



Rosemary Heights PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Room: Library/Zoom

Executive members:

Co-Presidents: Ashley Nowak and Sean Hale; Treasurer: Tara McIntosh Secretary: Alicia Gallagher; DPAC: Sharon Geransky; Members at Large: Tammy Firth, Alyssa Porsch, Sasha Dzanic, Emma Liu; Past-President: Ashley Nowak and Shayna Dumas

Committee Chairs:

Hot Lunch: Michelle Sutherland/Tammy Firth; Book Fair: Daniella Brazel-Adams; Teacher Appreciation: TBD; Class Parent Coordinator: Sarah Pastrana; Cultural Liasons: Emma Liu (Chair), Sat Pattar, Julie Kim, Daniella Brazel-Adams; Spirit Wear: Alicia Gallagher

Present: Ashley Nowak, Sean Hale, Tara McIntosh, Alicia Gallagher, Sharon Geransky, Tammy Firth, Alyssa Porsch, Rosanna Ising, Diane Bradley, Kirsten Van-Akker, Megan McNabb, Jen Wasyliw, Kathryn Porohowski, Sissy Deng, Sam Yang, Wenlei Zhou, Echo Zhang, Rowling Yu, Dave Lu, Taya Henriques, Daniella Brazel-Adams, Jack, Diego, Aries

Time item:

7:07 PM – Meeting called to order

7:07-7:18 PM – Welcome and Introduction

7:18-7:51 PM – Principal/Vice Principal Report

- See Attachment
- Over 70 students over projection, some students needed to redirect to Morgan Elementary School
- 25 Divisions this year
- Ms. Hamilton has moved from Peace Arch to become Grade 1 teacher and portable not originally being used for a classroom will now be converted to a classroom
- Permanent classes established September 11
- Thoughtful consideration put into class placements

- Soccer team being established by Ms. Terepocki for 6/7's
- Terry Fox Run Friday, September 20th with help from Parent volunteers
- Open house 4:30-5:30 open classrooms then BBQ from 5-6:30 Sept 19th
- Intermediate presentation proposed as an additional event (Equity/Diversity/Acceptance/Inclusion) Nashaka (sp?) as a speaker – Diane Bradley will give info to PAC
- Rocket fuel – Discussed whether or not continue to Rocket Fuel on Munch a Lunch. Hot lunch begins October 3rd. Will continue to offer option to contribute to Rocket Fuel to help other families in need. Contributions did decrease last year as the cost of the food items have increased.
- Rainbow crosswalk – plans to meet with president chair of Surrey Pride Society to discuss doing a community grant
- Outdoor learning area – proposal accepted. Site inspection done and a plan being made now.
- Parent asked about if we get more increase of funds due to increased enrolment in the Surrey school district. School trustees are pushing for more funding. The district did not expect the huge increase in enrolment so doing catch up and trying to be creative with different deliveries for models of education
- Playground areas will be kept open including gates normally after school. Sometimes custodians aren't aware that it is usually kept unlocked
- Multicultural events that take place are Lunar New Year, Indigenous speakers, Ramadan, Diwali, LGBTQ/acceptance/inclusion, SOGI, equity and diversity, discussion happens school wide and in individual classes (included in the curriculum)
- Special holidays – we would encourage committees to be made. This year we would like to celebrate/emphasize Black History Month
- Towards last year we have selected Cultural Liaison's to help inform PAC of needs, concerns and improve diversity and culture in the school.
- Idea of including other language links to school newsletters
- Concern from parents about the gate being open/unlocked, discussed gates do need to be unlocked to be able to leave in case of emergency as the school is fully enclosed
- Emergency Drills for earthquake, fire, intruders done throughout the year to prepare students

7:51-7:57 PM – Treasurer Report

- Current expenses this year include \$100 spent for BC PAC membership, \$336 Munch a lunch fee, \$2685.90 from Capital project – New athletic jerseys
- Anticipated budgets include: Sister school donation - \$2500, Admin - \$1000, Health & Safety - \$1000, Multicultural events \$1000, Graduation - \$5000, Teacher Appreciation - \$1700, Capital project - \$10,000, In school experiences - \$11,000 (school cannot ask parents to pay for in school experiences), Teacher discretionary - \$7500, Teacher requests/project funding - \$1000, Welcome back bbq \$1500, Technology upgrades \$10,000, School wide presentations/fine arts - \$12000, Book fair - \$200, Spirit events - \$200
- Overall every year we require around \$70,000
- Usually we make \$23,000-28,000 from Hot lunch proceeds

- Raffle/Carnival – alternate each year

7:57-8:04 PM – Welcome Back BBQ

- Previously we did a pancake breakfast. BBQ done last year and was a huge success
- Opportunity to meet teachers, see the school, students will get a free meal, parents and other family members will pay, tickets will be available day of
- Hot dog hill to be food vendor
- Beef and veggie hot dogs available
- Will buy a few packs of gluten free buns
- Need help from volunteers for concession, ticket sales, clean up
- Great community building event
- Email PAC if you are able to volunteer – google doc will be made available in newsletter to sign up as well

8:04-8:20 PM – Upcoming

- Apple fundraiser
- Class parent coordinator – Sarah Pastrana – we will be asking for class parents to volunteer and will collect information from parents
- Spirit wear options – glasses wipe, toques, lanyards, duffle bag, crew socks, will have hoodies, zip-up hoodies, crew necks, tshirts and will look into other options
- Halloween Dance – booked for Oct 24th, October 25th is a pro d day, primary dance first and then intermediate dance second for capacity reasons, free glow stick with purchase, need to find a DJ
- Stay safe babysitting course – booked for October 25th. A grade 4 parent had contacted the Red Cross about 9 year old+ safety course. First Aid Hero company we use and will keep in place for this year but can explore other options for next year. Need a volunteer to take on the day to oversee the babysitter/stay safe course. 8 to 8:30 and then 11-11:30 shift
- Alyssa Porsch setting up Instagram account to increase social media traffic. Facebook page currently running and will be more active this year. Link to website on Facebook page and will be revamping website
- Hot lunch program – done every Thursday in 3 month allotments. Ordering will be open Monday to start on October 3rd. New vendors – kiki's Greek food, booster juice, cha time, jojos chicken and some special hot lunch days during cultural holidays. Volunteers needs to help deliver lunches in classrooms, and we need teams for Thursdays to organize lunches. Sign up sheet will be made for volunteering for organizing and then class parents will arrange for hot lunch distribution for the individual classes

8:20-8:27 PM – Open Forum

- Question about receiving corporate donations - generally receive for the larger events (ie. Carnival)
- Question about where our financials - We usually run with a surplus at the beginning of the year. Usually funds need to be spent but need to have about 20,000 as we need funds for teachers, beginning of year events, etc
- Gaming grant of about \$11, 000 given each year based on amount of studen

- Discussion of project to increase safety around kiss and go area. Permanent writing on the pavement

8:27 – Motion to adjourn meeting