



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday February 20, 2025

Attendees: Sara Block, Rachael Marples, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Sheri Hardcastle, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Fiona Fu, Tara Sheldrake, Belinda Liu, Zita Wang, Alina Adam, Brandon Heuser, Sandra Todd, Hye Seon Chang, Hye Ja Kim, Cyber Ran

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Principal's Report and Updates - Jamie-Lyn Hugh

🌱 **Enrollment & Staffing**

- 445 Students - at capacity in most classrooms
- Ms. Van Overshot (IESW) on leave for a month, sub in Ashley Cochrane, practicum student from last year

🌱 **Construction**

- April 2025 Occupancy expected
- Admin/teachers will determine class movement after walk through on March 13th
- Upcoming fencing changes, walkways/paths will be diverted as the front portion of the school is worked on

🌱 **Sports and Clubs**

- Thank you to teacher volunteers for many lunchtime clubs
Ms. Chahal - Knitting, Ms. Elston - Cards and Board Games, Ms. Melenka - Reading, Ms. Sawatzky - Drawing, Ms. Bell - Drums, Ms. Jones - Chess
- Basketball Play Days wind up the season at Bayridge Elementary Feb 26 (boys) and Feb 27 (girls)

🌱 **Art Starts**

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

- 8 classes will get to be selected to participate in a workshop (a draw to decide on which classes are selected)

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

- Ready Set Learn date change to May 16th @ 1:00pm (ready for K 2026/27)
- Welcome to K - April 11th @ 1:00pm (kids starting Fall 2025)
- 48 kids registered so far

🌱 **Pink Shirt Day**

- Assembly Feb 26th @ 10:30am

🌱 **Term 2 Reporting**

- Sent home day before spring break - will include learning areas not reported on in Term 1

🌱 **Racial Equity Team Presentation**

- Casual debrief with Grades 5/6 and Ms. Fadum, a lot of misunderstandings and questions going on with these grades. Students are encouraged to ask a trusted adult about unfamiliar language before repeating or using
- **PSST** website - students are encouraged to share anonymously should they hear racist or harmful language
- Presentation from Naa Sheka about discrimination - PAC can possibly help support the school ongoing with gaming funds for presentations like this, set aside Gaming Grant Funds?
- Could be a possibility for presentation for parents as well?

🌱 **Playground/Outdoor Learning Space - Setting up Funding - Planning**

- School Cash Online for Donations? - Perhaps after Jog-a-thon is completed, so they are not confused. Potential for Plaques, Donation Recognition
- Zeffy can also be used for large donations, has specific systems in place for money/donation collection - no banking fees
- Potential Large Donors - Save-on Foods, Surrey Eagles, Rotary Club, etc. Karen can contact about letters for these donors
- PAC has March 1st as deadline for donor letter to be sent out (Jog-a-thon)
- How long does it take for Capital Grants to be matched? What is the max amount? What percentage of funds have to be proven set aside for matching to occur? What plans need to be in place?
- Potential Plan A, B or C - need to get these ready for proposals

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

- 🌱 **General Account: \$66,830.05**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$15,689.59**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$43,366.96**

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

🌱 Budget Report Survey - Reduced Funding

- Not enough funding for education, parents are encouraged to **talk to MLAs** about problems they see in the system
- Secondary Schools - budget cuts really seen here, closing of schools, extended day formats, hybrid classes, bussing taken away

🌱 AI Use in Schools

- Surrey Schools AI presentation #1 (Sept. 24, 2024) [The Promise and Potential of Artificial Intelligence for Our Children](#)
- Surrey Schools AI presentation #2 (Feb. 4, 2025) [Artificial Intelligence & Learning](#)
- **AI** can help with setting up quizzes, change the way we learn, help education in a positive way

🌱 Presentation by CUPE

- A lot of good information for PACs about understanding school personnel - not all staff are hired by the same entity and /or report to the same management

🌱 Education Session at DPAC meeting

- [Connect the Dots: Collaboration and Learning for Stronger PACs](#)
- Succession Planning, PAC 101, Treasurer 101, Explaining PAC Roles, C&B
- Presentation by Mark Pearmain - thought put into things like SNOW days and what factors into these decisions
- [SurreySchoolsOne](#) - New website with Resources for Teachers, Parents and Students
- Shout out to our own PAC at this meeting for being well organized, using best practices and succession planning for future PACs

Old Business

🌱 Jog-a-thon 2025

- Shirts have been measured for Students/Teachers
- Sponsorship email getting sent out March 1st - t-shirts logos
- Envelope going out to students a few weeks before event
- Volunteers will be needed the day of

🌱 Pink Shirt

- Sara handed out about 50 shirts

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Samosas - Parveen will co-ordinate this for us - we will pick these up Vaisakhi is in April - sell on Hot Lunch Site - Yes - (Wed, April 16th After school)
- Cobs - Hot Cross Buns (Different Flavours - Apple Cinnamon, Double Chocolate) April - Sell on Hot Lunch Site - Yes (Wed, April 16th after school)
- Pizza Fundraiser - after Jog-a-thon (end of May)
- Movie Night - coming up March 7th - Doors open at 5:30, Movie at 6 - Sold out
- Food and Snacks on Hot Lunch site, can be purchased day of

Lunar New Year

- Huge thank you to Zita and volunteers for putting together a beautiful Lunar New Year Celebration - students loved it

New Business

PAC AGM/Member Roles

- Membership Vote coming up in May at AGM
- Sheri will be moving on - DPAC role open, also need someone for Yearbook, and Social Media
- Treasurer Role needs shadowing
- New Executive Members needed

OPEN FORUM

- Zita - Can we add sponsors/businesses blurbs about who they are to Jog-a-thon Newsletter, highlighting their business? Sara can do this and add, potentially to SWAY
- Sandra - Can we send out an email about hot lunch frequency change? Can ask Karen to add to SWAY

Meeting Adjourned at 10:24am

**Next Meeting
March 13, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson