



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday, April 12 th , 2021

PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: DJ Craig
 Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips
 PAC Treasurer: Lakhbir Johal
 PAC Secretary: Colette Mende
 District PAC Representative: Lakhbir Johal

COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Tamsin L.
 District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"): Debora Z.
 Dry Grad Committee: Pam W.S. and Faye K.

Attendees:

Online MS Teams Call – 9 Participants including Principal, PAC Executives, CPF Rep, Dry Grad Committee and parents
 Absent: Debora Z. (DPAC)

2020/2021 PAC MEETING DATES

2020	October 26th 2020, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)	
	November 30 th 2020, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	
2021	January 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	May 31 st 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting) June 21 st 2021, 7pm
	February 22 nd 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	June 21 st 2021, 7pm September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm
	April 12 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm
	April 26 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	October 25th 2021, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)



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Minutes

7:04 PM

Call meeting to order – DJ Craig

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Move to accept agenda –1st Tanja Phillips and 2nd Colette Mende , all in favour

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Motion to accept minutes from January 25th meeting 1st by DJ and 2nd by Tamsin L.

All in favour.

7:05 PM – 7:20

Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report -

March & Early April Activity – What's Happening at EMS:

1. COVID Updates

- New Provincial Health Order to address increased exposures/variants.
- Masks required for all staff and all students inside the building. This doesn't change for EMS, as we have been mandating masks throughout this time.
- Changes for us include: no adult visitors in the building, vacate the premises if not in class (Grades 10-12 students must leave to go home when being dismissed at 11:15), reinforced emphasis on protocols, decrease in Discovery type classes, as they rotate more frequently (that switched part way through the quarter).
- Upcoming but no information yet, increased Health and Safety training for staff which will involve 3 future early dismissals this school year (no dates have been set yet).
- All EMS staff were vaccinated March 26th with the exception of 3 awaiting dates.

2. Social Media Focus March 1st – 12th

- Feedback was fantastic, many teachers expressed that the conversations in classes were fantastic.
- Lots of great feedback from parents, and also engagement from the senior students.
- Shared all of the daily lessons and videos with our Family of Schools for younger siblings.
- Video 'selfless' has now been viewed by the majority of Junior classes.
- We did notice a decrease in online issues, we also had an increase in referrals from students of online concerns.
- Still of concern, Instagram sites that appear to be EMS. Usually start with innocent intentions, and then go sideways. Frequent use of racist and homophobic language. Lots of specific students named in negative way. Concerning sites include: emstea, officialemstea, ems_tea_allgrades, earlmarriotttea, real.ems.tea, ems bathroom quotes, etc. Please spread the word that students should not be following these sites. They only exist because they have followers. They are definitely not EMS approved sites.



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3. New school year

- EMS is continuing to work on the timetable for next year, which is quite different with the decrease in size. Some of the program choices have decreased given that fewer students are choosing courses.
- At this time, the timetable is being created with learning cohorts and a quarter system. This will be in place until there is a shift with restrictions from the PHO. Building the timetable in this way, we can shift it back to a regular timetable without a lot of upheaval.
- Our current size for next year is approx. 1410 which is an approximate decrease of 500 students.
- We are holding all registrations for next year –due to teacher capacity.
- Will be keeping some portables for anticipated future needs.

Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: With the planned construction of town homes on both sides of the 16th Avenue in the EMS block radius has either city (White Rock or Surrey) approached the school to address safety concerns, road hazards, increased traffic, worker parking etc...?

Answer: No the city has not approached the school, and yes this is a valid concern. Cross walk guard is planned to return for September school year that should address some of the safety concerns.

Question: Will there be an Honour Roll published this year?

Answer: Yes it will be issued towards end of year. Plan is to do virtual awards and to publish the honour roll.

Question: There was mention of course selection reductions, what kind of impact will this represent?

Answer: Due to the smaller student body some courses may only be offered as one class versus 2. This really only impacts electives and is why all students are requested to include 2 alternatives.

Question: What form of Grad arrangements/ceremonies will be planned?

Answer: Commencement ceremonies will be held again at the Peace Portal Alliance Church. An update will be posted through Twitter to "save the date". No parents will be inside the church permitted inside due to COVID protocols but the event will be live streamed. The health & safety protocols are calling for groups of no more than 10 so all planning will be around moving students in their groups through and out of the building.

Question: Will there be a lot of teachers moving and are some of the teachers be moving to Grandview?

Answer: Yes quite a few teachers will be leaving, many were on temporary contracts and will go elsewhere in the district. There are 6-7 that are moving on either to Grandview or elsewhere. There will likely be no new teachers hired this coming year.



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Question: What is the overall student capacity of EMS?

Answer: School is built for 1500 Students and can accommodate up to 1600 and function well.

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Chair Report

DJ Craig – Chair report

- Thanked all PAC executives for their time expended to carryout roles;
- Pleased to see those stepping up to help in additional EMS community support roles.

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EMS Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir Johal

EMS Pac Account Balances as @ April, 2021:

1. Admin Account \$4,394.41

- Mainly from Parent PAC online donations
- Received cheque from Surrey School district for \$438 per student funding

2. Dry Grad Account \$2, 151.47

Pending 1 payment:

- Sarah Song claimed her \$500
- \$1,000 remains unclaimed by Josh Seto
- EMS Scholarship for \$1000 will be awarded this year

Total Available: \$151.47

3. Gaming Account \$42,013.51

4 cheques were written and cashed this month:

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| 1) Youth Care Workers – food and supplies | \$930.06 |
| 2) Youth Care Workers – bus passes | \$35.00 |
| 3) Administration – Selfless Live streaming | \$334.43 |
| 4) English Department – Writing Contest | \$100.00 |

Outstanding Cheques:

- 2 chqs for the Math Department \$252.00
- 2 chqs for the Athletics Department \$1,942.21

Total Available: \$39,819.30



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DPAC Report - Debora Z. absent – Lakhbir presented summary of DPAC activities

Upcoming Activities:

- BCC PAC Virtual AGM – May 1st 8:30am – 5pm
 - Every parent is eligible to attend, can log on at any time
 - Must register and send in speaker form
 - Advise Lakhbir or Debora to setup
 - All resolutions to vote on are presented on the DPAC website (16 have been registered to date)
 - Please advise Lakhbir or Debora of position so that they may cast a vote
- Indigenous Resolution Workshop –April 14th
 - DPAC is covering the cost of each participant (\$100 per person)
 - Purpose: to educate people on understanding our role in resolution and reconciliation process

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CPF Report –presented by Tamsin L.

- **Concours d’art oratoire – French Public Speaking Event**
 - Will be virtual again this year
 - CPF will say a few words to open the event – which is coordinated with the District
 - Participation from French classes across Grades 4-12 across the district is voluntary, but can form an important part of the verbal curriculum.
 - Deadline is May 1 and Grades 11 & 12 can apply for a scholarship by Apr 15.
- **Cultural grants**
 - Grants were offered to schools in February / March.
 - A few schools replied with ideas for virtual or classroom support for French learning.
 - CPF issued cheques to those schools (\$200) to cover the cost of the cultural event.
- **Grade 12 Awards**
 - As of today, only in receipt of one submission from the whole district, from Salish
 - Deadline for submissions is May 3, with a reminder to be sent out last week or this week in order to catch classes before the quarter changes to the final quarter of the year.
- **DEL F Exam**
 - Ms Davies added that they were extremely happy to be able to hold the exam this year, the 1st DELF exams were held today, and will continue tomorrow and next week. This is an internationally recognized exam that demonstrates proficiency in the French language. It’s open to all graduating students in French Immersion and core French, as they can attain differ levels.



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Dry Grad - Pamela W.S.

- Neufeld Farms fund raiser was a success, raised so far \$3,892.25, closed tonight at midnight
- Asked what are we raising funds for?
 - In case any opportunities
 - Plan is to buy each grad something special to acknowledge them
- Next Fundraiser will be plant sale
 - Complicated in how to deliver
 - Run through company and provide all proceeds to school
 - Pickup Saturday prior to mothers' day with a location i.e. rec centre or other
 - Likely run it through munch a lunch platform to get pre orders
 - Munch a lunch has also added a donation button to those that only want to donate vs purchase
- Trying to keep within the guidelines and make it work as best they can
- Direction was to continue to work with Lakhbir/Treasurer to ensure it is all treated correctly.

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New School/Grandview Heights Update

- Edgemont and Douglas Elementary Schools have now opened – normal capacity 500- 550 – trending to over 600
- Grandview expecting for September
- There is also proposals for other areas where development continues
- Grandview hired 20 teachers and looking to hire another 25 in the next 2 months, expecting over 1000 upwards to 1100 kids
- Walkthrough will take place after occupancy permit is received, anticipating June but many items are being held up at border therefore it could be as late as August.

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Guest Speakers /Presentations-

- Nothing planned as no one can come into building
- Some teachers are looking at virtual presentations
- DJ reminded that there are still funds available so any ideas are welcome



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New Business/Other:

Lakibar – Additional Treasury requests:

1. Track Team has made a request for max \$200 for a new high jump bar and high jump bungee – decision was made to approve these funds.
2. Youth care worker requesting additional \$1500 for food and small appliances
Original request was approximately \$3000 however, due to the cafeteria being closed and other restrictions PAC approved \$5,800 for the annual budget. To date only \$ 2, 200.10 has been requested so, \$3500 is still available. Lakibhar has gone back to clarify that these funds are still available and that perhaps this additional request is an oversight. Will hold off until this is confirmed.

Ms. Davies added that Ms. Canino is trying to coordinate a virtual version of the Duke of Earl event.

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Move to Adjourn

****Next Meeting: April 26th , 2021****

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