



# Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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## PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday November 21, 2024

**Attendees:** Sara Block, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Fiona Fu, Karen Fadum, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Tara Sheldrake, Hye Seon Chang, Belinda Liu, Sandra Todd, Brandon Heuser, Zita Wang, Hye Ja Kim, Jessica Rowa

**Meeting called to order at 9:03am**

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Nina Hemmes, Heather Neilson

### **Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Tara Sheldrake, Nina Hemmes

## **Principal's Report and Updates** - Karen Fadum/Jamie-Lyn Hugh

### 🌱 **Enrolment & Staffing**

- 438 Students - 19 Divisions
- IST Ms. Simpson returning December 3 - Ms. Hugh will teach intermediate prep
- Ms. Funk on leave - Ms. Bains filling position temporarily

### 🌱 **Technology Purchases**

- 13 MacBooks purchased by PAC Funds and 1 by school in 2023/24
- 17 MacBooks ordered for this year using PAC Funds from 2023/24 Jog-a-thon
- Together these purchases fill the Tech Cart and we have a full set of MacBooks!
- There are expectations/guidelines for students using tech at school. If parents have questions/concerns about technology use in school, please contact your child's teacher - they can run through the guidelines

### 🌱 **SnapChat/Social Media**

- Please monitor and have open dialogue with students that have access to social media. Remind children that they control their own digital space - do not respond or engage in unhealthy conversations. Deleting, blocking and unfriending are always available options.
- Group chats can be particularly challenging for young people to navigate
- SnapChat has an age restriction of 13+ and should not be used by elementary grade students

### 🌿 **Art Card Fundraiser**

- Art Cards are looking great - samples will go out to parents soon. Dec. 1st will be the deadline for ordering and cards should be available mid-December

### 🌿 **Construction**

- Occupancy and Set Up Completion (Students and Teachers move in) were originally set for March 31, however, delays in structural steel and decking as well as civil underground servicing are pushing out our timeline.
- New Occupancy target for district vendors is and internal partners is March 14, 2025 to go in and start set up.
- District take over/Set up completion - access to building after April 10, 2025. Staff and student occupancy can be expected after this date
- Staff will meet in new year (January) to discuss movement of portable classes into the building

### 🌿 **Winter Performance - December 17th**

- Survey had been sent out to get a sense of how many parents may attend. May offer a morning and afternoon performance
- Actual performance still in planning stages. All classes will participate somehow, whether performing or providing artwork.
- Tickets will be organized after better idea of attendance.
- Will send out another email soon with more details

### 🌿 **Formal Learning Update**

- Paper report being sent home Dec. 20th
- Parents newer to proficiency scale, please reach out to your teacher with any questions, parents are encouraged to become familiar with the reporting process in BC - video and information can be found on the curriculum website
- Report will include detailed feedback on your child's progress, current goals and opportunities for further development - along with an indicator aligned with the Provincial Proficiency Scale

### 🌿 **Sports**

- District Track meet will return to Bear Creek on June 2 - Save the date
- Thank you to Ms. Singer, Ms. Keller, Ms. Chahal and parent volunteer Kelly MacGregor for coaching volleyball. Playday Nov 28th - Hosted by our school
- Basketball for grade 7s starts January

### 🌿 **January Events**

- First Peoples in Residence Jan 13-17 - Includes Gathering ceremony and in-class presentations. Intended for bringing Indigenous culture to staff and students, providing both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students opportunity to experience different worldview and perspectives
- Lacrosse - all classes have scheduled times
- Lunar New Year Carnival - Zita is starting to prepare - end of January this year

## **Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes**

- 🌿 **General Account: \$61,399.18**
- 🌿 **Gaming: \$15,689.59**
- 🌿 **Total Assets Available: \$29,519.22**

### **Old Business**

- 🌿 **Art Drying Racks**
  - 2nd Drying Rack purchased and being assembled
- 🌿 **Fall Fundraisers**
  - Unfortunately missed our usual Samosa Fundraiser, PAC purchased a book about Diwali for the School Library in lieu of handing out Samosas this year
  - Photo Fundraiser cancelled due to not worth it for the amount of interest
  - Neufeld Farms and Dielemann both raised a fair amount, they could have been a bit better
  - Still currently waiting for cheque from last years yearbook sales

### **New Business**

- 🌿 **Playground Committee**
  - Karen will be having a meeting about this in January, she will decide what she is looking for in terms of a committee, can do an email out if she needs people
- 🌿 **Hot Lunch**
  - Going to do a trial run offering hot lunch weekly from Feb-June
  - Possible PAC Hot Dog day, will need access to music room and volunteers, can be purchased on hot lunch site? (music room available Mondays and Fridays)

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:48am**

**Next Meeting  
December 19, 2024**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson