



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting (Teams)
DATE	Monday, January 31, 2022

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
 District Parent Advisory Council (“DPAC “): To be filled
 Dry Grad Committee: Larae Ravenstein

Attendees:

Online MS Teams Call – Principal PAC Executive (3), Participants (7: C.S., J. R., J. J., L.R. (Dry Grad), S.W., T. L, V.G)

2021/2022 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

2021	September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm	November 30 th 2020, 7:00 pm
	October 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm – AGM, Budget & Elections	Christmas Break No Meeting
	Jan_31_22 7:00pm	April_25_22 7:00pm
	Feb_28_22 7:00pm	May_30_22 7:00pm
	Mar_28_22 7:00pm	June 13th, 7:00pm



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Minutes

7:03 PM Call meeting to order – DJ Craig

7:04 PM Move to accept agenda –1st by Colette M, 2nd by L.R. all in favour

7:04 PM Motion to accept minutes from November 29, 2021 meeting 1st by DJ Craig and 2nd by T.L, all in favour.

7:05 PM – 7:45 - Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report -

Thank you for all of your support over Christmas. It was so wonderful to have you back at the Pancake (Waffle) breakfast. We feel really lucky that we were able to hold that event, and put in all of the Safety measures, prior to the Break. Your presence at the Hot Chocolate table was wonderful.

Things we learned:

- Waffles is a great option
- Increasing the dining area also a great option

Thank you to PAC and EMS parents for their support of our families and Christmas Hampers again this year. Your generosity and willingness to help out when we reach out to you is very appreciated. Your extra support helped to purchase many items and food gift certificates. Overall, we helped out 12 families and 6 individual students. The students and families were very grateful and we really wish that we could share with you the looks of gratitude on their faces.

Updates for January:

January extended break:

Thank you to everyone for their support during our extended break week, as we worked through reinstating many of our COVID protocols and restrictions for the school. Over the week, we worked to:

- Remove the seating from hallways and the cafeteria.
- Schedule lunch hours for Science classes and students on Prep
- Reconfigure classrooms to front facing and remove excess furniture
- Set down directional arrows and hallway signage
- Put all classes back on TEAMS and connect Admin to each class in the event of a Functional Closure
- Replenish our supply of masks, sanitizer, etc.

We truly appreciate parents contacting us directly and informing us of any absences, so that we can keep on top of any changes.

Functional Closures and other announcements

Cancellation of Provincial Assessments for January – no updates from the Ministry

We have a few staff changes and additions for Semester 2.

- Ms. Bogren (Careers, Drama)



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- Ms. Perl (Careers, Math, Info Tech) to our school.
- Mr. An (ELL, International)
- We would also like to thank and congratulate Ms. Garbe, who has recently been appointed as a Vice Principal in a neighboring Surrey school. Ms. Garbe has been a huge support to our ELL and International students. In addition, she has been the sponsor of our LEO's club for many years and supported many community initiatives.

Course Planning and Updates for 2022/23

- Our new graduates of 2027 and their parents joined us in a Virtual meeting on January 18th to talk about Grade 8 courses. We had over 180 families join the Virtual presentation.
- All of our Grade 8's will be working with us in the Computer Labs the week of Feb. 7th to log into their MyEdBC accounts in preparation for choosing their courses.
- Grade 9 -11 students will be completing their course selection on line through the student portal of MyEdBC the weeks of Feb. 3rd – 18th after watching a presentation from the counsellors on Feb. 2nd.
- Course Planning videos will be available on our website for parents as of Feb. 3rd.
- An email will be coming home this week with links to those videos.

Moving forward:

- We are continuing to move forward with as many of the events as we can at this time.
- Robotics is our first planned field trip to Victoria for the Competition
- Hoping for a lift of some of the restrictions as we move towards Spring Break
- At this time, we have not cancelled or looked at alternatives for anything after Spring Break. Keeping all of our reservations for Graduation, and watching for any news
- As we have for the last two years, we will be ready to flip our plans if needed

Q&A - Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: Discovery this term for Grade 8s. Is art class cancelled?

Answer: Ms. Davies will check on that, it should not be cancelled.

Question: How many students are needed for a wait list class to go ahead?

Answer: Needs 24 to 25 students and then need funding approval for a new class. Once approved the class will go ahead.

Question: Provincial Exams, now that they are pushed later. Does this mean Grade 11s can't take the assessments ahead of Grade 12?

Answer: Exam will be prioritized to Grade 12 students. If student has taken the course, they might be able to take the exam.

Question: How does the parking lot/pass work for students?

Answer: Students must have a parking pass to park in the parking lot. There is a sign up website for parking passes.

Question: For the French Provincial Litterate exam, will the current grade 12 get re-scheduled so that they can graduate with their bilingual certificate?



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Answer: They will get their bilingual certificate, either the exam will be scheduled or cancelled.

Question: Proficiency scale for grade 8 and 9 instead of letter grades, is this going ahead?

Answer: The Ministry was drafting that the proficiency scale would continue for grade 8 and 9. This was pushed back due to covid. EMS is not piloting the program (no school in Surrey is piloting). It may be on the horizon.

Question: Grade 10 exams – is there no front end for French translation for the numeracy exam? And Grade 10 exams, will these be pushed to Spring as well?

Answer: There is no French translation to accompany the exam. Grade 10 literacy and numeracy assessments were originally scheduled for January and June. Likely will be pushed back. Some universities were looking at the Grade 12 Literacy requirement to be a minimum score of 3 for certain programs

7:45 PM-7:48 – Chair Report – DJ Craig

- **Waffle Breakfast** – lots of fun, well done staff!
- **Donations for families in need** – let's forecast better for the YCW request to the school community. PAC funds can't be used, however we can communicate the need.

7:48 PM – 8:04 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 31th, 2022:

- **Admin Account \$ 4,314.41**
 - \$80 purchase of oranges for waffle breakfast, other than that no change from November 2021 report, no items outstanding.
- **Dry Grad Account \$ 4,031.17**
 - Donation \$200
 - Tubbys RV Park and Car Wash \$220.77
 - No items outstanding
 - Deposits on hand (previous grad) \$ 5,852.56
- **Gaming Account \$50,794.54**
 - Transactions in process:
 1. Robotics Club \$1000.00
 2. Athletics Dept. \$1000.00
 3. LST Dept. \$343.28
 4. YCM Craft Supplies \$ 48.03
 - No items outstanding
 - Revised Balance: \$48, 403.23**



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Last item: Originally approved \$5000 for an electronic scoreboard for athletics. However, the cost has gone up and is prohibitive. Asking if funds can be re-allocated. Ms. Davies will contact Mr. Roberts to see if she can help.

8:04 PM DPAC – There is currently an opening for an EMS parent DPAC representative.
Current DPAC Information:

Next DPAC General Meeting: February 23, 7pm

All parents are welcome to attend; please register in advance here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErd--vqTqiGNw9L_4-4gptM3PR4zmobeRD

More information about DPAC is available at www.surreydpac.ca, or by contacting info@surreydpac.ca.

8:05 PM CPF – Joy wasn't able to attend the last CPF meeting, however Joy has the minutes to share details of interest to EMS. They would like more funding, so they have written to Jennifer Whiteside to request funds. The process has started of the annual scholarships (10 students at \$300 each) for grade 12 students to submit their essays. Deadline to submit is April 11.

8:09 PM – 8:16 PM - Dry Grad Report – Larae R.

- Nothing new to report at this time
- Email drygrad2022@gmail.com
- Larae to meet with Mr. Haffner to discuss Fundraising ideas
- Meet Melody (head secretary) – check in for information regarding funds
- Elaine McLean had taken over for Tracey Beveridge in the office
- Grad parents, if you are not able to volunteer your time, maybe consider a donation towards dry grad events. Donations can be transferred to earlmarriottgrads@gmail.com
- Zoom will be held next week:

Topic: EMS Dry Grad Meeting

Time: Feb 7, 2022 08:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93801640262>

Meeting ID: 938 0164 0262

8:17 PM Guest Speakers – keeping bringing any forward.

8:18 PM Move to Adjourn – 1st by DJ Craig and 2nd by Tanja P.

****Next Meeting: February 28, 2022**