



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	PAC Meeting
LOCATION	On-line and EMS Library
DATE	Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7pm

PAC Executive:

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

COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Joy Rong
 Dry Grad Committee: DJ Craig & Erin Harvie
 PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

Attendees:

Principal, PAC Executive (3), Participants (1: EH)

2023/2024 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September 25_23 7:00pm
Oct 30_23, 7:00 pm – AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov 27_23 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan 29_24 7:00pm
Feb 26_24 7:00pm
April 2_24 7:00pm
April 29_24 7:00pm
May 27_24 7:00pm
September 30, 2024



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Minutes

7:19 PM Meeting to order – DJ

7:19 PM Move to accept agenda –1st by TP, 2nd by CM. All in favour.

7:20 PM Motion to accept minutes from October 30, 2023 and November 27, 2023. 1st DJ, 2nd CM

7:20 PM – 7:47 PM - Mr. Graham Magnusson- School Principal's Report

- The successful Fall Athletic season has wrapped up, ending with a well attended Fall Athletic banquet.
- Winter sports have started up including basketball, wrestling, curling and a new EMS dance team has started practices. EMS hosted a boys basketball tournament in December. And our curling and wrestling teams are heading to upcoming competitions.
- Hosted One Act Plays in December as well as two winter band concerts.
- Academic semester ended today. Students coming in for additional academic work over the next two days.
- At EMS, near the end of the first 6 to 8 weeks of term, an interim report is generated. The Ministry has reduced the reporting requirements for the interim report. Now it is called a learning update. Schools have been given flexibility on what the interim report looks like. What information would EMS parents like to see on the report? Would phone calls/emails/checklists be helpful? Would like to see parent feedback.
 - Parent round table answer – student specific, general student performance.
 - Possible that maybe teachers reach out to parents of students who may need meetings.
 - This Spring, we may get emails, a handout/checklist, designated phone call (school will let us know if this would happen) for the interim report card.
 - Mr Magnusson notes that language does not need to be a barrier, Surrey Schools has a multi-cultural team that helps with communications.
- It has been observed that there are many students coming in after the 2nd bell (ie arriving late to school). Please make the effort to arrive before the first bell in order to be in class on time to start the day.

7:47 PM-7:50 PM – Chair Report – DJ Craig

- Staying busy with Grad planning.

7:50 PM – 8:10 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 @ January 29th, 2024 (Not including transactions not yet processed through bank):



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- **Admin Account \$15,827.71**
 - Three transactions to pay for student Waffle breakfast and PAC office supplies outstanding
 - **Closing Balance \$15,800.62**
- **Dry Grad Account - Bank balance – \$21,605.91**
 - Must keep \$2000 in the bank as seed money each year.
 - Available to this years grad from Prior year contributions -= \$3,546.15 (details below)
 - o Grad 2022 donation \$1,878.39
 - o Grad 2020 donation \$1,667.76
 - Increase in funds due to two fundraisers (Pasta Night & Purdy's)
 - Heads up that there will be an Easter Purdy's fundraiser
 - Will use Grad 2023 legacy gift towards repair of the mural in the main entrance
 - Used the final remainder of Grad 2023 fund to purchase a square of the PAC
- **Gaming Account - Bank balance – \$27,452.83**
 - \$15,356 paid out in approved budget requests, such as Latin Funk, Athletics, 3 Crows Production, club supplies. Three outstanding cheques.
 - **Closing Balance \$25,403.83**

8:10 PM DPAC – no report

- More information about DPAC is available at www.surreydpac.ca, or by contacting 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. The next meeting will be February 28, 2024.

8:10 PM CPF – Joy R – no report

8:10 PM- 8:16 PM - Dry Grad Report

- Pasta Night was a great success, profit approx. \$8467.96
- Purdy's fundraiser was also a success, profit approx. \$2700 (TBC)
- Good participation with grad parents
- Risk Management from SD36: individuals may be liable for injury, contracts etc. Should school should be signing contracts for dry grad? Mr Magnussen will check with SD36 risk management how this could affect dry grad, whether dry grad needs to just advise EMS of contracts that may be signed or if EMS should be signing the contracts on behalf of dry grad.
- Please contact drygrad2024@gmail.com or Mr Haffner at haffner_m@surreyschools.ca if you have any questions.

8:16 PM- PAC BBQ - Was a success in the past and would like to hold it again in June 2024.

8:16 PM New Business

- No new business



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8:16 PM Move to Adjourn – 1st by TP and 2nd by CM.

****Next Meeting: February 26, 2024**