



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday October 26 th 2020

PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: DJ Craig
 Vice Chair: Andrew Homeyer
 PAC Treasurer: Lakhbir Johal, Polly Diether
 PAC Secretary: Otis Hiltz, Tanja Phillips
 PAC Past President: Stacey MacDonald
 District PAC Representative: Lakhbir Johal

COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Tamsin L
 Dry Grad Committee: Tanja Philips

Attendees:

Online MS Teams Call -21 participants

2020/2021 PAC MEETING DATES

October 26th 2020, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)
November 30 th 2020, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
January 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
February 22 nd 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
March 29 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
April 26 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
May 31 st 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)



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June 21 st 2021, 7pm
September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm
October 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)

7:04 PM

Call meeting to order – DJ

7:05 PM

Move to accept agenda- Debra Z., 2nd by Tanja P. All in favor

7:06 PM

Discussion of the minutes Motion to accept minutes by Colette M., Second by Lahkbir J. All in favor.

7:06 PM

Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report

First quarter completion – Completion day, first report card

- We will be completing our first quarter in two weeks on Nov. 13th
- First Point of Progress went out to parents the week of Oct. 12th
- Completion Day Friday Nov. 13th – Attendance on request
- First day Q 2 Monday Nov. 16th
- Summative reports available to parents Nov. 20th MyEd BC

Numeracy assessments

- Mandatory Govt assessments: Literacy and numeracy
- Grade 11/12 Numeracy in November to make up for Spring closure

Grade 10 assessments

- Grade 10 Literacy - January
- Grade 10 Numeracy - April
- Catch all June

Remembrance Day

- Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Monday/Tuesday Nov. 9/10th
- School Act, required Assembly



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Athletic skills

- Football, Volleyball, Cross Country: 295 students
- BC Virtual Cross Country race – two distances Oct. 29th, Nov. 4th
- @earlmarriottathletics
- Terry Fox – over \$3000 raised

Lunchtime Intramurals beginning soon

- By cohort and student signup
- Student leadership initiative

Grad - @emsscholarships

- Updated Grade 12 Powerpoint coming soon
- Virtual University visits
- Grad Council meetings continuing
 - o Grad Photos
 - o Grad gown signup
 - o Grad wear
 - o Grad Spirit week
 - o Pasta Dinner by pick up?

Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: Tanja ask if there is an alternative date for Grade 10s to do their numeracy assessment if they are taking Math 10 in Q4?

Answer: We will look at offering the Assessment in June for the two classes of math in Quarter 4.

Question: Colette asks if the current Grade 9s who are in Math10, so they do the Math 10 assessment this school year?

Answer: Grade 9's will be writing in their Grade 10 year. We are able to track all students completion.

Question: Tanja ask if the date is known for the Grade 7 assessment for Accelerated Math 8/9?

Answer: It will be in the Spring. Unfortunately, this year the Accelerated Math 8/9 was not able to be offered due to cohort restrictions.

Question: Lahkbir asks if parent teach conferences will be happening. Or do we contact teach directly

Answer: Book with teacher directly

Question: Tanja ask if co-op is running

Answer: Yes, co-op is running, but with just 1 work term instead of 2.

Question: Parent question, how can students get their volunteer hours?

Answer: Most have achieved their 30 hour requirement by grade 12> EMS will work with the students if they are missing hours. Students have 3 years to get their 30 hours in.



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7:26PM Chair Report

DJ Craig – Chair report

This is the first year as Chair, it has been good to contribute to the school and learn more about the school. Many twists and turns with COVID and it has been interesting to learn about grad at EMS. Hopeful that the minutes and emails have been helpful to parents not able to attend.

7:28 PM

Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir

Balances in all EMS PAC Accounts as of Monday October 26, 2020

General PAC Account \$1,671.41

Dry Grad Account \$5,616.47

Gaming Account \$57,124.04

General PAC Account pending transactions:

\$445 transfer in from Grad Account – parent contribution to EMS PAC

..... which will bring the balance to \$2,116.41

Dry Grad Account pending transactions

\$445 transfer out to PAC Admin Account – parent contribution to EMS PAC

\$1,000 2018-2019 Ulysses Scholarship Awards (2 recipients)

\$1,000 2019-2020 Ulysses Scholarship Awards (2 recipients)

\$1,000 2019-2020 Scholarship Awards Healthcare Students (2 recipients)

\$2,020 EMS Admin contribution towards a Legacy Gift

..... which will bring the balance to \$151.47

Gaming Account Last PAC Meeting Budget Committee was formed to help put together a budget for the use of Gaming Funds. Gaming Funds were deposited on October 23, 2020 for 2020-2021 school year

Budget Committee members consisted of DJ, Andrew, Tanja, Shaila, Colette and myself.

Our carry-over balance from our gaming account as of September 2020 was \$19,364.04, plus gaming funds of \$37,760.00 from this school year, for a grand total of \$57,124.04.

Total approved amount from this year's requests is \$37,400...recap of the requests received

Athletics Department: \$6,500 – visors/jerseys/video recording equipment

Band Department: \$9,000 – new instrument/drum kits/ipad

English Department \$2,600 – guest speaker/prizes

Math Department \$1,000 - Prizes

Social Studies Department \$600 – Sea to Sky Trip (if allowed)

Food & Textiles: \$300 - displays

Student Council: \$3,600 – mascot/masks/prizes/gifts



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Administration Request: \$1,000 – “Selfless” film

BASES: \$3,000 8 ipads

Youth Worker \$5,800 – Food/supplies

Counsellor: \$2,000 - Hampers

First Nations Program: \$2,000 – Food/supplies

This year’s requested amount totaled \$43,000 (some request we passed on, revised amounts lower or higher and have also set aside should requests come later in this school year) ... details are as follows;

BBQ Grill \$1,000 – Athletics Dept. – passed on it this year/not allowed such gatherings

Jerseys \$3,700 – Athletics Dept. – reduced to \$2,000

Custom Tents \$3,000 – Band Dept. – passed

Drum Kits \$4,000 – Band Dept. – reduced to \$3,000

Macbook Pro \$2,400 – Band Dept. – reduced to \$2,000

Loon Lake Retreat Sept 2021 \$1,000 – Student Council – passed on it this year

Food \$1,000 – Youth Worker – increased to \$3,500 – since no cafeteria/no vending machines

Budget Committee received 45 request totaling \$66,100 in 2019-2020 school year / this year we received 25 requests totaling \$43,000 – so it was proposed we retain 50% of the Gaming Funds from this year for future years, that would be approx.. \$18,875

Since request from our Academics Dept. are down a substantial amount we have set aside an additional \$800 for this year – for any last minute requests from these departments.

So if budget approved as presented we will have allocated all funds, leaving a small remaining balance

Move to accept budget as proposed by Tanja, Tamsin moves to second. All in favour.

7:46 PM

DPAC Report - Debora.

No report, as activities have not resumed. Meeting is next Wednesday, agenda will be posted. Lahkbir is the new Surrey DPAC president. PAC 101 and Finance 101 discussion. Discussion will also likely involve safety and COVID.

7:50 PM

CPF Report -Tamsin

Met last week for the first time since March.

- 1) Delf exams will still happen for senior students in November as scheduled
- 2) Transitions survey (assessing why students are leaving FI) will be sent out in Feb 2021. It was not sent in March 2020 because #COVID
- 3) A Surrey CPF member attended the virtual National Meetings. Members will have access to listen to the sessions until February 2021. A new national President (Derrick Bentley from Manitoba) has been elected. Here is the link to the sessions: <https://pheedloop.com/cpfraiseyourflag>



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If they have not registered yet, they can go here <https://pheedloop.com/register/cpfraiseyourflag/attendee/>

Use the code BRANCHSPONSOR

7:51PM

Dry Grad-Ms. Davies already spoke to this.

7:52 PM

PAC BBQ- Andrew.

Ready to go when we are allowed.

7:54 PM

New Schools- Lahkbir

First meeting on Wednesday. Douglas will open in November. Edgewood (22nd and 168th) will open January 2021. Grandview will open Sept 2021.

7:54 PM

Elections –

Chair: DJ Craig

Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips

Secretary: Colette Mende

Treasurer: Lahkbir Johal

DPAC Representative: Debora Zilber

Moved to accept executive at 8:01pm. All in favour.

8:02 PM

Guest Speakers –

Would like ideas for financial literacy. Ms. Davies will look into as well.

Nov 16 @6:30pm - Parents as Education and Career Coaches– Zoom seminar for parents of Grade 10, 11 and 12 to join. EMS, Semi and Elgin are also invited.

8:07 PM

New Business

Thank you to Andrew for participating for the last year!

Question: Parent question, can PAC ask parents to ask kids to wear masks in the classroom?

Answer: the PAC newsletter submission will include a recommendation to follow all Covid protocols diligently but will not get into specifics.

8:10PM

Move to Adjourn by DJ, Second by Tanja. All in favor

Next Meeting: November 30, 2020