

Cloverdale Traditional School

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

Monday – October 6th, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Zoom

Agenda

1. **Call to order** (President) - Introduction – Land Acknowledgment
2. **Adoption of Agenda** - *Adopted*
3. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. January 28, 2025 and May 12, 2025 - Adopted
4. **Principal's Report - Kerry TINANT**
 - a. Thank you to the CTS community for the warm welcome. Classes are up and running
 - b. All vacant spots (17) and all teaching positions are filled
 - c. 14 Divisions - 307 Students - Of which 36 are Grade 7 students
 - d. Terry Fox Run went great and raised over \$900
 - e. Grade 6 Student - Flooding Fundraiser - Donation amounts are still increasing and great support from the community
 - f. Parent Survey
 - i. Great response with parents appreciating teacher communication, students being held accountable, and the small community feeling
 - ii. Appreciation of the on-going focus on academic and homework; but desire for more extra-curricular activities and an increase of cultural events
 - iii. Desire for increased communication - The CTS weekly newsletter is having good response and feedback.
 - iv. **RECOMMENDATION** - Parents to follow Surrey School social media accounts to keep up to date.
 - v. **REQUEST** - Options for car-pooling options so parents can find one another
 - g. School Wishes
 - i. Request/support for technology needs:
 1. Classroom projector
 2. Teacher IPAD and stand (Grade 1 teacher)
 3. Speakers for Grade 6/7 class
 4. Updated gym equipment due to wear
 5. Students are asking for classroom specific equipment
 6. Funding for school wide program end of year like Young Actors, Drumming, Zumba, Cricket, different options. Perhaps a collaboration
 7. Itemized requests with cost breakdown to be submitted to CTS PAC**(ACTION)**
 - ii. Upcoming events

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1. October 16, 2025 - Parent Teacher Conference
 - a. Contact the office to schedule a time to go over how to student is settling in
2. October 20, 2025 - Diwali
3. October 31, 2025 - Pumpkin Patch/ Halloween Event
 - a. Pumpkin carving contest
 - b. Spirit day to wear costumes and a parade in the gym
 - c. Station rotation for the students by the staff
- iii. Photoday went well, orderslip distributed and October 17, 2025 is retakes
- h. **PARENT QUESTION:**
 - i. As a family who doesn't celebrate Halloween, what would be the best approach for the student?
 1. One-on-One conversation with Principal/Teacher to be done offline

5. President's Report - Shana VANDERARK

- a. CTS PAC Executive Introductions
 - PAC President – Shana Vanderark
 - Treasurer - Dheeraj Tomay
 - Secretary - Rani Basi-Bains
 - District PAC Rep - Satvin Gill
 - Vice President - Karly Watts
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator - Pavi Dinakaran
 - Social Media Coordinator - Rumin Mann
- b. Uniform exchange completed first weeks of September and received great feedback
- c. Diversity and Inclusion - Responsible for developing, promoting, and guiding DEI initiatives authorized by the School District to foster a culture of equity, respect, and belonging for all.
 - i. Merged with spirit days lead by Grade 7 Leadership
 - ii. October 20, 2025 - Diwali
 1. Spirit Day - Students are welcome to wear cultural outfit
 2. Dheeraj TOMAR will sponsor the diyas (**ACTION**)
 3. **REQUEST:** For empty egg cartons to be left at office
 - iii. **Call-Out** for parent participants
- d. Fundraising
 - i. Bi-Weekly Treat Days (addition to Hot Lunch)
 - ii. Christmas Cookie Sales (December)
 - iii. Basket Raffle
 1. Lead by PAC Executive Rumin MANN
 2. **Call-Out** for parent participants
 - iv. Movie Nights / Craft Fairs
 1. Winter Date = December 2025
 2. Spring Date = March 2026
 3. Starts 0500 pm in the gym.
 4. 0500 - 0530 - craft/pictures/vendor/food sales

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5. Movie begins at 0600 pm. Movie is picked from District database
6. Grade 7 leadership, with Principal present
7. **Call-Out** for parent participants
- e. **QUESTION** - Can PAC do concessions for the school concerts?
 - i. Kerry T - Concerts can be a bit busy, but will review the idea (**ACTION**)
- f. **QUESTION** - Grade 7 Fundraising - Sukh SANGHERA rep
 - i. Grade 7 parents have brainstormed fundraising activities to offset school trips. The District withdrew funding help, so parents stepped up.
 - ii. Committee has started - Bottle Depot drive to collect funds
 - iii. **ASK:** Can Grade 7 do treat days alternative days from treat days or Purdy's chocolate fundraising?
 - iv. **ANSWER:** In the past Grade 7 helped with Candy concession stands and keep the funds. More information needed to establish potential cross-over with PAC fundraising. Options to be communicated through Kerry and PAC Executives.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. AGM - May 2026 - Keep in mind the different executive positions and if any gaps are noted throughout the school year
7. **Treasurer's Report - Draft budget - Dheeraj TOMAR**
 - a. Currently paying bills for vendors, hot-lunch, and reviewing potential expenses
 - b. Large preliminary funds are given to the school; broken down to specific asks
 - c. Technology fund could include items requested by the school (projectors, speakers, IPADS, etc)
 - d. Classroom funds given to teachers to purchase extra items needed for in-class items
 - e. Sports equipments are requested by the school (balls, rackets, etc)
 - f. Any leftover funds will be returned to the PAC for tracking
 - g. **ASK:** Grade 7 Committee hoping for a lunch after the ceremony, instead of the inflatables from last year?
 - i. **ANSWER:** Submit written breakdown of request to PAC Executive
8. **DPAC Update - Satvin GILL**
 - a. All general meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly. Next meeting is October 22, 2025.
 - b. **ASK:** Waterslide and overnight field trips have been cancelled. The district is cancelling specific fieldtrips, can we ask why? Grade 7 Committee would like to plan accordingly and get ahead of it.
9. **New Business**

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10. Upcoming PAC Events

- a. Pumpkin Patch
 - i. Local nursery supplies 300 + pumpkins, PAC supplies hot chocolate and snacks
 - ii. Kids take home a pumpkin, color, carve, or paint for school contest (Oct 29)
 - iii. Cutest or scariest pumpkin – voted on by parents, teachers, students (Oct 31)
 - iv. PAC provides prizes for winners
 - v. **Call-Out** for parent participants (photographers, decorators etc)
- b. Sports Day
 - i. PAC provides lunch, ice-cream, and ribbons
 - ii. **Call-Out** for parent participants
- c. Immunizations
 - i. PAC provides treat (cookie)
- d. Spring Fair
 - i. Details upcoming in the New Year
- e. Pancake Breakfast
 - i. Last day of school at 08:45 am
 - ii. Music/movie playing in the gym while breakfast is served

11. Open Discussion

- a. Hotlunches - Great new vendors from **Pavi DINAKARAN** and group.
- b. Coffee Carts for fundraising; however, no fundraising options available
- c. **ASK:** Student supervision use to start at 815 but changed to 820. How come?
 - i. **ANSWER:** Union contracts states that supervision begins 15 minutes before school session, which is at 8:35 am.

12. Adjournment

Next general meeting will be: Monday - October 27th, 2025 at 0700pm via ZOOM