. Ellermeyer, *Teaching Math with Favorite Picture Books*, Scholastic Professional Books.



Parents should set reasonable expectations

When parents push children beyond their limits, or expect them to be perfect, children may stop trying. To some kids, not doing anything and being ignored is better than being criticized for failing to live up to a certain standard. If your child struggles with school assignments or is receiving low grades, work with his teacher to come up with a plan for improvement.

Help your child grow a pumpkin inside a pumpkin

Pumpkins are everywhere in the fall. For some science fun, try scooping out the insides of a pumpkin. Have your child save some of the seeds. Then fill the pumpkin with soil and help your child plant the seeds. Soon you'll see a pumpkin growing in the pumpkin!



What can you do to get involved at school?

The research is clear. Students are more likely to succeed in school when their parents are involved. There are many different ways that you can be involved:

- **Communicate** and build a relationship with your child's teacher and school.
- **Volunteer** in your child's classroom or to help her teacher at home. You can also serve on school committees.
- **Work** with your child's teacher to find ways to reinforce important skills and continue learning at home.



Source: C. Dervarics and E. O'Brien, "Back to school: How parent involvement affects student achievement," The Center for Public Education, www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/Public-Education/Parent-Involvement/Parent-Involvement.html.



Daily routines are the best test prep

Whether it's the weekly spelling quiz or an exam on a textbook chapter, your child is sure to be tested on what he's learning. This will become an increasingly large part of his education. To help him succeed on all of his tests:

- **Establish a regular study time.** Keeping up with homework and regular review are the best ways for your child to learn.
- **Make sure he's in class.** When your child is there as the teacher presents information, he has a chance to ask questions. He can practice a skill and then have his teacher check his work.

- **Help him get organized.** Have your child mark test days on his calendar so you both know when they are. Encourage him to spread out his studying and assignments for a few days leading up to the test so he isn't cramming the night before.

Source: "Test Taking Tips for Parents," testtakingtips.com, www.testtakingtips.com/parents/index.htm.

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2012

Q&A What can parents do to help control terrible tempers?

Q: My child has a terrible temper. It's a problem at home and at school. Sometimes he even hits other kids. What can I do?

A: The way your son expresses anger is clearly not appropriate. His school won't tolerate his behavior and you shouldn't either. What can you do?

Have a talk with him. Explain that anger is a normal emotion with healthy and unhealthy ways to express it. You are going to help him learn and practice the healthy ways. Share these anger-management tips with him:

- **Identify times when he gets angry.** How could he avoid those situations in the future?
- **Use words.** Insist that he name his feelings. "I'm angry that Jake took my toy."
- **Count.** When your son feels very angry, have him stop and count to 10. It may help him to take deep breaths as he counts.
- **Walk away.** Have your son remove himself from situations that make him angry. He may need to calm down in his room.



Talk with your son's teacher. Ask how she handles his angry outbursts at school. Together you can help your son learn how to handle situations that bring him to the boiling point.

Have old-fashioned fun

Kids today spend hours watching TV and playing video games. Unplug the electronics and have some old-fashioned fun with your child instead.

You can:

- **Bake cookies.** Take some to a neighbor or an older relative.
- **Tell stories.** Share an amusing incident from your childhood or memories of a relative with an inspiring life story.
- **Sing.** Start with old favorites like "Row, row your boat." Make your own instruments from pots, pans and other things you find around your house.
- **Read aloud.** Kids are never too old for this. Take turns. Use funny voices.

R is for respect

Respect is something everyone should give and receive. To help your child understand this, set an example. Show respect for her, yourself and others. Remind her of the Golden Rule. Emphasize the importance of treating others the way she would want to be treated.



Playing by the rules is key

Whether in the classroom or on sports fields, it is essential for children to think about and follow rules. Teach your child the importance of respecting rules and authority by:

- **Being a good role model.** Let your child see you following the rules.
- **Setting guidelines.** This means, as basketball player Julius Erving once said, knowing how to "win without bragging and lose without crying."
- **Looking for teachable moments.** Discuss when someone does something that isn't right.

Source: C. Kendrick, "Tips to Play Fair By," www.parentingbookmark.com/pages/ArticleCK01.htm.

Parent Quiz

Are you promoting good attendance?

Being in school every day—and on time—is key to your child's academic success. Are you supporting your child's attendance habit? Answer the following questions with *yes* or *no* to find out:

1. **Have you told** your child that you expect her to go to school every day? If you tell her it's important to you, it will become important to her.
2. **Do you ignore** weak excuses? Not feeling like getting out of bed isn't a good reason to stay home. It's a rule that she must go to school.
3. **Do you only keep** your child home if she's sick?
4. **Do you try** to schedule medical appointments and family trips outside of school hours?
5. **Do you help** your child set the alarm clock earlier if she has trouble getting to school on time?

How well are you doing? Each yes means you are supporting your child's attendance. For each no answer, try that idea.

"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change."

—Carl Rogers

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You bring
the SKY!

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THANKSGIVING DAY
COMMUNITY
PRAISE SERVICE & THANKSGIVING DINNER

Praise Service
Thursday, November 22nd
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.
at
Trinity Lutheran Church
Everyone is welcome to come.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 22nd
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
at the
Trinity Lutheran Community Center

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takeout orders, etc : call Glen Harcey at 697-8263



City of Hill City Council Meeting October 9, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular Council meeting was held in the Community Room. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present: Larry Baker, Dave Lange, Ken Rollins and Brandi Caverly. Audrey Baratto was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion made by Lange to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of 09-11-12 and the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 09-07-12 as presented, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Former part-time Police Officer Ron Steel and his attorney were present to address the Council in regard to the claims initiated by Ron Steel that have been resolved in a court ordered mediation.

Angie Decker, who purchased 336 Linden Ave. earlier this year was present to request the City to move the fire hydrant in her driveway. Angie stated that per State Statute you can not park within ten feet of a fire hydrant and that the fire hydrant was blocking her from parking in front of her garage. There was discussion on this with the fire hydrant being put in back in 1975 and the garage being built in 2004. Head Maintenance/Public Works, George Casper, stated that the approximate cost to move the hydrant would be around \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Angie Decker then asked the Council that if the City did not pay the entire amount to move the hydrant, how much would they pay to have it moved. Since the entire Council was not sure of the exact location of everything at 336 Linden Ave., nor the cost to move the hydrant, they would need to research this more and would revisit this at the November 13th Council meeting.

There was a letter presented to the Council from Jill and Jeremy Stieve in regard to waiving a \$25.00 late fee from their water & sewer billing due to multiple issues. The Council discussed this and asked George Casper what the "chain of events" were with their water. After more discussion, the Council denied waiving the late fee.

There was another request from Ted Treat from out at Quadna in regard to the Council waiving one of the two \$25.00 late fees from his account due to the Post Office returning his payment.

Motion made by Lange to remove one of the two late fees due to the Post Office returning his payment to him, second by Caverly.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

The floor drain discussion which had been tabled from the September 11, 2012 meeting due to more research need-

ing to be done was once again addressed. George Casper had spoken with Jaramie Logelin from Mn Pollution Control Agency who stated that the City could delete this from the current Ordinances or revise the Ordinance to read under what conditions that floor drains would be allowed. Due to the costs involved in amending/deleting Ordinances, the Council decided to revisit this at a future date when multiple Ordinances could be amended or deleted at one time.

Motion made by Lange to approve Pay Estimate #1 and Change Order #1 to Young Excavating for final payment of the 2012 Water Project that was now completed in the amount of \$64,757.00, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Police Chief Madsen told the Council that he had been researching using Administrative fines to deal with blighted conditions around town as the City of Anoka has been doing. Chief Madsen explained the full process and the fact that if the Administrative fines were not paid and the "case" goes to court, the court costs for the City were still more than the fines would bring in for the City.

Police Chief also told the Council that the new PD speed sign was in and he would be working on getting it set up. He also planned on holding interviews this up coming Saturday for part-time Police Officers.

George Casper told the Council that he would be shutting off the water at the Hill Lake Park and shutting down the bathhouse next week due to the colder weather. He also has staked out the four new RV sites that hopefully will be going in next spring. George was also meeting with an electrician on Friday, Oct. 12th, to go over the electrical installation at the new RV sites.

Motion made by Lange to approve a LG555 donation from the Hill City Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$200.00 to go towards fire prevention, second by Baker.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Baker to approve the bills to be paid as presented, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Police Chief Madsen also stated that the school had asked him about the possibility of putting up bus stop signs around town where the school busses pick up kids. The Council didn't see a problem with this.

Motion made by Lange at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Diana Gillson
Clerk/Treasurer

Organizations and Events**Carmel Lutheran Church**

Annual Harvest Supper
November 3, 2012
4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Turkey, and all the trimmings including
pie and desserts

Adults \$9.00
Children under 12 \$4.00
Children under 5 - free

**Jacobson Community
Center
Hunters' Supper**

November 10, 2011
4:30 -8:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Supper
Adults \$7.00
Children under 10 - \$3.50
Children under 5 - free

Jacobson Seniors meet every
Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
with a potluck at noon. Come for the
cards, coffee and conversation

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on November 12. Hostesses
are Martha Morin and Becky Spawn.
Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

Ball Bluff Township

Elections Nov 6 at the Jacobson Fire
Dept from 10 am to 8 pm.
Ball Bluff Board Meeting Tuesday,
November 13, 2012, at the Jacobson
Community Center for the Board
meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are
encouraged to come and participate.
**Starting December 2012, the town
board meetings will be on the Second
Thursday of each month.**

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00
1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting
3rd Thursday monthly: 1st Responder & Fire
Training

Jacobson Food Shelf

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the
first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran
from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. November 1 and 15.
For information or emergency service, call
218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712.

Jacobson Churches**Jacobson Community Church**

The public is invited to the "little white
church in downtown Jacobson."

Sunday mornings:
9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all
ages
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship
Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00
PM.

**Carmel Lutheran Church
Everyone welcome.**

Sunday mornings:
9:30-Adult Sunday School
10:00 children's Sunday School
(1st & 3rd Sun)
11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship
Quilters and crafters meet every Tuesday at
9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the second
Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
Council meets 3rd Thurs. of the month@
7:00 p.m.
Lay Minister Mark Wagner
218-246-3179

**Jacobson Community Center Hall and
Kitchen** is available for rental. Call Vickie
Herman 752-1151.



Annual Harvest Supper

Saturday Nov. 3
4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Carmel Lutheran Church
4 Miles S. of Jacobson Hwy. 65

Turkey with
all the Trimmings
Pies & Desserts
Take out Available

Adults \$9.00
Children Under 12-\$5.00
Under 5-free

HUNTER'S SUPPER

Saturday,
November 10, 2012
4:30-8:00 p.m.
Children (10-6) \$3.50
Children (5 & under) free
Take out available



Spaghetti and Meatballs
served with
garlic toast and coleslaw
beverage and dessert

Sponsored by
Jacobson Community Center



The Jacobson CMC Club will be
sponsoring a Bake Sale upstairs.
Lots of home baked breads,
pies, soups and treats to satisfy
the hungry hunter!

Jacobson Community Center
6000 Green River Road
Jacobson, MN 55022
Located 1 mile south of I-94 exit 200
on Alvin County Road 22

Bake sale supplemented by Thrivent Central Lakes Chapter
31300

HUNTER'S SUPPER

at Swatara Community Club

Saturday
November 3, 2012
5:00 - 8:00 pm

Turkey plus trimmings
Homemade Pie

Adults \$8.00
Age 6-10 \$4.00
Under 6 Free

Proceeds go to club upkeep.



Jacobson Halloween Party Sat., Oct. 27th Jacobson Community Center

Haunted House
Haunted Hayride
Ghoulish Storytelling
Scary Pictures and Treats
Bonfire

For more info visit:
www.Jacobsonnews.com

Free Admission

Schedule of Events

- Costume & Pumpkin Contest Registration
from 4:30 pm—5:00 pm
- Costume Parade 5:15 pm
- Hot Dog Meal at 6:15 (no potluck)

Event Sponsors: Jacobson Community Center and Jacobson Landing Recreation Area
Funding support provided by: Lake Country Power—Operation Round Up

Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club Safety Training

Once again this will be a CD based youth safety class. You must complete the CD training prior to the classroom review/performance test. The classroom review/performance test will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the clubhouse on Hwy 200 East. **A parent or guardian must accompany the student to register.** Cost is \$5.00 per student which is paid to the DNR after completion of the classroom. Class will be limited to 35 participants. Participants must be 11 years old and **MUST** have a printout of the voucher of completion of the CD with them the day of the classroom training. Each student will receive a snowmobile certification card when successfully completing this course or upon their 12th birthday. CD's can be obtained at the school office or by calling Jeff Hidde. **You must call (218) 697-2502 to pre-register.**

For additional information contact:
Jeff Hidde 697-2502



TRUNK OR TREAT!

COME JOIN US FOR THE
2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!
OCTOBER 31 FROM 5:00-6:30 PM.
THE STREET WILL BE BLOCKED OFF
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND
YOU AND YOUR CHILD CAN MOVE
FROM CAR TO CAR GETTING
CANDY! OPEN TO ALL KIDS!
ALSO OPEN TO ANY ADULT THAT
CONTACTS PASTOR GERARD
VALLEY AT HILL CITY ASSEMBLY
OF GOD AT 697-2662 IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR
"TRUNK" TO THIS NIGHT OF FUN.
THERE WILL BE HOT COCOA
AVAILABLE ALSO!



Hill City UMW Bazaar!

Saturday, December 1
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

at the Methodist Church
300 Ione Avenue
Hill City, MN 55748

Lunch will be available for \$4.00
Sloppy Joes and Homemade Pie

Items will include: crafts,
cards, bakery items, plants,
white elephant, etc.

REMER FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 27

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Remer High School Gymnasium

Crafts, baked goods, small business.

BEGIN YOUR
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!

Vendor spaces available - \$30.00

Contact Dawn at 697-2766 or
Jocelyn at 566-2707
for more information.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
GRADES 7 - 12
FREE**



**Monday Afternoons
3:30-5:00pm
Mr. Olig's Room**

**Tuesday Afternoons:
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Ms. Waterworth's Room**

(dates are subject to change)

**Students are highly encouraged to take
advantage of this opportunity!**

For more information contact Stacey at Hill City Comm. Ed.,
697-2394 X172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us



**Adult
Volleyball
Open Gym**

Starting Sept. 12th

Join us every
Wednesday evening
from **7:00 pm 9:00 pm**
in the
Hill City School Gym

Fee:\$1.00 per time

For more information please contact Stacey at 697-2394, ext.
172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

**AARP MN Driver Safety Program
(formerly 55 Alive)**

Register by: November 12th

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insurance providers to reduce premiums by 10% for policyholders who are 55 or older, when a certificate of class completion is provided to them. If you have never taken the class before, you need to take the initial 8-hour class first, and then every three years the 4-hour refresher is taken. No tests are given. All participants will be issued a certificate at the end of the class. You must have a valid driver's license with you at the beginning of the class so that a certificate can be issued. (Contact Stacey for a full schedule of local classes if needed)

Veterans and Spouses FREE

4 Hour Refresher: Nov., 15th 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 227

Min. # Required: 8

Max. #: 30

Cost: \$12 for members

\$14 for non members

(payable at the door to AARP)



For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @
Hill City Comm. Education at 697-2394 X172.

AARP Driver's Safety Class

Register by: November 12

Veterans and Spouses Free!

\$12 for members

\$14 for non members

(payable at the door to AARP)

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Contact info:

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email



Signature

Date

**Send Registration forms to:
Hill City School Comm. Ed.,
500 Ione Ave, Hill City, MN 55748**

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City
Community Education at 697-2394 X172.

After School Art!

After School Art is being offered twice a month!

The schedule for after school art is as follows:



- Nov. 8 & Nov. 29
- Dec. 6 & Dec. 20
- Jan. 10 & Jan. 24
- Feb. 14 & Feb. 28
- Mar. 14 & Mar 28
- Apr. 11 & Apr. 25
- May 9 & May 23

Who: All students are invited!

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Cost: \$10 per month or \$50 per year

This program does not require registration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with fees please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$10 per month or \$50 per year

Name: _____



Grade: _____

Contact Info: Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

____ All Year

____ month by month

_____ has my permission to participate in the after school art program.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

Dance Team

FEE: \$20 per month



Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission to participate on the Dance Team.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Return this form, with fee made payable to Hill City Community Education, to the school office

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, please contact

Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172

Dance Team

If you are interested in dance and have school spirit this team is for you! An instructor from the Dreams Do Come True Dance Studio will be teaching dance and routines that will be used at our high school sporting events.



Fee: \$20 per month (payable to Hill City Comm Ed)

Instructor: Dreams Do Come True Dance Studio Instructors

Ages: 3rd-8th grade

Starts: Tuesday., Nov. 13th

Practices will continue to be Tuesday evenings with some additional events

Schedules will be handed out during practice.

Times: 6:00pm-7:30pm

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey @ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172



ARCHERY

NASP Intro to Archery
For first time shooters

Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Fee: \$5 – payable to Hill City Comm. Education
Grades: 4th grade or older (with no previous experience)
Contact: Michelle Nelson 218-244-9719

This class is for first time shooters, with no previous National Archery in the Schools (NASP) training or instruction. Want to learn how to shoot a bow in a safe, supervised setting by certified NASP instructors? Here's your chance! No experience or equipment is needed. First class will be safety and technique with string bows. The remaining sessions will be practicing the same principals with the Genesis Bow.

Parents are welcome to observe, but must remain in the bleachers at all times. We respectfully request that you make arrangements for younger siblings not to be in the gym during practice.



Archery and Beyond

Develop your hidden talent. Participants will learn archery basics from NASP, National Archery in the Schools certified instructors. Learn range safety and proper shooting techniques. No equipment needed. Come join the team or come try out the six session course and decide whether or not you would like to join the Hill City Archery Team and compete, locally, regionally, state and possibly beyond! There is an additional fee to join the team of \$50 with a family cap of \$80 (payable to Hill City Archery Club), which includes team t-shirt and competition fees. Team forms and schedules will be available at the first night of practice. The season ends with the State Competition on March 23.

Dates: Nov 27, Nov 29, Dec 4, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 18

Times: Session 1 (4th & 5th graders) 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Session 2 (6th grade and up) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$5 – payable to Hill City Comm. Education

Grades: 4th – 12th grade

Contact: Michelle Nelson 218-244-9719

Parents are welcome to observe, but must remain in the bleachers at all times. We respectfully request that you make arrangements for younger siblings not to be in the gym during practice.



ARCHERY

Intro to Archery
\$5

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
to participate in the After School Archery Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 x172 or at sjohnson2hillcity.k12.mn.us



ARCHERY

Archery and Beyond
\$5

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
to participate in the After School Archery Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 x172 or at sjohnson2hillcity.k12.mn.us

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM



Every Sunday Night
6-8pm

Hill City School
Gymnasium

Cost is \$1.00 per night



Open Cardio Room

Every **Wednesday** evening from
7-9pm and **Sunday** Evening
from **6-8pm**

Hill City School

Cardio room includes:

Treadmills, Ellipticals, stationary
bicycles and a flat screen tv so you
won't miss your shows!



Fee:\$1.00 per time

For more information please contact Stacey at 697-2394 ext. 172
or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Guitar Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn how
to play the guitar? Now's your chance!
Lessons will be provided throughout the
school year.



Instructor: Phil Kneeland

Where: Hill City School

Cost: Private session \$15/ half hour
Semi-private session \$10/half hour
(fees made payable to Community Education)

Please contact Phil Kneeland at (218) 697-2394
ext. 186 to set up lesson dates and times.

If you need assistance with fees or have any questions please
contact Stacey at Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 x.172 or at
sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

WALKING IN THE SCHOOL

Did you know Walking can...

- * Burn Body fat
 - * Control your appetite
 - * Increase your energy
 - * Help relieve stress
 - * Lower high blood pressure
 - * Slows aging
 - * Improves efficiency of your heart and lungs
 - * Relieves most cases of chronic backache
 - * Helps promote restful sleep
 - * Helps control and prevent diabetes
- AND MUCH MORE!**



**The school will be open on all school days for
anyone interested in walking the halls from
7:00-7:45am.**

All walkers must sign in at the office the morning
of your walk

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey
@ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172.



ISD #2 Lunch Menu November 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Brk: Cereal	2 Brk: Cinn Roll	3
				Taco Salad Bar/Kiwi or Pineapple/Milk	Chicken Nuggets Broccoli or Carrots Rice/Fruit/Milk	
4 Breakfast - <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or CheeseStick	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Brk: French Toast Chili/Corn Bread Broccoli and Carrots Mixed Fruit/Milk	8 Brk: Cereal	9 Brk: Cinn Roll	10
			Turkey Sub Sand Salad Bar/Apples or Diced Peach/Milk		Spaghetti w/meat Green Beans/Apple or Orange/Milk	
11 Lunch- <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12	12 Brk: Brk Bagel	13 Brk: Cereal	14 Brk: Lumberjack	15 Brk: Cereal	16 Brk: Cinn Roll	17
	Chicken Strips Rice/Broccoli/Carrot Peach or Apple/Milk	Lasagna Rolls Romaine Salad Fruit/Milk	Minestrone Soup Ham Sand/Salad Bar Orange/Milk	Quesadilla Salad Bar/Apple or Pineapple/Milk	Sloppy Joe/Bun Sweet Potato Fries Celery/Pears/Milk	
18	19 Brk: Brk Bagel	20 Brk: Cereal	21 Brk: Fr Toast	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
	Stuff Crust Pizza Spinach Salad Bar Corn/Apple/Milk	Tomato Soup Grill Cheese Sand Salad Bar/Pear/Milk	Pork Roast Gravy Mash Potatoes/Corn or Peas/Fruit/Milk			
25	26 Brk: Brk Bagel	27 Brk: Cereal	28 Brk: Lumberjack	29 Brk: Cereal	30 Brk: Cinn Roll	Menu subject to change at anytime
	Unbread Chix Patty Sweet Potato Tots or Peas/Fruit/Milk	Italian Dunkers Romaine Salad Apple or Pear/Milk	Turkey Vegie Soup Turkey Sand/Carrots Apple/Milk	Chicken Fajita Salad Bar/Pineapple or Strawberries/Milk	Hamb. Gravy/Mash Potato/Corn or Peas Oranges/Milk	



ISD #2 Activities November 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	8	9	10
11 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	12	13	14 Conferences 4-7 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	15 Conferences 4-7	16	17
18 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	19	20	21 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	26 School Bd Mtg 7:00	27 GBB vs Chisholm ABC Away 5:45	28 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	29 GBB vs Red Lake ABC Home 5:45	30 BBB vs Isle ABC Home 5:45	

Honor Wall at Hill City School



Hill City School is looking to honor our community members that are currently serving in the military.

If you or a family member is currently serving in the military we would like you to give us some information so we may honor them by placing that information in our school.

Please give us a brief summary of what branch they are serving, rank, location and a picture.

(all pictures will be returned). Please drop information off at the school office or mail to:

Hill City School
Att: Stacey Johnson
500 Ione Ave
Hill City, MN 55748



If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Stacey Johnson at 218-697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

Community Education Webpage

Check out the new webpage go to www.hillcity.k12.mn.us and find us under the community link. This is where you can find:
Classes Offered
Registrations
Schedules
And more!

If you have any questions or comments please contact Stacey at 697-2394 ext.172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us