

Cloverdale Traditional PAC Meeting
Feb 15, 2023

Meeting Started by Esther 6:35 pm with the Land Acknowledgment

The Gr. 7 student representatives were invited to attend the first part of the PAC meeting for Spring Fair discussion. Ms. Stanger advised that none are available to attend tonight.

Spring Fair: Volunteers are very needed, without the required help there will not be a spring fair.

Background: The prior PAC Executive teams solely shouldered the work of organizing and coordinating all Events and Fundraising. Having spoken to many former PAC Executive members they have felt burdened and burnt out. In efforts to keep the work manageable while continuing to offer high quality events, we are asking for some PAC members to help champion individual events. This is still under the guidance and mentorship of the PAC Executive team and this will help with the transfer of knowledge over the years as members graduate out. We are all volunteers and have the mutual goal of giving our CTS students an experience to remember.

Karly discussed vendors that PAC is considering for the Spring Fair:
Invoices received.

Laughing Stock: includes 2 ponies and 2 walkers. They are a previous vendor that CTS PAC has worked with. Will need parent volunteers for break relief for the 2 walkers. It's a 3 hour rental and the cost is \$505.50 including taxes. Max weight for riding on ponies = 90lbs.

Jelks Carnival: will provide 8 inflatable games and some filler games (toss games ie Frisbee, shuffle board and mini golf). Cost \$1,200 plus tax. They will do setup and takedown but will need parent volunteers/students to help monitor the games.

Liability and insurance was brought up by a parent regarding the above vendors, PAC: all vendors also have their own insurance.

Spring Fair - Friday, May 12, 2:30pm-5:30pm. Set up starts at 1:00pm.

Sub-committees that need to be filled:

1. **Concession** - responsible for organizing the be present for the food sales. E.g. Juices, tea, pakoras and bread pakoras

PAC confirmed that Navjot (not present at this PAC meeting) will arrange volunteers.

Rabi D, Suman M - agreed to join the Concession team

2. **Donations** - canvassing the community for donations. Donation request letter is already prepared.

Volunteers: Amira K. and Sukhi S.

3. **Prizes** - responsible for organizing, purchasing and distributing the prizes for the Spring Fair activities.

If we get Jelks to provide this service, it will cost \$400. PAC to take this on instead.

A suggestion from a parent: having a table of prizes, where winners go to claim their prizes when they are finished playing the games?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4. **Cakewalk** - organizing the game, request for donations, including set-up the activity and organizing volunteers.

Before we have had donations from No Frills

Will need to give each participant a small prize, otherwise gaming licence may be needed as this is a game of chance.

Sweet Ave has also donated cupcakes in the past.

Volunteers confirmed: Suman M and Sukh R.

Suman will reach out to Amy (Sweet Ave) to get donations and look after cake walk. Sukh will help.

5. **50/50 Draw** - purchase the Gaming license, organize the draw, print/assemble ticket booklets, distribute booklets several weeks in advance of Spring Fair. Sell tickets on the day of Spring Fair, conduct the draw near the end of Spring Fair. Announce the winner.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

6. **Connecting with the Gr. 7 Student Representative(s), Principal and Teacher:**
Ensuring communication channels are clear on their roles during Spring Fair.

Volunteer confirmed: Sukh R.

7. **Connecting with local highschool, Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary, to organize high school volunteers and sign off on volunteer hours - e.g. Face painting, other activities they would like to do.**

Volunteers confirmed: Rabi's child will do Mehndi designs and Raj T. agreed to ask others as well.

8. **Organize vendors for Marketplace** - vendors will need to contribute an amount of their sales towards CTS PAC, figure out the tables for rentals.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Amira K offered some suggestions of her past experience as a vendor, said she can't lead but will see if some of her other vendor friends will be interested.

9. **Advertising** - preparing ads, both print and on social media, sharing ads to the community and responding to questions. Put together acknowledgement for the donors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

10. **Spring Fair Project Lead** - connects with all the sub-committees and liaises with the PAC Executive team and the Principal.

Volunteers confirmed: Manni S.

Rani B. will assist Manni where ever able.

Shana: We have following booths secured for spring fair:

Police Cruiser

Surrey Police/RCMP - dependent on provincial decision.

Surrey Fire fighters

Cloverdale BIA

We could look at getting vendors that will give a kickback to PAC.

Cotton Candy - vendor sets up a table

Hot Dogs

Popcorn machine

Kona Ice 15-20% kickback to PAC - Surrey school district-approved

**Spring Fair on May 12th will be moving forward as it appears we will have enough volunteers. PAC appreciates all the parents stepping up to take on roles to make Spring Fair become a reality for the CTS students.

Movie Night - Friday, March 3. Doors at 5:30pm, Movie starts at 6pm

New movie night concession layout reviewed.

PAC agrees that a second vendor table (Candy Corner) needs to be there to improve efficiency. Other details to be discussed further.

Ms. Stanger agreed that tech and sound for the movie will be taken care of by the Gr. 7 teacher.

Principal's Report – Keri Stanger

- Many thanks to Karly for helping Ms. Stanger with the cleanup!
- Stranger danger near school grounds worrying student told adult who got Keri and she dealt with it.
- Lunch monitors have set spots including EA's lots of supervision
 - Kids know they need to go to adults, then principal. Just don't want to scare the kids
 - Keri will check to see if we can get more RCMP visibility.
- Uniform reminder:
 - intermediate students are getting relaxed on uniforms.
 - Reminder will go out regarding the uniform code.
 - Kids are wearing different color hoodies random stretch pants
 - Gr. 7 should be only ones wearing hoodies
 - No jeggings, no logo except school logo, no sweatpants
- Two students from Syria raising money for earthquake, and have raised \$1,500 to date. Donations will be collected for another week and a half or so.
- Calendar of events
 - Feb 22 pink shirt day
 - Feb 24 non-instructional day
 - Feb 28 Div 5 field trip to surrey museum
 - Mar 3 PAC movie night
 - Mar 7 Progress reports go home
 - Mar 8 Chip/Snack Sales GR 7 fundraising
 - Mar 10 Div 10 & 11 Field Trip
 - Mar 13 -24 school closed for spring break
 - Mar 27 school reopens

- o Apr 7 Good Friday
- o April 10 Easter Monday
- o May 5 non instructional day
- o May 12 Spirit day Western Day
- o May 22 Victoria Day
- o May 29 Non-Instructional Day
- o June 16 Sports Day
- o June 19-23 Hip Hop lessons
- o June 29 Year end assembly
- SFAF (Student Family Assistant Fund)
 - o Before, it was \$100/family in need per month i.e. superstore/walmart gift cards. Gov't has now increased it to \$300/family in needed per month.
 - o We have 5 families we are supporting
 - o Funding expires June 30 don't know at this point if it will continue.
- Gravel parking lot driveway was fixed last week

Shana, CTS DPAC Representative and is now also on the Surrey DPAC Executive Team, Discussed the following items that were brought up in the November and January DPAC meetings:

DPAC Old Business

- Vacant Positions with DPAC
 - o Three Directors at Large positions
 - o Possible Social Media/Tech Position
- DPAC Scholarship (<https://surreydpac.ca/surrey-dpac-scholarship-bursary/>)
- BCCPAC [AGM and parent conference](#), May 5-7 (Richmond) - Reminder

Student and Family Assistance Fund

Additional clarity is needed regarding allocation of funds and whether this can be carried forward to next year. The district initially allocated schools the equivalent of \$20/student, to be distributed by administrators following guidelines. Questions should be directed to school administration, then to the district if necessary. This was a one-time fund for the 2022/23 school year, but discussions regarding carry-forward to next year are ongoing. Trustee Holmes will provide an update when available.

Police incidents on school grounds

There have been questions about the protocols for police speaking with students without their parents present, and about incidents of strangers approaching students. DPAC Exec discussed this with the Superintendent in November, and were advised that

specific questions should be directed to Rob Rai, Manager of Safe Schools. He can provide relevant information, and should be familiar with any specific situations. Trustee Holmes may be able to provide additional information.

Funding for technology

A concern was brought to the November General DPAC Meeting that PACs have been asked to provide funds to upgrade older iPads, as the Spaces portfolio software is not compatible. PACs have asked why they cannot provide lower-cost Android tablets rather than iPads (as district IT only supports certain devices), and why there was no consultation about the portfolio software. There is an overall shortfall of technology needs in schools; Trustee Holmes suggested inviting a district IT professional to an upcoming DPAC meeting to further discuss technology in the schools. School budgets are available [here](#).

School Trustee

A number of questions/concerns were brought forward. Trustee Holmes will follow up on questions that were not fully addressed, and provide updates at the next meeting. (Feb 22, 2023 - <https://surreydpac.ca/dpac-meetings/>)

- **Transparency regarding in-school SOGI-related clubs:**
 - Concerns regarding a lack of open communication with parents regarding a club related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in an elementary school, similar to a gay straight alliance. Concerns involved transparency, student involvement without parent awareness, and how this topic is addressed with students in age-appropriate ways. As with any other concern, parents are advised to first speak to teachers and school administration, then the appropriate area Assistant Superintendent if necessary.
 - (ACTION TO CTS)

- **District work orders:**
 - Nails and screws have been left on the grounds of a new school, but work orders submitted by the school to both the construction company and the district have been pending for two weeks. There are additional concerns about the construction of the new school.

- **District ban on inflatables at school events:** (*Brought up at CTS PAC Meeting in October 2022*)

- (i.e. fun fairs): What does this include? (Games/ accessories, or only bouncy castles?) What is the reasoning?
- **District ban on donations for in-school events:** More details are needed.
- **Funding cut for in-school activities:** The district has recently communicated to principals that schools are no longer to fund in-school activities/experiences (dance classes, etc.), only out-of school field trips. How does this impact schools who have already paid for upcoming activities? Why is this being cut? Why are in-school activities and field trips treated differently?
- **Air quality and materials testing:** Given [recent news](#) about a number of breast cancer cases among school staff in a Maple Ridge school, what type of air quality, water quality, and materials testing is done in schools? Concerns include older carpets, related adhesives, and asbestos.
- (ACTION TO CTS)
- **Menstrual products in schools:** Who ensures that these products are consistently being supplied in the number of bathrooms required, machines are being refilled, etc.? Concerns regarding broken machines and products only being available in a single gender-neutral washroom.
- (ACTION TO CTS)
- **University Transition Program for gifted students:** This is a provincial resource program, but the Vancouver School Board (VSB) has made changes that disadvantage students in other districts regarding timing of applications. How do parents advocate for change?
- **Mice in school due to construction:** This is a long-term issue related to an expansion that is continuing despite escalation by the Principal. PAC has offered to supply wipes for classroom desks/tables, but has been advised that this would be an environmental concern. Fewer parents are willing to volunteer to help with hot lunches etc. due to mice in the kitchen and other areas.
- **Public transit:** Concern about lack of transit for students and overfull transit buses. Often buses on school routes are either too full to stop for more passengers or are overfull. Can the district work with transit to improve this for students?
- **Safety during pick up and drop off:** is there a way to provide better parent education and solutions so that teachers are not left to monitor this?

Q&A:

A parent asked about the concern of asbestos in CTS as it is a heritage building. Ms. Stanger: as long as the walls are not tampered with, there is no concern about asbestos exposure. The school district monitors this regularly.

Next meeting: May 2023, will be AGM as well.

February PAC Meeting ended at 8:20pm