



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

**Date:** May 25, 2026

**Time:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

**Location:** Library

### PAC Executive:

Chair: Jin Thindal

Vice Chair : Tanja Phillips

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Jocelyn Burnett

Principal: Graham Magnusson

Member at Large: Michelle Appasani

### 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, Michelle Appasani, Joy Rong

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 6:30 pm
April_20_26 6:30 pm

May_25_26 6:30 pm
September_28_26 6:30 pm

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Jin Thindal

### **2. Attendance**

Jin Thindal (Chair and DPAC representative)

Tanja Phillips (Vice Chair)

Colette Mende (Treasurer)

Jocelyn Burnett (Secretary)

Principal – Graham Magnusson

Member at Large – Michelle Appasani

### **3. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment**

Jin welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the land acknowledgment. We also thanked and acknowledged the hard work of the PAC members who are leaving this year as their last child graduates from EMS. Thank you to Tanja Philips, Colette Mende and Joy Rong for their dedication and years of hard work. They will be greatly missed.

### **4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:**

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Colette, seconded by Tanja.

Approval of April minutes: Motioned by Tanja and seconded by Jocelyn

### **5. Principal's Report:**

- Thank you to staff and parents to a successful commencement which happened on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 7 sports day visit May 26
- Grad walk took place and the grads will receive a video
- June is a very busy month (Duke of Earl Wed June 3, Scholarship Tea, Relay for Life June 5, Band Concert, Athletic banquet June 10, grad sports day on June 12<sup>th</sup>, red carpet and grad banquet on June 13, Numeracy and Literacy assessments from June 8-12, Student recognition awards June 23, grads who inspire us luncheon June 24)
- Last chance Literacy assessment for grade 12 June 8-12
- Email Coming out requesting volunteers to help clean up for red carpet grad not for Grade 12 parents.

- Athletics – Track, girls soccer and badminton  
Rugby Grade 8, junior boys and senior boys and girls all won south fraser championships. No provincials for Grade 8, Junior boys won provincials, Senior boys and girls are going to provincials as well.
- No head secretary right now and we have had a couple temporary secretaries. 2.5 weeks with no head secretary so things are going slow and we can't write cheques or make deposits.

## **6. Chair's Update – Jin**

Update on Toxic Masculinity – Jaclyn from Surrey Schools come to Laronde and Jin also had a meeting with Neder the assistant superintendent. Jaclyn says that the district does not have a district wide initiative but there are pockets where some schools have done some work. Jaclyn will reach out to those schools and get back to us. At the meeting with Neder he agreed it's a very important topic and needs to be looked at but he is not aware of anything in the district. He is going to follow up with Jaclyn and will have a follow up meeting with Jin.

## **7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette M.**

*As of May 25, 2026*

EMS PAC Account Balances:

### Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$17,850.74 Closing balance \$7350.74

### Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$37,183.93 Closing balance \$30,756.10

### Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$19,022.80 closing balance \$11689.07

### EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$3380.93 Closing balance \$.75

## **9. DPAC Report by Jin T.**

- Nothing new to report

## **10. CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Report by Joy R.**

- AGM meeting just happened and there is a new CPF president – Julie Elliott

- Also noted that there is some concern about the program at Panorama Ridge with Henry Bose closing and Snokomish with only 1 k class could mean the program is in jeopardy. Time to write a letter to the school district about enrollment again.

#### **11. Dry Grad Report**

- Questions? Please email [emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com](mailto:emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com)

#### **12. PAC Events**

- Pac BBQ planning for June 12 at lunch hour volunteers are welcome please email PAC if you are interested.

**Next meeting:** September 28 at 6:30pm in the library

#### **Questions**

- No Questions

#### **12. New Business**

- We need a new treasurer! If you are interested, please email the PAC.

**13. Adjournment** - Call end of meeting by Tanja P. Seconded by Jin at 8:00 pm.

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Next Meeting Date: September 28, 2026