

**Surrey Traditional School**  
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Surrey Traditional School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date-** Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**Time-** 6.30 PM  
**Venue –** School Library

Present:

1. Bola Adebola
2. Stephen Adebola
3. Pam Tiwana
4. Amy Sall
5. Daljeet Jassal
6. Suth Kahlon
7. Rajan Bombhi
8. Melissa Ruhiu
9. Harvinder Bains
10. Tracy Henderson
11. R. Sunga
12. Ms Helland- Principal

Regrets:

1. Karam Dhami
2. Praveen Shanmuganathan
3. Shahnawaz Khan

Welcome call to order- 06.30pm

2. Adoption of agenda

3. Approval of last minutes

4. Principal's report

- Current enrollment numbers- 312 students, over 14 divisions.
- The school has 2 new members of staff for the kindergarten and the grade 4/5 classes
- Head secretary change. Mrs Boudot's last day with the school is Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Mrs Boudot will be leaving to another school after 8 years with STS. She will be missed.
- Past events- Terry Fox run was successful. A total of \$443 was raised to support cancer research.
- Meet the teacher coming up this Thursday- 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their children/ward's teachers
- Orange shirt day Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This will include a school wide reconciliation walk, and indigenous games in the afternoon
- Hot lunch on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- October – next Early dismissal. Another opportunity to connect with your child's teacher
- Remind children to stay home if they do not feel well.

5. Treasurer's reports - Presented by the treasurer. Please find attached

6. Needs for the new session- PAC wanted to have an idea of needs the school had as the new session begins. Needs that were mentioned include:

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- IT based resources
- Safety on line enlightenment for parents and students.
- Classroom funds
- Quarterly Hot lunch. Parent support needed as Mrs Boudot, who supported this in the past is moving to a different school
- Financial reports monthly to include Income and expenses
- Coding and collaboration. Occurs in the school library. Handled by the librarian.
- 3D printer set up. Received by the school. Will be set up in the library.

#### 6. Old business -

- Buddy bench- Principal will look into the price. Rental funds may be utilized for this.
- Outdoor learning space. This is a pricey long-term project. PAC may consider fundraising for this. Alternatively, an application for support from the district may be sent out. It was concluded that the process be started as the process leading up to approval takes a while
- Playground expansion. Another proposed project
- Drama program- no concrete information at the moment. A couple teachers are willing to lend a hand.
- Music teacher. Currently for kindergarten to Grade 5, the school has a new music teacher supporting this role.
- Kiss and drop - Requesting for volunteer parents to keep the lanes moving and prevent build ups. Please sign up if you are willing to support in this area

#### 7. New business

- DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) meeting. Holds tomorrow, wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 at 7pm. Meeting is virtual via zoom. All parents are encouraged to be a part of this meeting. Registration link can be found on the DPAC website @ <https://surreydpac.ca/>
- Documents for the School website- The PAC is working on updating/furnishing the school website with resources for parents. Thanks to the DPAC vice chairperson for taking this up. Materials to be included will include
  - Code of conduct
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Parent 101
  - Minutes of the meeting
  - Agenda
  - Copy of the constitution

#### 9. Floor open for questions

- Seeing STS is a choice school, our children need to ensure children are properly dressed with the appropriate uniforms. Uniforms are available in the school for students in need.
- Scholarships - Does STS get involved? STS is a choice school. Unlike the catchment schools that have specific schools they feed into, our school is slightly different, with our students going to a wide variety of high schools. This may account for the non-involvement with scholarships in high school.
- Response to the mis-information that occurred last week with regards students' absence from school. Principal reassured PAC that students are not exposed to sexually explicit/inappropriate content. Furthermore, parents have a right to know the SOGI content their children/wards are exposed to. These can be reviewed in the Surrey Schools website under resources. Please reach out to the teachers or principal if you have any questions
- Reading challenge- PAC is willing to support if required.
- School wide Yoga- Possibility of this in the school. Principal will look into this.
- Literacy strategy for parents supporting their children. Provided by the school.

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- Home reading for grade 1. Begins in January

**10. Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting ended at 08.33pm.
- Next meeting will be on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 @ 6.30pm, and will hold in the school Library.

