



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

Date: April 23, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Location: Library

PAC Executive:

Chair: Tanja Phillips

Vice Chair: Jin Thindal

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Marina Heidt

EMS Principal and Vice-Principals

Principal: Graham Magnusson

Vice-Principal: Virgil Hill

Vice-Principal: Pam Sandhu

COMMITTEES:

District PAC Representative: Jin Thindal and Chun Ge

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Joy Rong

Dry Grad Committee: Christine Dalzell

PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

Attendees:

Principal, Vice-Principal, PAC Executive (4), parent (1).

2024/2025 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September_23_24 7:00 pm
Oct_28_24, 7:00 pm AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov_25_24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_27_25 7:00 pm
Feb_24_25 7:00 pm
April_28_25 7:00 pm
May_26_25 7:00 pm
September_29_25 7:00 pm



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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by TP.

2. Attendance

Tanja Phillips (Chair)
Jin Thindal (Vice-Chair and DPAC Representative)
Marina Heidt (Secretary)
Colette Mende (Treasurer)
Principal: Graham Magnusson
Vice-Principal: Virgil Hill
One EMS parent AF

3. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Tanja welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the land acknowledgment.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by TP., seconded by JT.
Approval of last Minutes: Motioned by TP., seconded by JT.

5. Principal's Report:

School Athletics Update:

- The school has bid farewell to winter and is actively engaged in track and field, badminton, ultimate frisbee, rugby, and soccer.
- Curling Team: Congratulations to the team for placing second in the provincials in Cranbrook.

Graduation Events:

Grad Walk: May 21, returning to elementary schools, to be documented in the yearbook.

Commencement: May 24; Duke of Earl: June 4; Dry Grad: June 22.



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Travel Updates:

The district will no longer approve U.S. travel, but previously booked trips will not be cancelled due to non-refundable costs.

Band Trip: Going to New York as planned.

Decision to change the yearly tradition for grad students to attend the Mariners game in Seattle: EMS has offered alternative options, with the student vote. Result: attend a Vancouver Canucks game.

No international trips planned next year, but a Quebec trip for the French immersion cohort is under consideration.

Staffing Updates

Mr. Seibert has moved on.

M. Ethier and Mme. La Roche are retiring this year.

Math and PE staffing changes require as a need for a French PE teacher for Grades 8-10.

Hybrid Classes in Fall: Career Life Connections (Grade 11/12) and Physics may have hybrid blocks. Office hours and library resources will be available for students.

Q&A:

- Students were saddened by Mr. An's departure, but understand he accepted a new role elsewhere.
- The new band teacher, Ms. Steiger, has extensive experience leading multiple trips, concerts, orchestra, and marching band in her past location.

6. Chair's Update

- **BCCPAC Conference:** Anyone interested in attending should reach out – JT has expressed interest in going.
- **Gaming Grant:** Thanks to Collette for applying and filing.
- **Girls-Only STEM Program in May.** – UBC Girlssmarts4tech; www.cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech
- **Flip the Script – Self-Defence Course for Women.** www.northshorewomen.ca
- PAC BBQ for staff and students: June 13

7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette Mende, Treasurer

As of April 23, 2025



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EMS PAC Account Balances:

Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$ 18,577.77
- Closing Balance: \$ 18,577.77
- No current activity from last period

Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$30,200.18
- Less: Uncashed Cheques: \$1,740.62
- Reserves:
 - Seed Funds: \$2,000.00
 - Carryover for 2026: \$4,806.65
- Revised Balance Total Dry Grad Account \$28,460.56
- Revised Balance (Dry Grad 2025 Funds): \$21,653.31

Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$25,549.37
- Outstanding Transactions: \$ 2,526.13
- Closing Balance: \$ \$25,549.37
- Activity for month – net payments \$ 4,130.12

EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 7.78

Other:

Discussion regarding updates to the bylaws and constitution.

Appreciation for the substantial funding raised for the PAC by families (via School Cash).

A reminder that teachers should submit any outstanding reimbursement bills.

A \$10,000 donation was received from the Movie Crews at the Pow Wow event in March, while the school earned significant rental revenue.

Clarification of the rules for fund applications for the PAC Budget.

Motion: To approve up to \$1,000 for one PAC member to attend the BCPAC conference in May. Moved by TP, seconded by AF. All in favour.



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8. DPA presented by Jin Thindal, DPAC Representative

November Meeting Summary

- Discussions centred on budget cuts and funding shortages.
- Survey distributed to PACs to clarify funding distribution (educational subsidies, purchase of school supplies).
- Budget Shortfall: 50 non-enrolled teachers laid off.
- Learning Centre Closure: Confirmed as a final decision.
- Survey issued on exclusion policies.
- Discussion about PAC insurance and whether PACs qualify as charities (they do not).
- Treasurer Report: BCID application for gaming grant.
- Upcoming AGM & Conference on May 23 – 25 in Prince George at UNBC.
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>

10. Dry Grad Report

No update at this time.

11. CPF (Canadian Parents for French)

No update at this time.

12. New Business

- Thank-You Card received from the cast of *Matilda the Musical* to thank the PAC for its contribution to the Theatre Department
- PAC BBQ Event: Scheduled for June 13, will seek donations and volunteers.
- Summer Learning Registration: Open April 7 – June 22.

13. Adjournment

Call end of meeting by TP. at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting Date: May 26, 2025 – postponed to June 2, 2025