



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

Date: January 26, 2026

Time: Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Location: Library

PAC Executive:

Chair: Jin Thindal

Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Jocelyn Burnett

Principal: Graham Magnusson

COMMITTEES:

District PAC Representative: Jin Thindal

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

Dry Grad Committee: Erin Harvie

PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

Attendees:

Principal, Colette Mende, Jin Thindal, Tanja Phillips, Jocelyn Burnett and Michelle Appasani

2025/2026

PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September 29_25 6:30 pm
Oct_27_25, 6:30 pm – AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov_24_25, 6:30 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_26_26 6:30 pm
Feb_23_26 6:30pm
April_20_26 6:30 pm
May_25_26 6:30 pm
September_28_25 6:30 pm



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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Tanja Philips

2. Attendance

Jin Thindal (Chair and DPAC representative)
Tanja Phillips (Vice Chair)
Colette Mende (Treasurer)
Jocelyn Burnett (Secretary)
Principal – Graham Magnusson
3 parents

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 Tanja, seconded by Colette.

Approval of November 24, 2025 Minutes: Motioned by Jin T., seconded by Ashley

5. Principal's Report:

- Two completion days at end of semester happening right now. Students who are needing to complete an assignment or exam in order to pass the course they have an opportunity to come in during the completion days. There will also be completion days at the end of semester 2.
- We are in the middle of basketball season. We just hosted grade 8 and senior boys tournament and the girls have been doing very well.
- Rugby conditioning starts next week
- Then we will have track and field, soccer, track and field and ultimate frisbee starting in the spring season.
- School fees – District is preparing for an audit given where the ministry is with finances. Our school fees are communicated to parent community usually at end of May. School fees will be going out to PAC to look at hopefully by spring break. They will be more detailed this year. School fees can include multicultural days, student activities locks for lockers, sports, woodwork, cooking. Fees have to be itemized and once they are in a certain account they are not allowed to be transferred and used for something else. EMS has a very high ratio of students paying their fees. We do have a fund for students who cannot afford it. Hockey academy is our biggest student fee. These fees need to be reviewed and approved every year.
- March 6-8 we have our Pow Wow – Admin is requesting funds for t-shirts for the student volunteers for the Pow Wow approx. \$1500.00. This is a great community event.



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- Talked about at Staff meeting today about doing a device free day either in spring or in September. We all know that devices are not good for us to be on all the time. Looking at potentially doing it a couple days a month and what would the challenges be.
- We have been talking about student behaviours and punctuality. About 50% of students are slow (late) to get to class. A stronger line is going to be taken and phone calls will be made or students sent home.

Q&A:

- Confirmed that any school travel to the United States continues to be not approved by SD36
- An ongoing problem across all high schools are concerns about the bathrooms. Confirmed that Admin is aware. Students hanging out in the bathrooms or possibly vaping. This is intimidating for many students. Some new school buildings have open bathrooms with just stalls and the sinks are in the hallway.

6. Chair's Update – Jin

- Christmas waffle breakfast was a lot of fun and the students appreciated the PAC hot chocolate.

7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette M.

As of January 6, 2026

EMS PAC Account Balances:

Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$19,140.24

Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$16,806.47

Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: 27,097.94

EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 7.78

8. Dry Grad Report

- Looking for grade 12 students to volunteer for the fashion show
- **Questions?** Please email emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com

9. PAC Events

- BBQ - Date to be determined, planning for mid-June



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12. New Business –

- Motion by Colette M. Seconded by Jin T. to approve \$1500 in funding for student shirts for the Pow-Wow. All in favour. Budget item approved.
- Motion by Colette M. Seconded by Tanja P. to approve up to \$1000 in funding for travel to Prince George as an EMS representative at the BCCPAC conference. All in favour. Budget item approved.

13. Adjournment - Call end of meeting by Tanja P. Seconded by Jin at 8pm

Next Meeting Date: February 23, 2026!