



Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday February 19, 2026

Attendees: Sara Block, Heather Neilson, Rachael Marples, Brandon Heuser, Megan Bane, Tara Sheldrake, Wincy Li, Amanda Lowe, Zita Wang, Aman Gill, Karen Fadum, Jamie-Lyn Hugh

Meeting called to order at 9:01am

A Rocha Presentation - Conservation Science

- A Rocha is funded through TD and this is their 4th year encouraging Surrey Schools to get to know and be aware of their surrounding watershed. Our school has Anderson Creek running behind it. It flows into the Nicomekl River.
- They supply 'take a dip' kits to schools to help monitor what is happening in our watershed, educating teachers and students how to collect information that can be useful. Tests are sent into the City of Surrey as a way of collecting information.
- Students can test for nitrates, pH balance, check the stream's flow, learn about native plant life, invasive plants, what bugs say about our water and our area's biodiversity.
- The best time to do testing is between November and March, while there is more water flow.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- 🌱 Motion Approved by 2: Rachael Marples, Tara Sheldrake

Principal's Report and Updates - Karen Fadum

🌱 Enrollment & Staffing

- Currently 425 students - 18 divisions
- Ms. Mylod (Div. 9) will return March 1st. Hoping to see Ms. Gill back as a regular TTOC. Ms Umlas remaining on Wednesdays
- Ms. Clark (IESW) returning March 2nd. We wish Ms. Howard (Ms. A) well and hope to see her back as sub IESW

🌱 2026/27 Registration

- Families with students starting Kindergarten in Fall 2026 are encouraged to register now
- New students across all grades can register at surreyschools.ca
- 48 K students currently registered for Fall

- Early Learning Dates April 10 & May 8
- Welcome to K - May 28th at 1:00pm

🌱 **Sports & Clubs**

- Thank you to teacher volunteers for lunchtime clubs: Ms Chahal - Knitting, Ms. Elston - Games, Ms. Gill - Chess, Ms. Sawatzky - drawing, Mr. Grewal - Minecraft Education
- Gym may be open for Badminton Players wishing to play
- Hallway reading club is available for those wishing for a quiet place to read over lunch
- Basketball play days are winding up. Feb 25 (boys) and 26th (girls) Thank you to Ms. Deo, Ms. Jones, Ms. Hugh, Ms. Fadum and parent volunteer Amanda Lowe for coaching this year

🌱 **Scholastic Book Fair**

- Book Fair was very successful this year. Thank you! Total Sales were \$7875
- Might be a good idea to rotate between a few different activities over the years

🌱 **Drills**

- We complete 6 Fire, 2 Lockdown and 2 Earthquake Drills per year. We average 5 mins to be safely gathered and accounted for. Our last lockdown drill was attended by Surrey Police and Surrey Safe Schools. We were commended on how quickly and quietly staff and students moved into position

🌱 **Pink Shirt Day - Feb 25**

- Assembly at 10:30am. Students encouraged to wear pink or anti-bullying/pink shirt day/kindness theme

🌱 **Lunar New Year**

- Thanks to PAC, Organizers and Volunteers for this event. The students enjoyed the presentation and had a good time at the Carnival in the gym
- This is Zita's last year at our school, she has parents that are willing to take on the organization of the Lunar New Year Carnival after she is gone.

🌱 **Term 2 Student Progress Reports**

- Sent home March 13th
- Includes any learning areas not included on the first update plus LA, MATH and Student Core Competency Reflection

🌱 **New Playground**

- **Habitat** has been chosen as the vendor for our new Playground. They are currently updating an original design to reduce cost and incorporate natural materials/colours

- Next Steps Include: Submitting proposal to District for Approval, Meeting with Playground Committee to discuss Fundraising/Marketing, Raising Funds

Treasurer's Report - Brandon Heuser

- 🌱 **General Account: \$112,601.28**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$17,822.02**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$43,814.40**

DPAC Report - Tara Sheldrake

DPAC holding vote at In-Person meeting on Feb.26th, Tara cannot attend. Vote is on changing bylaw to be able to hold vote during online meeting as many cannot attend in person

Business - Sara Block

🌱 **Fall/Winter Fundraisers**

- Bake Sale - March 11th - Karen will organize time slots for teachers for students to purchase baked goods at \$2 each - Brandon will make up Volunteer Sign up sheet with suggestions on what parents should bring and sizing to reflect price
- School Dance - Looking at April 17th, Perhaps 3:30-4:30pm for Primary and 6:30-7:30pm for Intermediates
- Movie Night - Went very well, final numbers on profit coming soon

New Business - Sara Block

🌱 **Jog-a-Thon - May 6th**

- Sponsor Email going out April 1st
- What are we raising money for this year? Karen can ask in the next staff meeting if the teachers have any big ideas?

Open Forum

- Amanda suggested Idea for World Expo type Carnival in the coming years

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am

**Next Meeting
March 12, 2026**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson