



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

LOCATION	Library
DATE	Monday, January 30, 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 (2), Participants (2: CS, SW)

2022/2023 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September_26_22 7:00pm
Oct_24_22, 7:00 pm – AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov_28_22, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_30_23 7:00pm
Feb_27_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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Minutes

7:07 PM Meeting to order – Tanja Phillips

7:07 PM Move to accept agenda –1st by CM, 2nd by CS. All in favour.

7:08 PM Motion to accept minutes from November 28, 2022 meeting 1st by CM and 2nd by TP. All in favour.

7:09 PM – 7:48 PM - Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report Summary

- Thanks to the PAC for support over Christmas particularly the Pancake (Waffle) breakfast which was a success, with no COVID restrictions or concerns.
- Our new graduates of 2027 and their parents joined us in a tour and meeting on January 10th to talk about Grade 8 courses. We had two full seatings in the Theatre to join the presentation.

Planning for next year:

- All Grade 8 – 11 students will be participating in Course assemblies and planning the second week of February. Grade 8's will then choose their courses in the Computer Lab with the Assistance of our Counsellors and Admin.
- Grade 9 – 11 students can choose their courses online.
- Course selection book and sheets can be found online for parents
- Parent Information evening Tuesday Feb. 7th

Staff changes and additions for Semester 2:

Ms. Schmidt (Woodwork, ADST),

Mr. Corrick (LST)

Ms. Anderson (Careers, Social Studies)

Ms. Van Donkersgoed

A few more teachers will be hired for the next semester

Retirements:

Ms. Greenwood in our Front Office,

Mr. Kovits from the Science Dept.,

Mr. Cassel from the Socials Dept.

Grade 12's:

- Grade 12's will be invited to a Grad Assembly on Feb. 15th to go over all the planning details for the many Grad Events between now and Commencement. Focus on Scholarships and completing applications.
- Change of date for the Grad Fashion Show – March 7th

New initiatives this month:

- New District Dept – Anti Racism, Understanding Bias, Advocacy for Anti-Racism
- New Ministry Anti-Racism Policy came out this week
- Black History Month – Feb.
- Working with staff on our second focus (Equity, Diversity)
- Indigenous Dept. – Pow Wow March 31st – April 2nd
- Focus on our Indigenous students and their success, 70+ students at Earl Marriott
- Continued work with the staff on the new Assessment and Reporting policy to be implemented in Sept. for Grades 8 and 9.



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Questions to Principal:

Q: For a class, the parent asked for the summary of marks that add up to the grade which was not provided. Does a grade 11 class normally provide progressive marks?

A: There should be some summary of marks.

Q: Presenter would like to complete a session with students regarding budgeting, just checking if the presenter had emailed Ms. Davies.

A Ms. Davies hasn't received the email yet.

Q: Are phones an issue in class?

A: Many teachers had bought a phone parking board. Also many teachers use phones for learning opportunities. Phones do not appear to be an issue in the classrooms.

Q: Are bathrooms locked during class hours?

A: Bathrooms are not locked during school hours, unless the bathroom is damaged.

7:48 PM – Chair Report – DJ Craig - deferred to next meeting

7:48 PM – 7:59 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. Admin Account- General inflows through donations and/or district payments
 2. Gaming Account – Gaming has specific rules and restrictions
 3. Dry Grad Account – PAC manages to help manage and control the funds for transparency

EMS PAC Account Balances as @ January 30th, 2023 (Not including transactions not yet processed through bank):

- **Admin Account \$ 16,389.62**
December Transactions:
 - PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast Hot Chocolate cost \$292.51
 - Parent Donations – Deposit \$ 5,360.00
- **Gaming Account \$33,872.94**
 - December and January disbursed funds against approved budget activities totaled \$7,905.67
 - CM - Motion to provide additional funds of \$294.20 for Rugby Jerseys.
 - 2nd TP – all in favour; Passed motion.
- **Dry Grad Account \$ 23,476.76**
 1. Funds reserved =
 - \$7,003.28 Carryover to be retained in Dry Grad account as source of pre funding
 - \$5,635.17 Grad 2022 Funds for subsequent years (2024 & 2025)
 2. Funds available for Grad 2023/2024 \$ 10,831.31
 3. Activity Dec – January:
 - Pasta Night payments, Dry Grad event deposits & Purdys Chocolate fundraiser;



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Total Deposits \$11,511.75

Total Costs/Cheques written (\$2,549.79)

Net Activity for period: \$8,962.02

7:59 PM–8:00PM DPAC – report deferred to next meeting

- 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. Meeting dates are:
 - February 22, 2023
 - April 26, 2023
 - May 24, 2023

8:00 PM -8:02 PM CPF – Joy R - full report deferred to next meeting

- Reminder that the Canadian Parents for French Scholarship Award deadline is April 11.

7:55 PM- 8:13 PM - Dry Grad Report – Julie J (report presented by Tanja P)

- Fashion Show moved to March 7th! We look forward to this event for our EMS families, please have your grads sign up! Tickets are on sale now on Munch a Lunch (\$15 now, \$20 at the door; \$40 for VIP).
- Fundraising is on track, with two successful events so far (Purdy's and Pasta Dinner) – thank you to EMS community for your support.
 - Purdys: \$3,278.76
 - Pasta Night: \$7,654.71
 - Budget for the Dry Grad event is \$33,000
- The next Dry Grad Committee meeting is Feb 7 and meetings will be held monthly until June.
- Please contact Mr Haffner at haffner_m@surreyschools.ca or Julie at 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.

8:13 PM – 8:22 PM- PAC BBQ - Was a success in the past and would like to do it again in June 2023. Would love any volunteers and donations!

8:22 PM New Business

- No new business

8:26 PM Move to Adjourn – 1st by TP and 2nd by SW.

****Next Meeting: February 27, 2023**