



# Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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## PAC General Meeting Minutes Thursday June 19, 2025

**Attendees:** Sara Block, Rachael Marples, Heather Neilson, Nina Hemmes, Sheri Hardcastle, Tara Sheldrake, Megan Bane, Sandra Todd, Amanda Lowe, Zita Wang, Wincy Li, Jamie-Lyn Hugh, Karen Fadum

**Meeting called to order at 9:03am**

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

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

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

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

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

### 🌱 **Enrollment & Staffing**

- Ms. Funk will be retiring at the end of the year
- Rachael Umlas to job-share with Ms. Mylod (Mat leave until March)
- Grade 1/2 position tbd, Grade 4/5 position tbd (Ms. Plumb mat leave) and Grade 6/7 or 7 position tbd
- Janice Keller LST going to 3 days a week instead of 5
- Shannon Anderson (clerical) going to 3 days instead of 4
- new Counsellor - Harmony Flowers

### 🌱 **Construction**

- Finally COMPLETE! A few minor items still being changed out, but kids are now learning in the new space
- Fencing will remain up to protect landscaping over the summer (6 months)
- Teachers moving into the new space for 2025/26: Mr. Grewal, Ms. Jones, Ms. Elston, Ms. Hugh, Ms. Dhaliwal/Ms. Minoza, Ms. Keller, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Nijjar, Gr. 5-7 teacher, Gr. 1/2 teacher

### 🌱 **Note To Parents:**

- If children are changing schools for this fall, please notify the school
- Library books, textbooks and school jerseys need to be returned before break

- Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is June 24th at 12:30, RSVP form was sent out, but no parents will be denied entry

## 🌱 2025/26

- PAC meetings will be held in room 229, still Thursdays at 9am
- School-wide fitness activity - PAC has been looking into booking Taekwondo. If this can get organized, it should work (each class gets 2 - 30 min sessions)
- Before and after school care will be located in the MPR (music room) Music will move to room 145
- Coffee and Connecting first day back? Would PAC like to help co-ordinate, speak, make posters to share with new families (usually held in library)
- Carnival Sept. 19th - Early Dismissal 1:28pm - Can we get the fences down for this day? PAC should meet with Karen Sept 9/10 to discuss particulars
- Teachers know they are organizing Terry Fox Run this year - PAC can help with volunteering

## **Treasurer's Report - Nina Hemmes**

- 🌱 **General Account: \$109,528.57**
- 🌱 **Gaming: \$13,236.84**
- 🌱 **Total Assets Available: \$66,468.70**

## **DPAC Report - Sheri Hardcastle**

### 🌱 Education Sessions

- Insurance - Risk Management by Tracy Blagdon, learning what PAC events and activities are covered
- If event is authorized by school district, it is covered - larger events should have a Proposal that is pre-approved by School District (Dry Grads, Carnivals, etc.)
- Events NOT covered include: Pub Nights, Trampoline Parks, bouncy castles or animal rides
- No coverage for 3rd parties who volunteer their services to PAC

### 🌱 BCCPAC AGM

- Due to inefficiencies, many outstanding resolutions and follow up need to be worked on, additional meeting necessary
- Finance Town hall scheduled for July 10th to revisit and respond to questions unanswered at AGM

#### **Ombudsperson**

- Jay Chalke is stepping down in early 2026. His investigation into school exclusion remains open

[Ombudsperson Questionnaire on School Exclusion](#)

#### **Rally for Public Education - May 26th**

- Several school districts in attendance, as well as representatives from STA, BCTF and CUPE
- 6 Surrey Band teachers attended, Sheri's banner made the news
- Minister Beare met with several DPAC presidents in advance of the rally
- Several meetings with MLAs and different political parties occurred with invitations for future meetings

### **Business - Sara Block**

#### **Yearbooks**

- Handed out - a few parents missed deadline and would like to purchase
- 5 remaining, will be offered to Grade 7s first

#### **Fall Carnival - September 19th**

- Access to field day of will be needed
- Need concession leader - Wincy has volunteered
- 50 or so Balloons Animals will be made in advance to speed up line
- Grade 7 or past students running games/concessions to help
- Tables/chairs needed for Face Painters
- Heather looking into Cotton Candy for concession

#### **Basket Raffle**

- Multiple local business have been contacted about donating baskets toward raffle fundraiser - PAC has list of business that are participating

### **New Business - Sara Block**

#### **Changs Taekwondo Schoolwide**

- PAC will figure out more particulars and organize in conjunction with the school

#### **Bylaw Amendment Vote**

- All present voted for bylaw to be amended to have a PAC Executive with a maximum of 4 members at large, one co-secretary and one co-treasurer

## **SECTION 6: EXECUTIVE**

1. PAC executives shall manage the affairs of PAC between general meetings. As well as oversee and provide support to any PAC appointed committees to ensure their effective functioning and alignment with the PAC's objectives.

2. The executive will include the president, vice-president or co-president, secretary, treasurer, District Parent Advisory Council Representative. It may include a **maximum of 4** members at large, **1** co-secretary and **1** co-treasurer.

### **Lunar New Year 2026 - Lion Dance**

- Suggestion by Zita that we hire an approved company that performs a Lion Dance for Lunar New Year Assembly - PAC voted all in favour to spend up to \$1000 of Gaming Funds in addition to funds already budgeted for Lunar New Year Carnival

### **September 2025**

- PAC Executive will get together early September for back to school informal meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 10:02am**

**Next Meeting  
October 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Heather Neilson