



# Parent Advisory Council

## PAC Meeting Minutes

### DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	PAC Meeting
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7pm

### PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: DJ Craig  
 Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips  
 PAC Treasurer: Colette Mende  
 PAC Secretary: open  
 District PAC Representative: Patrick Wang

### COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French (“CPF”): Joy Rong  
 Dry Grad Committee: Julie Johnson  
 PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

### Attendees:

Principal, PAC Executive (3), Participants (2: JJ and CS)

## 2022/2023 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September_26_22 7:00pm
Oct_24_22, 7:00 pm <b>AGM, Budget &amp; Elections</b>
Nov_28_22, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_30_23 7:00pm
Feb_28_23 7:00pm
Mar_27_23 7:00pm
April_24_23 7:00pm
May_29_23 7:00pm
June_26_23 7:00pm – optional



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**7:03 PM** Meeting to order – DJ

**7:05 PM** Move to accept agenda –1<sup>st</sup> by JJ, 2nd by CM. All in favour.

**7:06 PM** Motion to accept minutes from January 30, 2022 meeting 1<sup>st</sup> by CM and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JJ. All in favour.

### **7:06 PM – 7:28 PM - Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report**

#### 1. Update from Ministry – Assessments

The new Assessment Policy is still scheduled for implementation for Grade 8 and 9 in Sept. 2023. There has been limited information coming from the Ministry, however, as a staff we have been working on standardizing our assessment and looking at common rubrics and Proficiency scales for our classes. Our work in April and May will be the reporting and skills-based comments that will be part of the new assessment. We are working through some of the concerns together (clear communication, consistent standards, being able to provide enough information for parents on request). The intention is to be as prepared as possible when the new policy takes place in Sept. We will be sending out information to all parents on the new assessment practices in late Spring.

#### 2. Student Learning Plan – Focus Area Diversity and Equity

Pow Wow – we are focussing on the Pow Wow and our Elders in Residence week on return from Spring Break. The Pow Wow is being held over three days, and is open to the public. We would LOVE any help that parents are willing to give over the weekend. Lots of volunteer opportunities available. One of our EMS Semiahmoo Nation students was interviewed this week for Peace Arch News. The week of March 27th, we will have the Fishing Village display on site as well as the I am Semiahmoo display in the Library. Elders in Residence will be working throughout the week in classes.

I am attaching a volunteer form for parents who might be interested, even for an hour or two over the weekend. Please contact Mark Figueira or Keely Speechley for more information.

In addition to Indigenous learning, we have increased our focus of Black History month. There were a variety of assignments and displays to help celebrate, as well as promotional bulletins and posts from EMS Athletics. New to schools this month is the Anti-Racism Policy and Teacher Guide. We are also printing posters to display in our classrooms around the theme of Anti-Racism.

Other news:

- Spring sports are starting up: Track, Girls' Soccer, Rugby, Ultimate
- First Band trip of the year left this morning. Grade 8 and 9. Roads are clear.
- Course Planning is now complete, counsellors meeting with all students who do not have full 8 choices

Upcoming:



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- Interim reports March 9th, Parent Teacher Interviews March 30th (online format and in person appointments)
- Pow Wow – March 31st, April 1st and 2nd
- Shrek The Musical – April 19 - 21st , 26 - 28th

Q: Are Pow Wow volunteer opportunities available to Grade 11 and/or 12 students?

A: Yes, student volunteers are welcome.

Q: New assessments for Grade 8 or 9 – math does not seem like an appropriate subject for curricular competencies. How is math being handled with the competencies assessment?

A: This is a paradigm shift. As with any major shift, it will take time to develop the subject areas to be able to appropriately manage the shift.

Q: Is the Pow Wow open to the public?

A: Yes, the Pow Wow is open to the public and all are welcome, please invite your family and neighbours. The atmosphere is wonderful.

## **7:28 PM-7:29PM – Chair Report – DJ Craig**

- Almost past halfway through the school year. Amazing how quickly the school year goes. It's good to see events go back to routine within our community.

## **7:29 PM – 7:52 PM - EMS Treasurer's Report- Colette Mende**

- EMS PAC Bank Accounts consist of 3 separate accounts, to ensure full transparency and ease of management
  1. Gaming Account – Gaming has specific rules and restrictions
  2. Admin Account- General inflows through donations and/or district payments
  3. Dry Grad Account – PAC manages to help manage and control the funds for transparency

### ***EMS PAC Account Balances as @ February 27th, 2023 (Not including transactions not yet processed through bank):***

- **Admin Account \$16,389.62**
  1. \$347.00 deposit outstanding
  2. \$14.48 cheque outstanding
- **Dry Grad Account \$29,191.52**
  1. Total activity for February;  
Deposits \$7,672.58  
Payments \$10,845.32  
Additional funds to be retained in account at end of year:  
Initial carry-forward from prior year starting balance \$7,003.28



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Grad 2022 Surplus donation for 2024 & 2025 Dry Grad Account \$3,756.78

- **Gaming Account \$39,361.39**

1. Transactions in February paid \$5,219.33
2. Cheques not yet cleared \$10,887.69
3. Note that the EMS Rugby deposit was from a gaming event held through the Langley Event Centre. The funds were a deposit and direct payment to the Rugby team Tour, no funds retained in the gaming account.

Motion by DJ to provide the funds from the Holocaust presentation to the Indigenous & Residential School Survivor presentation. 2<sup>nd</sup> JJ – all in favour. Passed.

## **7:52 PM DPAC – report deferred to next meeting**

- More information about DPAC is available at [www.surreydpac.ca](http://www.surreydpac.ca), or by contacting [info@surreydpac.ca](mailto:info@surreydpac.ca).
- All general meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly (except December and March), 7-9 pm. Registration/login begins at 6:45 pm.
- Meetings will be conducted in person at Surrey District Education Centre 14033 92 Ave. Surrey B.C. V3V 0B7 and streamed via zoom. Meeting dates are:
  - April 26, 2023
  - May 24, 2023

## **7:53 PM -7:56 PM CPF – Joy R**

- The skating event on Dec 29, 2022, was very successful. Many families enjoyed free skating and hot chocolate offered by the CPF Surrey chapter.
- On Jan 21 & 22, there was the event Vivre en Voyageur in Fort Langley. Joy helped Alicia from CPF BC & Yukon with the CPF help desk on site. Many locals had turned up.
- Feb 5-11 is French Immersion Celebration Week, and our Mme Hare reached out to obtain the fund for their activities.
- Five CPF Masterclass a distance courses are being offered online, for students aged 12-17. They cover the subjects based on students' surveys, including Art History, Cooking, Leadership, etc.
- Summer camps funded by the Canadian government for 13-15 and 16-17 age groups. Please check the sites [EnglishFrench.ca](http://EnglishFrench.ca) and YMCA exchange program. Amazing opportunities for students to have unique experiences in Quebec, or other parts of East Canada. Most deadlines are at the end of February.
- Our Mme Elther has sent inquiries to CPF for funding support on bus costs for French for the Future at the SFU workshop. Will update you on the outcomes.



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- March 24-26, Festival de Bois in Coquitlam. A fun event that we encourage all students and their families to participate in.
- Concours - Save the date: May 6, 2023! School teachers will start in their school, then to the district level before competing at the Province level in May. Possibility to go to the National level. Please encourage our teachers to participate!
- CPF Award 2023, the deadline is April 11. So far we have received one application.

## **7:56 PM- 8:00 PM - Dry Grad Report – Julie J**

- Neufelds fundraiser raised approx. \$1,800.
- Fashion Show moved to March 7<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to this event for our EMS families, tickets are on sale now on Munch a Lunch [\$17 now, \$20 at the door; \$30 for Premier (2<sup>nd</sup> row) \$40 for VIP (first row)].
- Plant Sale is on May 13 at EMS.
- Fundraising is on track, with three successful events so far (Purdy's, Pasta Dinner and Neufelds) – thank you to EMS community for your support.
- The next Dry Grad Committee meeting is March 1 and meetings will be held monthly until June.
- Please contact Mr Haffner at [haffner\\_m@surreyschools.ca](mailto:haffner_m@surreyschools.ca) or Julie at [emsgrad2023@gmail.com](mailto:emsgrad2023@gmail.com) if you have any questions.
- For the dry grad event on June 10/11, 2023, we have booked the venue, busses, magician, hypnotist, caricature artists, DJ, giggle booth, psychics, security and Vancouver Party Works. This is going to be a great event to cap off our Grad 2023 time at EMS.
- 2023 wood sign with lights was built for EMS, would like to rent out to other schools to re-coup the cost.

**8:00 PM – 8:09 PM- PAC BBQ** - Was a success in the past and would like to do it again - planned date June 16, 2023. Would love any volunteers and donations!

## **8:09 PM New Business**

- No new business

**8:09 PM Move to Adjourn** – 1<sup>st</sup> by DJ and 2<sup>nd</sup> by TP.

**\*\*Next Meeting: March 27, 2023**