



Chimney Hill Elementary - PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

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PAC Meeting Minutes (Draft Pending Approval)

Thursday, February 16, 2023 850am-1030am

Executive in Attendance:

Amardeep Gill- Chair
Suzy Fong – DPAC
Ruby Manhas – Social Events
Preet Bhullar – Community Development (on Zoom)

Parent Attendance:

Navdeep Kaur
Raj Khangura
Simrat Kaur
Karen Chohan
Harjit Khaira
Sonia Pathak
Sunder Kaur

Regrets:

Jodi Neidert – Vice Chair
Anju Siekham – Fundraising Coordinator
Kiran Bains – Hot Lunch Coordinator

Staff Attendance:

Ms. Reiter
Ms. Watson
Ms. Bupinder Kaur
Ms. Beckett

Chair: Amardeep Gill

Minutes recorded by Suzy Fong

- Motion to begin meeting at 8:50am by Amardeep. Seconded by Suzy
- Introductions
- Previous minutes are on surreyschools.ca/schools/chimneyhill

Committee Reports:

- **Hot Lunch** – Kiran is unable to continue with hot lunch at this time and there is a need for someone to take it over
 - Have had 2 very successful pizza days and kids appear to be happy
- **Social Events/Fundraising** – Family Dance to be held in the school gym on Thursday February 23 from 6-8pm
 - There will be a concession selling pizza, candy bags, candy cups, chips, cookies and water
 - School age and up have to pay for entrance, parents are free
 - No babysitting will be provided and tickets can be pre-purchased for \$2 and then \$3 at the door



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- **DPAC** – Information was provided in terms of the various items that have been discussed at the meetings and with the school board. Next District PAC meeting February 22 at 7pm. Meetings held 4th Wednesday of the month and info and minutes from previous meetings can be found on surreydpac.ca.

Principals Report:

- Student presentation on WITS (Walk away – Ignore – Talk it out – Seek help) program at Chimney Hill. Information on this program is in the first few pages of the student planner and more information can be found [online](#).
- Students participated in Pickleball and there was positive feedback. Looking at having a pickleball program at the school after school hours for a cost, more info to come.
- Student presentation on the Kindness Project that started on Tuesday morning
- Ms. Reiter introduced the Head Secretary Ms. Beckett to the parents
- Ms. Reiter spoke about the Leaves and Ice issue and explained that it is taken care of by Facilities and had them come out to assess the school grounds. Maps were updated.
- Custodians will do shoveling and salting but leave the school at 11pm. This means that something in the school will be unfinished due to time being allocated to shoveling and salting
- Priority list is that snow and ice is removed at the entry and walkway due to students and staff mobility issues
- Other crews from the district start at 5am in the morning and have their rounds to make
- Leaves/barkmulch removal from school grounds is all based on rotation, it will get cleaned up when it is Chimney Hill's turn in the rotation
- Ms. Reiter suggested that if parents still have concerns they can contact the facilities department at the school district [here](#)
- It was suggested that Amardeep send an email from the Chimney Hill Pac email account
- Puddle in front of Ms. Deol's classroom needs to be addressed and a work order has been put in
- Tech fundraising update- \$2600 has been raised and the school has purchased wireless speaker, charging towers and a new charging cart will be purchased. With the school budget 5 new laptops, 20 new Ipads have been purchased
- Older tech has been divided amongst the classes and eventually the plan is to have a mobile cart that teachers can sign out

Treasurers Report:

Operating January 31st 2023 balance: \$11,567.24

Deposits:

- \$2,081.40 Jan 20 Hot Lunch

Withdrawals:

- \$1,172.00 Panago Pizza for Jan Hot Lunch
- * \$ 8.97 PAC Meeting Timbits

Gaming January 31st 2023 balance: \$10,036.85

Withdrawals:

- \$170.22 Student Council Prizes



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Budget Approvals:

- **\$1,019 for Grade 5 Field Trip to Britannia Mine Museum.**
- Note: We have \$3900 in Gaming and \$8,000 in Operating left to be allocated for any new budget requests.
- Money raised in current year is saved for next year's beginning budget.

Profit/Loss Summary

- Jan 20 Hot Lunch: \$801 Profit

Budget Request:

- Discussion around Gr. 5 fieldtrip to Britannia Mine Museum and funding for part of it
 - The Student Family and Affordability fund could be used for students who can't afford the cost
 - Ms. Reiter expressed concern regarding the equity and equality regarding students being able to participate in this field trip
 - **Motion to approve \$1019 for Grade 5 field trip put on the floor by Suzy: approved by Ruby, seconded by Kiran.**

Parents Forum:

- Treasurer and Secretary PAC positions still vacant
 - Spring Carnival planning for May, waiting on Ms. Reiter to confirm date
 - Year Book Committee- Mountain West does not do year books anymore. Ms. Reiter to find out if Mountain West will release pics to whoever is doing the year book
 - Discussed the need for volunteers for cross walk as Mr. Taggar is currently away, no one has come forward and we are the on waitlist for the Frontiersman Group. There is a \$400 stipend a month for 1/2hour before and after school if anyone knows anyone
 - Traffic flow - Ms. Reiter said this has been brought to Safe Schools and they say nothing is out of the ordinary. Liaison Officer has been here for extra patrol but it doesn't last long for it to go back to "normal"
 - School teams were discussed- can parents ask for outside help to come in and Ms. Reiter explained that there still needs to be a teacher sponsor and she can't ask teachers to volunteer their time
 - Boys washroom is still an issue
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- **Motion to close the meeting at 10:30am by Amardeep. Seconded by Suzy Fong.**

Next Meeting: Date, location and time to be determined