



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday December 19, 2024

Attendees: Sara Block, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Rachael Marples, Sheri Hardcastle, Fiona Fu, Karen Fadum, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Hye Seon Chang, Hye Ja Kim, Zita Wang, Megan Bane, Wendian Cai

Meeting called to order at 9:02am

Motion to Approve Agenda

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Nina Hemmes, Rachael Marples

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Rachael Marples, Nina Hemmes

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

🌱 **Enrolment & Staffing**

- 443 Students
- Ms. Pereira returning Jan. 6 to Div. 12, with Ms. Berry on Wednesdays, wishing Ms. McLean the best at her new school
- IST hours increased and Ms. Sandhu will work Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as Thursdays

🌱 **Art Card Fundraiser**

- Raised \$1600! Students/Teachers deciding how to spend/divvy up funds - either divide by class or spend altogether on something for all students?

🌱 **Construction**

- Full completion expected April 2025
- Portables will not be removed at this time as they are costly to move
- All students will be in the building for several years to come

🌱 **Sports and Clubs**

- Lacrosse begins Jan.6th
- Hoping to start basketball for grade 7, looking for experienced parents who can volunteer for co-coaching, can referee, run drills, etc.
- Open ideas for clubs? Chess? Ms. Chahal has a subtle Pokemon Club running

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

- 🌱 **General Account: \$71,880.42**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$15,689.59**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$29,519.22**

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

🌱 **Education Session: PAC Fundraising How To's,**

- "Pub Night" - These are still allowed as long as alcohol is not being promoted through PAC and it is framed as a "Parent Night"
- Carnivals - dunk tanks and cake walks prohibited due to historical significance
- Incorporate Simple Fundraisers, ie. Popcorn, Purdy's, Coupon Books
- Gaming (50/50, Raffles) - Requires Gaming License

🌱 **Business Session**

- Bussing - no changes have been made, students missing a lot of instructional time. Advocacy at provincial level is required
- Surrey Teachers Association - Collective Agreement expires in 2025, bargaining begins in March 2025 - Focus is on working condition for teachers and learning conditions for students - more funding and public support needed for advocating during bargaining process.
- Parents are encouraged to talk/write to MLA's about what you are seeing in our education system and advocate for what is required/what the system needs
- DPAC looking for the opportunity to have current PACs get together

Old Business

🌱 **Hot Lunch**

- Weekly hot lunch starting February as many parents asking for hot lunch more frequently

🌱 **Lunar New Year**

- Zita will send out email to PAC for volunteers needed
- Looks like Friday January 24th will be the best day - NOT a hot lunch day

New Business

🌱 **Jog-a-thon Funds**

- We need to start planning for 2025 Jog-a-thon funds and what they will go to - we are in need of a new playground, should this be where funds are allocated?

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37am

**Next Meeting
January 16, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson