



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday, June 21, 2021

PAC Executive:

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

COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Tamsin L.
 District Parent Advisory Council ("DPAC"): Debora Z.
 Dry Grad Committee: Pam W.S. and Faye K.

Attendees:

Online MS Teams Call – 11 Participants including Principal, PAC Executives, CPF Rep, and parents
 Absent: DJ Craig, Deborah Z (DPAC), Pam W.S. (Dry Grad)

2020/2021 PAC MEETING DATES

2020	October 26th 2020, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)	
	November 30 th 2020, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	
2021	January 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	May 31 st 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)
	February 22 nd 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	June 21 st 2021, 7pm
	April 12 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm
	April 26 th 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	October 25th 2021, 7:00 pm (AGM, Budget & Elections)



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Minutes

7:20 PM

Call meeting to order – Tanja Phillips

7:21 PM

Move to accept agenda –1st Colette Mende 2nd by Lakhbir Johal, all in favour

7:21 PM

Motion to accept minutes from May 31st meeting 1st by Lakhbir Johal and 2nd by Tamsin L. all in favour.

7:22 PM

Michael MacKay-Dunn introduced Joanne Charles as our guest representing 1st nations Semiahmoo band

Joanne provided a summary of her background and confirmed that she is happy to join the PAC meetings to represent the First nations at EMS.

7:26 PM – 7:35

Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report - June Activity – What Happened at EMS:

1. Michael MacKay-Dunn Retirement

- Acknowledged Michael for all his efforts to partner and support Semiahmoo First Nations
- Football Coaching
- Thanked him for all his dedication to supporting EMS

2. EWalk for Reconciliation – June 11th MS Walk for Reconciliation

- Good turnout and experience for all students

3. Impromptu Grad events in classes

4. Student Awards

5. Final Delf Exams

6. Provincial Numeracy Assessments

7. COVID Update

- 0 exposures in June, staff all able to receive their second vaccination



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8. Fall Planning

- Re-opening plan is still scheduled for Quarter system but we are waiting on more announcements from the Ministry.
- Cohorts will no longer be required.
- No Blended classes or Transition classes for Grade 8/9
- All grades and classes will be face to face.
- Cafeteria and Vending will be back in place
- Field trips with limitations (international travel)
- There will still be cleaning protocols in place, and Daily health Checks
- Masks to be determined
- Focus on Social and Emotional health
- Ministry Committee to meet in August, so anticipating more updates

9. Time table update and Grandview

- Current Student count is 1420 Students
- Timetable is being balanced
- Students schedules will be available through MyEd BC in Late August
- We have accepted all in catchment students.
- Out of catchment waitlist is small, but we will now wait until August to revisit
- Large staff shift, over 55 goodbyes this June
- Retirement of Michael McKay Dunn and Nic Rebselj
- Steve Cowan will be moving to Grandview as Vice Principal
- Newest Admin team member will be Mike Haffner, from Coquitlam

10. School Start – September/Opening Day

- Shifted Grade 8 times as they have not been in the building to allow for more activities
- Plan A and B depending on what we are allowed with gatherings
- Hope for the Grade 8 BBQ Expanded opening for Grade 8's

Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: Are any funds needed for opening day for Grade 8's ?

Answer: T-Shirts will be done and BBQ, Lakhbir checked on budget from last year - \$800 is available for this activity.

Question: Will there be a Scavenger Hunt ?

Answer: A mock video game went all grade 7 classes, good feedback.

Additional Comments: It seems Laronde did not participate, Miss Davies will review if Laronde was provided the information.



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Question: How will grade 8's be introduced since they have not benefited from a tour

Answer: Grade 8's will have a delayed start at 10:30 am and will stay through the planned BBQ until 1pm, the schedule will also be presented in the local paper.

Question: Will there be locker assignments?

Answer: Lockers are ordered and expect to have regular on line registration.

7:36 PM – 8:10

Chair Report – DJ Craig Absent – No Chair Report Presented

- T. Phillips reiterated the important role that Michael MacKay-Dunn has had at EMS and expressed appreciation for all his efforts
- Michael expressed thanks to the PAC for the support that has allowed him to build the relationship with the Semiahmoo (Semiahma) first nation's community and the important journey that it has taken.
- Joanne Charles – further explained many aspects of the impacts and atrocities that have occurred to the First Nations through the residential school systems and the relationship with EMS in supporting the education of first nations students. She acknowledged the dedication that Michael has taken over the years in supporting the first nations and is hopeful that someone will replace him to continue this important role.

8:10 PM -8:16PM

EMS Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir Johal

EMS Pac Account Balances as @ June 21st, 2021:

- **Admin Account \$4,394.41**
 - No change from last report, no items outstanding
- **Dry Grad Account \$ 580.72**
- Nothing further outstanding
- **Gaming Account \$28,737. 18**
 - 2 pending cheques \$29.94 and \$988.33
 - 4 cheques to be signed \$262.49/\$545.21/\$37.30 and \$300.00
 - Balance as of June 21st, 2021 is \$28,737.18
- **Other Treasurer activities:**
 - Gaming fund application was sent in in advance to the June 30th deadline for approval in September, which will be part of the next year budget (October Planning)



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DPAC – Deborah Absent, presented by Lakhbir Johal

DPAC Meeting May 26th, 2021

- Last meeting of the year – no further updates all details in last minutes

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CPF Report –Tamsin L.

- Reference provided to the CPF Presidents report which can be viewed here:
<file:///D:/Downloads/CPF%20Presidents%20Report%202021.pdf>
- Tamsin L. is still looking to transition out to a new candidate. Anyone interested in the role may contact Tamsin through the PAC email address

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Dry Grad - Pamela W.S. Absent –

- Completed all activities
- Delivered Gifts (Blankets)

8:23 PM

New Schools Update – presented by Lakhbir Johal

- Held 1st PAC Meeting
 - New Principal opened meeting– many question related to start-up.
 - Elections held and appointed positions
 - Expect another meeting to offer members at large
 - Callout for support to feeder schools to provide funding from Gaming Funds that feeder schools received for the students transferring to Grandview. Formal request is expected to be made in September
 - Expect approximately 1100 students on opening



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- **Guest Speaker/Events –**
 - Plans will be underway to identify guest speakers for fall
 - DJ will update on potential of guest speaker sharing across other schools
- **New Business/Other:**
- **First Nations Inclusion initiative:**
 - More discussion was held on the necessity to continue to work on building stronger relationships with first nation's representatives and supporting first nation's population at EMS.
 - Joanne shared several aspects of the systematic problems facing first nations
 - Explained the EMS House Posts, significance to great people and to manage energy – plan the cleansing/sweep of the house posts pre September school start-up. It was recommended that this take place in the last 2 weeks of August when school administration is back.
 - Reiterated the importance to not lose the continuity of the work that Michael MacKay-Dunn has been doing.
 - Next Pow Wow will be April 1-3rd
 - Good Reference to provide more on story of house posts and Semiahma peoples history:
<https://cenalien.weebly.com/>
- Closing Remarks by Ms. Davies:
Extended thanks to all the support of parents leaving to Grandview Heights

8: 24 PM Move to Adjourn

****Next Meeting: September 27th, 2021****

Teams meeting

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