

Semiahmoo Trail Elementary PAC

General Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2022 Library/Zoom

Attendees: Nicole Verhoeven, Sheri Hardcastle, Tara Sheldrake, Karen Fadum, Sheree Elston, Vagmi Baxi, Rachael Marples, Angie Deo, Lori, hyeSeon Chang, Zita Wang, Qianxin Mo, Zhongyun Yang

Meeting Call to Order: 9:12am

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

2. Call to order and Introduction (Nicole Verhoeven, Meeting Chair)

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion approved 1st by Sheri Hardcastle, 2nd by Tara Sheldrake

4. Adoption of General Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2022

***Approval for October Minutes has been tabled to December Meeting*

5. Principal's Report

- a. **Enrollment** is at 452 students/20 division. A few international students will be enrolling in January. Two new students started this week with additional accessibility needs, school has been working on improving accessibility including the ramps on all portables.
- b. **Staffing update** - Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald will not be returning to Semiahmoo Trail. Mrs. Karen Fadum has been approved as the school Principal. Mrs. Elston will continue as acting VP until a candidate has been ben placed.
- c. Lacrosse is booked for after winter break
- d. February/March – Interactive Fairy Tales (acting) and Rapid Music has been booked. School has applied for a Grant that may help cover performances if grant approved.
- e. **Staff Wishlist-**
30 iPads/Covers – purchasing today!
Still want: 30 New Laptops, Carpets for Portables, Nets for Basketball Hoops, Lumbar (for students to use school tools to build Giant Jenga, Gaga Ball Court, etc.), 2 Art Drying Racks, Library

Prizes to be used for Surrey Book of the Year/Reading Link Challenge.

- f. **Sports** – Volleyball Teams current. Basketball will be in January.
- g. **School Assemblies** – Parents are welcome, but school must abide by capacity numbers for Fire Code and Safety.
- h. **25th Anniversary** for Semiahmoo Trail is May 23, 2023! Discussed doing recognition/event around this.
- i. **Winter Concert** – Grinchmas!
Gym Capacity must be considered for viewing, splitting viewing into Odd/Even Divisions for each night performance. Will video as well.
- j. **Spaces** – Primary reporting takes longer as students are not as well versed on uploading/sharing assignments as the intermediate students. Primary teachers are more heavily involved which takes longer, may use paper reporting as well.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Class Funds have been issued
- b. Samosa Fundraiser \$492 profit
- c. Hot Lunch - \$3, 706.66
- d. BCCPAC - \$75 dues paid ensures we get votes
- e. Total Assets - \$ 73, 571.59
Playground Contingency has \$50,000 (looking forward ensure new Playgrounds are Accessible)
Total Assets Available - \$ 23,571.59

7. District PAC Report

- a. MCFD (Ministry of Children and Family Development) presenters discussed importance and need for **Foster Care** families ideally within home community that children (newborns-teens) are familiar with. Looking for families interested in fostering.
- b. **PAC 101 Workshop** November 10th via Zoom. Online presentation will be recorded and available within a week on DPAC website.
- c. **Financial Support to make Schools More Affordable** funding distributed to schools, information has been shared with all families.
- d. **DPAC Coalition** formed during COVID successfully getting masks in schools. Coalition will continue working together as a

force for positive change across the district and province.
Vancouver DPAC President guest speaker.

e. **Teacher Regulation Board**

1. Parent Rights
2. Process for anyone to file a complaint / who to contact
(Information coming soon on Surrey District PAC Website)

f. **Trustee Wilson** will get us update on what the Capitol Project team is currently working on, and funding spent on portables throughout the district as well as data on numbers of portables.

g. **Welcome to Grade 8: The Transition Process for Students with Diverse Abilities** Zoom presentation by Greg England (District helping Teacher)

Time: **Dec 7, 2022, 08:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 758 3260 2129

Passcode: 2Kr5v

8. Old Business

a. **Fundraisers**

1. **Spirit Wear** – Size samples can be found near the school office.
2. **Holiday Plants Fundraiser** – EXTENDED ORDER Date deadline is November 29th, Pickup Date is December 13th
3. **Purdy's Fundraiser** – Order Deadline is November 27th/ Pickup Date is December 9th
4. **Fresh to You Fundraiser** – Did not meet minimum requirement so all orders have been cancelled. Those who ordered will see a credit on their Hot Lunch Account, or Nicole can issue a refund if preferred.

b. **Saleema Noon Presentation** – 2022/2023 is not available, we will book for 2024.

9. New Business

- a. **Portable Soccer Nets for Field** – Considering purchase for use especially during school construction. Researching costs.

- b. **Hot Lunches** – Parent asked about increasing Hot Lunch frequency. There are logistics around increasing frequency, including a need for additional committed volunteers to handle required work involved.
Adding Treat Days is being considered as an alternative option to increasing Hot Lunch frequency.

10. Adjournment - 10:10am

Reminders

- **Next PAC meeting December 8, 2022, at 9:00am**
- **Every parent/guardian is a member of the PAC!**

- **Contact us at: semiahmootrailpac@gmail.com**

- **Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports can be viewed on the Semiahmoo Trail Elementary Website**