



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

**Date:** February 24, 2025

**Time:** Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

**Location:** Library

**PAC Executive:**

Chair: Tanja Phillips

Vice Chair: Jin Thindal

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Marina Heidt

**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, PAC Executive (3), one parent

### 2024/2025 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September_23_24 7:00 pm
Oct_28_24, 7:00 pm <del>AGM, Budget &amp; Elections</del>
Nov_25_24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_27_25 7:00 pm
Feb_24_25 7:00pm
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 7:03 PM by Tanja Phillips.

### 2. Attendance

Tanja Phillips (Chair)  
Colette Mende (Treasurer)  
Jin Thindal (Vice-Chair, DPAC Representative)  
Joy R.(CPF)  
Principal  
Vice Principal

### 3. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

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

### 4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Jin T., seconded by Colette M.

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Jin T., seconded by Colette M.

### 5. Principal's Report:

- Welcome to Virgil Hill, our new Vice Principal.
- Incident at lunch – letter sent to parents by email.
- EMS Vice Principal, Shawn Campbell has moved to be the new acting Principal at the South Surrey Learning Centre.
- Congratulations to the EMS curling team who are in Cranbrook at the Provincial Championships.
- Basketball season has concluded.
- Spring sport season is underway including: girls soccer, badminton, rugby, track and field.
- April 23 to May 9 – Matilda will be in the EMS theatre, come out to the show.
- March 7-9 – PowWow at EMS, everyone invited to attend. Grand entrance at 1:00pm each day.
- Cell Phones - working on best management in classrooms.

Question: who is covering the cost of the break in at EMS (when the water pipe was affected)?

Answer: SD36 insurance paid for the cost of the repairs.

### 6. Chair's Update

No significant updates. Input from parents is welcome.



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

*As of February 24, 2025*

EMS PAC Account Balances:

### Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$ 12,212.77

### Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$ 20,811.01
- Less: Un-cashed Cheques: -\$ 1,215.00
- Reserves:
  - Seed Funds: -\$ 2,000.00
  - Carryover for 2026: -\$ 4,806.65
- Revised Balance (Dry Grad 2025 Funds): \$ 14,004.36

### Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$ 28,739.14
- Outstanding Transactions:
- Closing Balance: \$ 28,739.14

### EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 5.83

## **8. DPAC presented by Jin Thindal, DPAC Representative**

- Upcoming meeting on February 26 and will provide an update at the next EMS PAC meeting.
- Had the first in-person training event recently and another one planned for Fall 2025. Board planning to meet Education Minister to discuss district priorities
- Upcoming AGM will be held in Prince George, scheduled for May 23-25
- Next Surrey DPAC meeting (all parents welcome): Feb 26; Zoom Link [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## **10. Dry Grad Report – presented by Tanja P from Christine D.**

- Grad Fashion Show next week (March 5). Committee has done a great job organizing this event!
- Dry grad tickets to go on sale after Spring Break
- For more details, you can email [emsdrygrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:emsdrygrad2025@gmail.com)



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## **11. CPF (Canadian Parents for French)**

No CPF meetings in January or February. Will update after next meeting.

## **12. New Business**

No new business.

## **13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Moved by: Tanja P.

Seconded by: Colette M.

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Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2025