



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday May 23, 2024

Attendees: Sara Block, Rachael Marples, Fiona Fu, Sheri Hardcastle, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Karen Fadum, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Tara Sheldrake, Hye Seon Chang

Meeting called to order at 9:02am

Motion to Approve Agenda

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Rachael Marples, Nina Hemmes

Motion to Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Nina Hemmes, Rachael Marples

Principal's Report and Updates - Karen Fadum

🌱 **Enrolment & Staffing**

- 2024/25 Projections - 470 Students, 20 Divisions
- New - now 3 full time LST staff starting Sept 2024, Janice Keller added FT

🌱 **Class Organization 2024/25**

- Parents/Guardians received email with information about class building consideration - Written feedback accepted until May 24

🌱 **Games Day - June 7th**

- Students should know their colours. Parents are welcome to join for all or part of the day. Schedule will be included in weekly update.

🌱 **Parent Appreciation - June 7th**

- Teachers and students will be hosting a parent appreciation tent at Games Day

🌱 **Jog-a-thon**

- THANK YOU!!
- Gaga Ball Pit - \$18,000 with poured asphalt, \$10,000 on existing asphalt - School needs to submit paperwork and proof of funds by Oct 15, 2024 - Karen will discuss with project manager about possible locations and update at next PAC meeting - may need a PAC spend vote at June meeting
- Teachers wonder about more creative & inclusive recognition for next year at assembly - in addition to/in lieu of most laps, potentially more gender neutral categories like most determined and/or most improved
- Teachers, please make sure to submit the accolades of their students/class if they are to be mentioned at the assembly

🌱 **Track & Field - May 30th**

- Competing against four other local schools at South Surrey Athletic Park
- Agenda coming out soon, parents can attend
- All students that are signed up are expected to be at the track for the entire day. Parents are responsible for pick-up and drop-off (8:45am arrival)
- Concession items available for purchase there

🌱 **2024/25 School Calendar, Student Fees and Code of Conduct**

- Please watch for these documents coming up by May 31st

🌱 **School Photos**

- Will be using DARBY photography for 2024/25

🌱 **Construction**

- Plumbing, sprinkler, HVAC rough-ins
- Exterior framing and wall finishings
- Interior steel stud and door framing
- Electrical rough-ins
- Social staircase concrete pour
- Roof membrane installation
- Window Fabrication

🌱 **Building News**

- Look ahead coming soon
- Portables set to be removed after students are moved in to new building
- New classrooms are a bit smaller with more windows, not as much usable wall space, not ideal for primary grades

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

- 🌱 **General Assets: \$94,914.07**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$13,670.00**
- 🌱 **Total Assets: \$57,390.97**

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

🌱 **Learning Liaison Meeting - April 23**

- Strategic Initiatives that were discussed: Literacy and Numeracy, Student Transitions, Racial Equity, Student Well Being, Indigenous Student Success and Reconciliation - What is the district doing about these? Many representatives from different groups collaborating to strategize. SD Leaders, STA, CUPE, DPAC as well as Student representatives

🌱 Digital Device Usage - Updated Code of Conduct

- Draft policy will go before Board June 12, 2024 and COC will be effective September 2024
- Elementary/Secondary schools will have different policies
- Issues being addressed: Bullying, Equity, Distractions from Learning
- Many teachers have embedded tech into learning
- Considerations need to be recognized for device usage for communication (AAC), health supports, learning supports, homework delivery, planner support for diverse learners

🌱 Capital Funding

- Surrey School District is asking for \$5.03 Billion for capital projects over 5 years for: 19 Additions, 20 New Schools, 21 Site Acquisitions, 2 Replacements and 1 Seismic Upgrade
- More pressure needed toward provincial/federal government for school funding

🌱 Fruit and Veggie Program

- District is going to fund this, principal can opt out, but our school is going to continue with it

🌱 BCCPAC AGM

- Unfortunately no Surrey DPAC Representation on BCCPAC, especially considering the size of our district

Link: [BCCPAC AGM Conference Presentations](#)

🌱 Accessible Playground Needed

- Our Kindergarten playground is set to be removed in 2026 and we are set to start working on - Sheri has done a lot of background work on this (Thank you Sheri) and looking into different grants - planning needs to start on this so that it is prepared in order for us to be organized - Usually plans need to be submitted within a year of work and proof of matching funds must be in place
- Playground Committee should be formed. We can look into sponsorship from local entities, businesses and developers in order to raise money
- We are in need of an accessible play space for students now - ramp for interim?

Old Business

🌱 Pizza Fundraiser

- Karen add to the sway again - Nina has sent out in Newsletter
- Teachers should remind their students

🌱 **Yearbook**

- Going well, lots of sales in the last couple days before deadline
- Many reminders put out, a few extra books purchased

🌱 **Games Day - June 7th**

- Tara doing snacks - freezies
- No bike parade this year, no rainout date
- Grade 7 Slow Bike Race still taking place

🌱 **Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - June 12th**

- will set up staff room so more staff can be included
- about 60 staff altogether

New Business

🌱 **2024/25 Budget Vote**

- Budget Presented and Voted through by all members in attendance (8)

🌱 **2024/25 PAC Executive Roles Vote**

- PAC Roles Voted in for 2024/2025 by secret ballot

Co-President - Sara Block

Co-President - Rachael Marples

Treasurer - Nina Hemmes

Secretary - Heather Neilson

DPAC Representative - Sheri Hardcastle

Member at Large - Fiona Fu

- Tara Sheldrake will be Hot Lunch Co-ordinator for 2024/25 school year
- Sheri Hardcastle will be Yearbook Co-ordinator for 2024/25 School year

Meeting Adjourned at 10:32am

Next Meeting

June 20, 2024 - 9am Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson