



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday April 17, 2025

Attendees: Sara Block, Rachael Marples, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Sheri Hardcastle, Fiona Fu, Tara Sheldrake, Brandon Heuser, Megan Bane, Sandra Todd, Alina Adam, Amanda Lowe, Catherine Lowe, Wincy Li, Zita Wang, Zhenfei Mao, Jamie-Lyn Hugh

Meeting called to order at 8:59am

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Brandon Heuser, Tara Sheldrake

Principal's Report and Updates - Jamie-Lyn Hugh

🌱 **Enrollment & Staffing**

- 446 Students
- Ms. Cox on leave - Ms. Chahal will cover full time
- Ms. V (IESW) last day April 29

🌱 **Jog-a-thon**

- Running spirit is high already! In school run club in full swing.
- Photo structure changing to create smoother timeline, need to create schedule for 'Cody'
- Warm up will be in gym with video on projector to get everyone pumped up

🌱 **Construction**

- Current date for key access May 12th, full move in may not be possible this school year
- Landscaping to continue

🌱 **Elementary Band**

- District is exploring alternatives for band opportunities for our Grade 7 students after the Board initiated transfer of elementary Band teachers to post in other teaching positions for 2025/26 school year
- Unfortunately Mr. Ablitt will not continue as our band teacher next year. We are sorry to see him go, as his passion and commitment have been an asset to

our school. PAC will see if something can be put together to honour his time with us

🌱 **Class Organization 2025/26**

- Parents/Guardians will be given info by end of month about how they can offer input for next year where needed. Only information in writing (email or letter) about your own child, will be considered. **Many requests cannot be accommodated, please do not expect that your child will be placed with a particular friend or teacher**

🌱 **Blue Playground**

- Removal is set to July 2026
- Plan to meet with staff/parent committee early June for fund review/goals
- Late August - SchoolCash Online will open up donations giving link

🌱 **Welcome to K**

- Great turn out, welcomed almost 40 new students and their parents
- We are excited for many new families with their first child attending school
- Students unable to attend are still invited to Ready, Set, Learn on May 9th @ 1:00pm - this is for students not yet of school age September 2025

🌱 **Badminton**

- Lunchtime intramurals happening for all of April, non-competitive, lots of participation and grades are taking turns
- Thank you to all of the teachers taking time to help with this. Ms. Elston, Ms. Minoza, Ms. Chahal plus teacher candidates Ms. Kim and Ms. Yang

🌱 **Track and Field - May 23rd**

- Happening at South Surrey Track, all participating students can join meet (those who attend regular scheduled practice times) Grades 3-7
- Our School has put our name in for the concession bid
- Organization happening currently, schedule will be ready soon

🌱 **Fall Opening Celebration**

- Open House Community Event - looking at September 19th as date (4:30-6:30 or 7:00pm)
- PAC will start organizing now to lessen workload over the summer - booking Food Trucks, Games, Concession, look into Raffle/Prizes
- PAC can advertise on hot lunch site for donations
- If PAC is organizing this, they kindly ask that teachers/school do the organizing for the 2025 annual Terry Fox Run as it is too much to organize both around the same time

Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes

- 🌱 **General Account: \$91,854.18**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$15,689.59**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$51,133.97**

🌱 Classroom Funds from PAC - Spending Report from Teachers

- 6 divisions spent their funds on 2-day salt water fine arts sessions
- Many divisions purchased art supplies, outdoor games, sports equipment
- Many divisions used funds for field trips/bussing to various locations - Fort Langley, Vancouver Museum, Science World
- Postage for Canada wide letter exchange between schools
- Body Systems escape room
- Coastal Dance Festival

DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle

🌱 Ombudsman Survey

- Influx of reporting on exclusions in the district - Survey to be kept open to allow for more voices to be heard

🌱 Budget Cuts

- Budget must be balanced, there is a major shortfall this coming year. \$900 million shortfall from the ministry, voices are being raised, provincial problem. Board meeting happening May 14th.
- Parent led rally to happen at district office (Currently May 16, may move to the 14th, day of meeting)
- Losing 50 IESW positions in September, 1000 IESW days are going unfilled per month
- DPAC is fighting for our most vulnerable students, parents need to demand more from the district, talk to their MLAs
- Surrey School district getting new treasurer, will hopefully help with budget

🌱 School Field Trips

- All field trips to the USA have been paused for now for safety and security reasons due to the situation surrounding customs and immigration at the US border

Business

🌱 Emergency Kit Fundraiser

- At closer look, minimum sales may be too high for us (\$833) - might end up costing money to go ahead

🌿 Yearbook

- Sales close May 12th, still need photos from some teachers

🌿 Jog-a-thon 2025

- Most things falling into place, need volunteers for day of
- Teachers will count laps with sheets provided, Sheri will take class photos

🌿 Fundraisers

- Samosas/Cobs - Did just ok this time

🌿 Gaga Ball Pit

- This should be built sometime soon - Sponsor plaque being made

🌿 PAC AGM/Member Roles

- Membership Vote coming up **MAY 22nd** at AGM
- Treasurer Role needs shadowing - Co-treasurer would be good
- New Executive Members needed, DPAC, Member at Large
- Yearbook co-ordinator needed
- Amanda Lowe has volunteered to take over as Social Media Coordinator from Sheri (Yay!!)

New Business

🌿 Games Day - June 6th

- PAC will supply snacks and freezies - Tara organizes this

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07am

**Next Meeting - AGM
May 22, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson