



# Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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## PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday November 27, 2025

**Attendees:** Sara Block, Heather Neilson, Brandon Heuser, Megan Bane, Tara Sheldrake, Zita Wang, Wincy Li, Hye Seon Chang, Amanda Lowe, Wei Zhao, Mubashira Rasul, Yaser Ahmed, Simar Dosange, Xi Chen, Baljinder Sharma, Karen Fadum

**Meeting called to order at 9:00am**

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

- Motion Approved by 2: Tara Sheldrake, Heather Neilson

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

- Motion Approved by 2: Brandon Heuser, Tara Sheldrake

### **Principal's Report and Updates - Karen Fadum**

#### **Enrollment & Staffing**

- Currently 422 students - 18 divisions
- Ms. Gill teaching Div. 9 until Ms. Mylod returns in March

#### **Winter Music Showcase - Dec. 18th**

- All classes that attend music with Mr. Donnelly will share holiday songs in the gym at 1pm for families. School Choir will also perform

#### **Sports & Clubs**

- Thank you to Mrs. MacGregor (parent), Ms. Chahal, Ms. Singer and Ms. Keller for coaching volleyball. Big thanks to PAC for new volleyballs
- Next up is Basketball with Ms. Deo & Ms. Jones coaching grade 7 boys. Still working on a coach for girls - welcome parent volunteers with experience to work alongside a teacher

#### **Student Learning Plan**

- District-Wide framework for setting and achieving student goals, focused on a specific area of learning such as writing or reading comprehension
- Like a roadmap for schools to guide teaching and improve learning outcomes
- For the past 2 years at STE, our focus has been on literacy, investigating various tools, strategies to build creative writing skills - intentionally collecting data
- Our Student Learning Plan is available on our school's website under the 'About' heading (Our School Plan)

#### ✳ PAC Funds 2024/25

- Thank you for class funds (\$17 per student), volleyballs and funds for non-enrolling classes and the bonus funds for the library (leftover class funds from last year)

#### ✳ New Playground

- Any parents interested in being a part of playground committee, please email Ms. Fadum
- Budget: \$200,000 - Average for accessible playground
- 2 companies best suited - Habitat Systems or Swingtime Distributors. We will need to raise approximately \$100,000. If money is raised by March/April 2026, construction can happen in Summer 2026
- Businesses can donate on Surrey School District website for tax receipt. Click on our school to donate
- Advertising around the neighbourhood can get neighbours on board for fundraising as a new playground benefits everyone

### Treasurer's Report - Brandon Heuser

- ✳ **General Account: \$114,214.62**
- ✳ **Gaming: \$18,063.01**
- ✳ **Total Assets Available: \$51,953.29**

### DPAC Report - Tara Sheldrake

#### ✳ Dangers of Vaping

- This is a big topic in high schools where parent support is being offered. Not currently a concern at our school

#### ✳ 33 Million Dollar District Surplus

- District is planning on using this extra funding for IT (Tech) and rainy day fund
- CUPE calling for more support for students (IESW Hours), looking to separate levels of IESW workers, enrollment is down but need for IESW is up (Our school is currently employs 9 IESWs)

#### ✳ Motion to Sell Portables

- Possibility of the portables being removed from the school grounds, and getting back the full grass field - Soccer post should be somewhere in storage

### Business - Sara Block

#### ✳ Fall/Winter Fundraisers

- Neufeld Farms - didn't do as well this year, may have been in competition with Elgin High School, pickup Dec. 1st - made around \$400

- Spirit wear currently available for purchase on Hot Lunch site - order deadline Dec. 10th
- Bake Sale? Karen said this is allowed - PAC can figure out particulars
- Boston Pizza - lined up for Jan. 21/22 Dine in or Take Out - mention Semiahmoo Trail and 15% of sales go to our fundraiser
- Movie Night - Date decided - Feb 6th - 6-8pm
- Spring Dance - Possibly in March, start planning in January

#### ✳️ Extra Library Spend

- PAC had previously voted to use \$500 from leftover class funds from last year to go toward the library - Ms. Melenka will put to good use as our library books are well loved
- Book Fair coming up in January (week of Jan. 30th)

#### ✳️ Schoolwide Taekwondo

- Coming up in the first 2 weeks of January

## New Business - Sara Block

#### ✳️ Volleyball Spend

- School's Volleyballs were in state of disrepair, PAC Exec voted to spend up to \$300 on new Volleyballs using Gaming Grant Funds

## Open Forum

#### ✳️ PAC Visibility

- PAC needs to work on getting more info out to Parents - Amanda will add Instagram, possibly put out survey on how people want to receive info?

#### ✳️ Jog-a-thon 2026 Ideas

- New Collection Sheet Letter needed with fresh ideas on how to get creative with fundraising - not just everyone canvassing the same neighbourhoods. Zita's idea - held flea market with friends.. everyone brings a few items they no longer use, funds from sale go to Jog-a-thon
- Start thinking of ideas for 2026 Jog-a-thon spend

**Meeting adjourned at 10:16am**

**Next Meeting  
December 18, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson