



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday January 16, 2025

Attendees: Sara Block, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Sheri Hardcastle, Karen Fadum, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Tara Sheldrake, Belinda Liu, Zita Wang, Jessica Rowa, Yvonne Jong, Bobby Chen, Brandon Heuser, Sandra Todd

Meeting called to order at 9:01am

Motion to Approve Agenda

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Heather Neilson, Sheri Hardcastle

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**

- 443 Students
- Ms. Plumb going on maternity leave after spring break

🌱 **Construction**

- April 2025 Occupancy expected
- Admin/teachers will determine class movement after walk through
- Not in budget at this time to move portables - goal post will be put back if portables are moved at future date

🌱 **Sports and Clubs**

- Thank you to community volunteer Mr. Zhang for helping coach basketball with Ms. Fadum and Ms. Hugh
- Thank you Ms. Crowley for coaching Girls Grade 7 Basketball (Ms. Chahal helping with Admin)
- Lacrosse has been a fun school wide activity - thank you PAC
- Lunch Clubs coming soon

🌱 **Art Starts**

- Thank you PAC - 1st performance Monday March 3rd (Resilient Rhythms - full day drumming event)

🌱 **MacBooks**

- All devices ordered with last years funds are now in use. 30 new Laptops and 30 iPads. All working great!

🌱 **Kindergarten Registration Open for 2025/26**

- Ready Set Learn starts May 9th

🌱 **Family Day**

- School focuses on this day in lieu of mother's/father's day

🌱 **Valentines Day**

- We ask for simple valentines cards only - refrain from bringing sweets and gifts to school. No class parties this day (instructional day)

🌱 **Pink Shirt Day**

- PAC will set up tee shirt ordering through Jaydee's. Pay online, Jan. 30 deadline

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

- 🌱 **General Account: \$69,948.51**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$15,689.59**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$29,855.86**

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

🌱 **Ombudsperson Investigation**

- Exclusion in schools, [link here](#) encouraging parents to check out available

🌱 **SSWR Learning Centre Closing**

- Lease is up, Funding isn't there - online petition has happened, demonstrations, media has been involved
- Impacting South Surrey - Parents were denied speaking to the board
- Big impact for students currently attending - has been life changing for many students. Students will be sent back to Secondary Schools - potentially unhealthy for many students, awful time of year for many to change school

🌱 **Insurance Liability**

- Seeking clarifications on coverage for PACs on what is covered for PAC events

🌱 **Education Session at DPAC meeting**

- DEI within PACs - Sheri is the presenter

Old Business

🌱 **Lunar New Year**

- Sara will get time schedule for division slots

🌱 **Jog-a-thon 2025**

- T-shirts are in the making
- Vote to spend upcoming Jog-a-thon funds on playground and outdoor learning space - 10 yes votes
- Plaque offer for any larger corporate sponsors as well as t-shirt sponsorship
- Timeline needed for Playground Build - only 3 approved vendors for building
- Date needs to be decided for Jog-a-thon day and rainout day (usually May)
- Run Club lead by teachers last year with PAC providing ribbons, GC Awards, is this happening again this year? Accolades for most laps mentioned/awarded at assembly, Teachers must submit info in order to be mentioned

🌱 **Spring/Fall Carnival/New Building Celebration**

- What date works best? Summer? Fall? Food trucks need booking asap, fundraiser baskets? Carnival Games/Bouncy Castle
- If Fall Harvest, maybe BBQ caterer? Paper Tickets/fliers would have to be prepped as Hot lunch site won't be ready

New Business

🌱 **Spring Fundraisers**

- Neufelds?
- Restaurant Night?
- Movie Night - maybe March before Spring Break
- Samosas?

🌱 **Surrey Eagles Tickets/SWAG**

- Surrey Eagles donated SWAG and season tickets - Draw For students - Karen will take care of this

OPEN FORUM

- PAC losing access to SQUARE payment device - will look into other options
- Donation Plaque for Gaga-ball pit asked for by Karen - Sara will look into this

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59am

**Next Meeting
February 20, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson