



# Chimney Hill Elementary - PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

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## PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022: 7:05pm – 8:36pm

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### Executive in Attendance:

Amardeep Gill - Chair  
Jodi Neidert – Vice Chair

Anju Siekham – Fundraising Coordinator  
Suzy Fong – DPAC

Preet Bhullar – Community Development

### Parent Attendance:

Arundeeep Josan  
Manpreet Brar

Ravish Batta  
Harjit Khaira

Kamaljit Kaur Kamal  
Navneet K. Sangha  
Karen Chohan  
Sonia Pathak  
Sharan Dhindsa

### Regrets:

Kiran Bains – Hot Lunch Coordinator  
Jayvi Puharich – Treasurer  
Ruby Manhas — Social Events

### Staff Attendance:

Ms. Reiter  
Ms. Watson  
Ms. Waraich  
Mr. Mohammed  
Ms. Briske

Chair: Amardeep Gill

Minutes recorded by Suzy Fong

- Motion to begin meeting at 7:06pm by Amardeep. Seconded by Suzy
- Introductions
- Previous minutes are on [surreyschools.ca/schools/chimneyhill](https://surreyschools.ca/schools/chimneyhill)
- **PAC Executive Positions**
  - Secretary - Vacant
  - Yearbook Committee – Vacant (to be discussed at an upcoming PAC Meeting)



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- **Treasurer's Report and Budget Requests**

**Operating September 30th, 2022 balance: \$12,985.05**

Withdrawals:

- \$5.50 Munchalunch credit refund (from last year)
- \$107.63 Sports Day Concession Samosa (from last year)

**Gaming September 30th, 2022 balance: \$11,805.93**

Withdrawals:

- \$37.55 Sports Day Rest Station Freezies (from last year)

Deposits:

- \$11,540 Gaming Grant from Province of BC

**Budget Approvals:**

- \$3000 for Future Playground Replacement Trust from Operating account, instead of Gaming
- (ineligible)
- \$850 for Multicultural Dance initiative

Discussion occurred regarding setting aside \$3000 for the playground as it can not come out of the Gaming Account. Instead, it will need to come out of the PAC Operating Account. (more info in the Principals Report). One parent was going to connect with Red FM to see if they might be able support a fundraising effort and one parent was going to connect with Coast Capital or provide information on funding that might be available to the community for the playground replacement.

- **Principal's Report – Ms. Reiter**

- Playground Update

- Working with the Manager of Facilities to complete an inspection of the land this week.
- Process is that it will take two weeks for the approval of the site, and then three district approved vendors will get Chimney Hill's information. Once this has taken place, then Dee and Nicole will be able to ask for proposals from the vendors and arrange for them to come and present the information to parents. Once this happens, then a price for replacement playground will be determined. There are provincial government grants such as the PEP which accept a list of 5-8 of the neediest playgrounds. 1-3 schools are chosen to be on that list, based on need. City of Surrey also has a grant that is applied to, after the playground has been installed.



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- Chimney Hill is on the radar for the PEP grant as the playground expires in 2026. Discussion occurred around doing the playground in sections if the money is not raised in time. It is possible, but not ideal for students.
- Will be asking for donations from the community and community partners/businesses. Need to make sure and coordinate that the school and the PAC are not approaching the same sponsors.
  
- Technology Update
  - Best Buy Grant applications submitted for 4 iPads.
  
- Halloween Plans
  - An outdoor parade will be organized, and parents are welcome to attend. If it is raining, then parade will be moved to indoors, but it will be difficult to accommodate all parents. There will be a pumpkin gallery in the gym.
  - Parents asked about whether the lights can be left on at the school for Halloween night- Dee will investigate it.
  
- Remembrance Day- being discussed, but parents are welcome to join for the assembly.
  
- **Mrs. Waraich**
  - Budget requests as follows:
    - Proposal regarding Multicultural Assembly- Bhangra offered for 2 weeks to every class during their own gym time by a choreographer (\$1200 or 1 week at \$600) or Bhangra after school for 2 months (free by Kids Play).
    - Other option to consider is to have an Indigenous Dancer come in and perform and present (\$600).
    - **Motion to approve Multicultural Dance \$850- Preet, Seconded by Anju.**
  
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Hot Lunch – once plans are firmed up, Kiran can coordinate with Admin and their dates for fundraising.
  - Community Events – Empower Parents Workshop Nov 15 at Newton Seniors Centre and Nov 16 at George Vanier.
  - Social Events/Fundraising – nothing to report at this time.
  - DPAC – next District PAC meeting is on November 26th. Ministry of Children and Family Development will be presenting on becoming a Foster Parent. Meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and info can be found on surreydpac.ca.
  
- **Other Business:**
  - Parent Feedback
    - Parent expressed a desire to have after-school activities for kids. Dee explained that she cannot ask teachers to volunteer their time to run activities; teachers initiate that.



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- Discussion around presentations/activities within the school time - Dee explained that the presentations have to go to the district for approval before coming into the school.
  - Parents expressed a desire to have fieldtrips - Dee explained that it is up to the teachers to organize that. The school has to consider affordability given the cost for renting buses (\$400/bus), and some parents are not able to contribute towards a paid field trip. Parents suggested parent drivers and Ms. Briske shared a personal experience regarding why she makes the choice not to use parent drivers, for safety purposes for students and parents.
  - Grandparent had asked Amardeep about a grandchild's iPad use- discussion occurred about resources available, include tips regarding this in a school newsletter. Nicole suggested Screenager, but it needs to be purchased to be viewed and is expensive. Dee and Nicole suggested looking at Safe Schools to come in and do a presentation
- PAC Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023 School Year (third Thursday of the month, time to be determined for each meeting). PAC will look at rotating day/evening times so more parents can attend.
    - November 17
    - December No meeting
    - January 19
    - February 16
    - March No meetings
    - April 20
    - May 18
    - June 15 PAC Executive Only Wrap Up
- **Motion to close the meeting at 8:36pm by Preet. Seconded by Suzy Fong.**

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**Next Meeting: Thursday November 17, 2022 time to be determined**