



## FROST ROAD ELEMENTARY PAC

### Meeting Minutes

October 16 2025

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

### In Attendance:

Executives: Sunam Gill, Mal Shahab, Rose Dallasheh, Laura Wirtz, Annie Knoblauch, Stephanie Smith

Admin: Connie Koustas, Andrew Shook

Parents: Dustyn, Kathy, Hyun and Sandie

### Principal's Report:

- The spirit teams have been doing well; athletic leadership teams have started to help organize a pumpkin patch for the kindergartens
- Cross country is coming to an end next week and volleyball has started for the grade 7s
- younger students will get to play intermural games and learn some new skills!
- The Remembrance Day assembly will be on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> with the primary students in the AM and intermediate in the PM, parents are welcome to attend!
- the grade 5 students will be selling their handmade products at the young entrepreneurs' sale on Dec 10 and 11 -come out and support the students!
- jump start will be available to grade 4-7 students every Friday until the holiday break and then pick up again in the new year
- first people's residence will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- We wish Ms. Patterson a very happy retirement! Her last day at the school will be Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Treasurer's Report:

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-review of gaming and chequing accounts was completed as well as this year's proposed budget

-the proposed budget for the 2025/2026 school year was approved by Laura and seconded by Mal

### DPAC notes:

At the September meeting, there was an education session called *"Begin with the End in Mind"*, where DPAC talked about what success could look like for PACs if fundraising wasn't the main focus. It was explored how Grade 7 leaving and Dry Grad committees can be set up for success, and how PACs can build bench strength through good succession planning.

In the business portion of the meeting, Surrey DPAC shared the results of our "Community Snapshot" poll. PACs across Surrey said their top needs are training, templates, and opportunities to connect and learn from one another. In terms of advocacy, priorities included more supports for diverse learners, better communication and transparency from the district, and sustainable funding for public education.

The President's Report covered a lot of ground. Surrey DPAC has been active in the media, continuing to raise awareness about overcrowding, inclusion, and funding issues in Surrey schools. They also met with CUPE 728 and the Surrey Teachers' Association to strengthen collaboration across education partners. This year's focus areas are inclusive education and family voice, transparency in capital planning, and building PAC and Surrey DPAC leadership capacity.

Trustee Holmes provided an update on the district budget and enrollment. Although the district showed a \$33 million surplus last year, most of that was one-time funding and already allocated to system upgrades. Enrollment has dropped by about 300 students, which may affect future budgets. There are no current plans to reinstate Grade 7 band or IESW positions.

Finally, members voted on two motions. Surrey DPAC voted to end its membership in BCCPAC starting next year, and to request that the Surrey Board of Education take steps to improve meaningful public engagement at board meetings. The 2025–26 budget was adopted based on those decisions.

The next event is *Connect the Dots: Tools for Confident PAC Leadership* on October 18.

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#### Fundraising notes:

- a generous parent has donated some Canada flags to the Pac for a possible fundraiser/sale
- Family photo fundraiser has been fully booked! Thanks to the families who booked their slot!
- The Purdy's holiday fundraiser will begin with details being sent home soon! Nov 25<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline to order and the PAC has planned a pancake breakfast for all staff and students for Dec 12<sup>th</sup>
- the created by kids fundraiser has started, all students will be given the opportunity to turn their artwork in special items families can purchase, details to be sent home soon!
- tickets are now available for the winter festival dance! Make sure to purchase yours on munch a lunch before they sell out as tickets are limited.
- Our next fun lunch will be Little Caesars on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Boston pizza on Nov 21st

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

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