



# Parent Advisory Council

## PAC Meeting Minutes

### DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 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 – 9 Participants including Principal, PAC Executives, CPF Rep, Dry Grad Committee and parents  
 Absent: Tamsin L. (CPF)

### **2020/2021 PAC MEETING DATES**

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



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**7:01 PM**

Call meeting to order – DJ Craig

**7:02 PM**

Move to accept agenda –1<sup>st</sup> Colette Mende 2nd by Tamsin Lehn, all in favour

**7:03 PM**

Motion to accept minutes from April 26th meeting 1<sup>st</sup> by Lakhbir Johal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanja Phillips, all in favour.

**7:04 PM – 7:22**

**Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report - *May Activity – What's Happening at EMS:***

### **1. Graduation/Commencements**

- Commencement Ceremony went off without issue, and NO RAIN! The ceremony was live-streamed for parents and families.
- In addition, it was recorded and will be sent out to families when edited.
- The students walked through a path of affirmative messages, walked across the stage as their comments were read out, a professional photo was taken (which will also be given out before the end of June), a selfie station built by Peace Portal volunteers was an additional photo opportunity, including tossing their hat on an outside stage (which will be part of a compilation at the end of the video, and finally walking out to the parking lot on a red carpet.
- Over \$71,000 were given in Community and District scholarships to our grads that evening.

### **2. Spring Activities**

- Our spring sports are nearing completion, two weeks of spring football training is planned prior to the end of June.
- Student Council is looking to find ways to end the year on a high note for students with an ice cream day. We are waiting on permissions from District Health and Safety.
- Recognition of Kamloops Residential School discovery:
  - o The school is currently flying its flag at half-mast in recognition. We are asking all staff and students to wear orange in support and to honor the survivors of this tragic part of our history. The following statement has gone out to all staff and students:



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*Earl Marriott Secondary is encouraging students and staff to wear an orange shirt at any point this week in honour and remembrance of the 215 children who lost their lives at the Residential School in Kamloops. Wearing an orange shirt is one way to honour the survivors of residential schools and those that did not return. We hope that wearing orange this week is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of residential schools and the legacy they have left behind.*

- In addition, our school will be working together with our Aboriginal department to continue to find ways to support and educate our students through our curriculum and our actions.

### **3. COVID Update/September Update:**

- Although we are very optimistic about a full reopening in September, with the continuation of the current COVID numbers, schools as an institution were notably missed from any announcement of future planning. We are waiting for an announcement from our PHO and Minister of Education.
- At this time, we are no longer planning for cohorts for Grade 8 and 9; however, we currently have built our timetable for the Quarter system. It would require no modification to move the timetable to a semester system, if an announcement were made.
- We also anticipate full face-to-face classes for all Grades. There has been limited expression of interest for the Blended online program for Grade 8 and 9 (>10), so likely we will help these students register through SAIL COMPASS program.
- We are also very excited with the announcement of Vaccinations being available to children ages 12-18, and what that could mean for an unrestricted school year for 2021-22. We are encouraging our students to participate in this opportunity as they see fit.
- Next year, we look forward to fewer portables, bringing all of our teachers and students back indoors, and hopefully opening lockers and the cafeteria (although we did love our indoor hockey rink!).

### **4. Year End**

- Our school year will end with a final Provincial Assessment the week of 21st-24th.
- Final Report cards will be published on Thursday, June 24th.
- The school will remain open as it is a summer school site



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## Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

**Question:** Will school be able to offer the traditional incoming Grade 8 scavenger hunt?

**Answer:** No not at this time but will look at possible Grade 8 activities in September.

**Question:** Have the social media initiatives abated the situation and will there be followed up programs?

**Answer:** Ms. Davies feels that this will be an ongoing issue that will need to be addressed annually. Recently there was another situation in the grade 8 classes that underlines that this seems to be an ongoing concern.

**Additional Comments:** A discussion/recommendation was made to look towards creating events and informative sessions to include all feeder schools both elementary and high schools. That the school community should work together and offer more sessions to achieve a further reach and address before kids reach high school.

**Question:** Year book distribution in September – given that there will be students leaving to Grandview Heights will there be an opportunity for students to visit school to allow them to have yearbooks signed by fellow students?

**Answer:** Ms. Davies will have to revisit how this could be initiated depending on the rules in September.

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### Chair Report – DJ Craig

- **Kamloops Impact – First Nations Community**
  - A moment of silence was held in respect of the our first nations
  - It was suggested that the PAC incorporate a form of acknowledgement to the first nations people at each PAC meeting
  - Would like to see more involvement for first nations to be better represented within PAC
  - Suggestions were made that a PAC member volunteer to join the aboriginal education member to encourage participation



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## **EMS Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir Johal**

***EMS Pac Account Balances as @ May 31, 2021:***

- **Admin Account \$4,394.41**
    - No change from last report, no items outstanding
  - **Dry Grad Account \$ 6,052.70**
    - 2 items outstanding \$2,628.94 and \$75.00 – reimbursement to Pamela Wilson for Dry Grad Fundraiser Plant Sale
    - \$1,000 to remain in account as this year's Dry Grad not using for Scholarship Fund.
  - **Gaming Account \$38,446.46**
    - No items outstanding
  - **Other Treasurer activities:**
    - Gaming fund application will be sent in by end of June for approval in September, in order to be included in the October budget meeting
    - 50% of gaming funds were saved this year and will be available for next year budget requests
    - Working on preparing for treasurer transition next year, as our current treasurer will be moving to Grandview heights.
- Special Requests:**
- Athletic Dept.: requested additional equipment of a high jump bar and bungee ropes for a total of \$200 which was approved.

**7:47PM**

**DPAC** – Deborah Absent, presented by Lakhbir Johal (supported by notes provided by Deborah)

## **DPAC Meeting May 26th, 2021**

- Last meeting of the year covered AGM & Elections  
Focus of meeting was:
  1. Inclusion of diverse learners and to assist families in AIP applications  
Inclusion of Diverse Learners Committee Report provided by Director Amanda Grimson (Committee Chair). Emphasis to the event "All About IEPs" hosted by the DPAC on May 13th, 2021. The idea is to do another session in the fall and the goal is to have this Committee promoting meetings with the parents and other interested counterparts once a month, to discuss subjects and themes related to diverse learners.



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2. Bursary Program:

Current bursary program consists of 1 bursary of \$1,000 and 2 x \$500 bursaries awarded by DPAC

- This year resulted in 43 applicants all of which had very strong profiles, encouraged anyone to review profiles which are available on the DPAC website in the annual report

3. Acknowledge of the “**George Matheus Award**” for **Excellence in Parent Leadership**, dedication, and influence, awarded to Bobbi Taylor (SD 36 Surrey), announced at the BCCPAC AGM.

4. Bylaws:

Constitution & Bylaws proposed revisions - all modifications, as discussed in this meeting, will be voted in September 2021, individually and as proposed. For details, please check the bylaws with the modifications proposed in the DPAC website

5. Presentations:

Surrey Crime Prevention – Simra Khabra presented “A Mentorship Program for Surrey Youths”. PowerPoint of the presentation to be posted at Surrey DPAC website.

6. Elections – 11 candidates have been elected of which 6 new members joining all from diverse backgrounds which will add more prospective.

Elected to Board of Directors are:

- Amanda Grimson
- Amit Sharma
- Elwira Wolff
- Inderpal Sond
- Lakhbir Johal
- Lisa Shantz
- Perry DeNure
- Pinder Tatlay
- Rani Senghera
- Rina Diaz
- Suzy Fong



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## DPAC Reminders:

- PACs must submit Gaming Grant applications by June 30.
- DPAC next General Meeting September 22, 2021
- \$75 BCCPC's registration fee is now an eligible Gaming expense.
- Please, take some time to watch the Canada Learning Bond Presentation, hosted by DPAC on May 12, 2021 and available at the DPAC Facebook page

*Briefing: "Eligible children can receive up to \$3,200 for post-secondary education. Half of all BC children are missing out on money that is available from the government WITHOUT any contribution required. To help families access these grants, there is a current Surrey-based project to support newcomer and Indigenous families in particular with the process, but the project is only available until June 30. A Canada Learning Bond Navigator can explain what RESPs are and the different grants available, and can also help with overcoming common barriers such as ID, social insurance numbers, taxes, etc."*

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### CPF Report –Tamsin L.

Over the past month, CPF has been working on two items of note to secondary schools:

- Annual CPF Awards have been decided – 10 students were chosen from many well-written and deserving applicants. There were two students chosen at EMS – one in French Immersion and one in Core French. As the students' names were not published in the program due to the tight turnaround in the judging process and the timing of EMS commencement ceremony, CPF will not disclose the names until they have been notified properly. Each student received \$500 from CPF-Surrey, who will provide a cheque once contact has been made with the students.
- CPF-Surrey extends a thank you to teachers of French Immersion, Core French and Intensive French throughout the district. CPF will be planning recognition in the fall.
- Annual CPF awards have now been awarded, communication with students is forthcoming. 2 EMS students were beneficiaries
- The current CPF representative will be completing her final year this coming school year so will be 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 – presented by Faye K.

- Pam has been a driving force in this years limited fundraising programs, she conducted 2 successful events; Neufelds raised approximately \$3,020 and the plant sale approximately \$2,500. Plans for a June event were not possible.
- Commencement ceremony was a great success
- Decision was made how to acknowledge the grads given that no grad events could take place. Each grad to receive a blanket with the EMS M embroidered

**Special Request:**

- Dry Grad is requesting a PAC donation of \$1,500 to cover the shortfall due to limited fundraising capabilities due to COVID. PAC treasurer confirmed that this is eligible under the gaming rules either as a contribution to school spirit or student recognition
  - A motion to request the funds was made by Faye K.
  - Tamsin L. with stained her vote
  - Motion was approved 1<sup>st</sup> by D.J and second by Tanja Phillips

**8:14 PM**

**New Schools Update – presented by Lakhbir Johal**

- Occupancy permit was supposed to be received today
  - This will allow the Principal, Vice Principal and head administration to set up in June and July and make further configuration plans
  - Currently the enrolment is approximately 1000 students
  - June 10<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> PAC meeting to be held -
    - PAC will not be able to apply for gaming funds until one year of operation
    - Hoping that PACS from all schools of students that have transferred will provide seed funds based on the \$20 per student funding
    - EMS PAC has already committed to providing some form of initial funding – this will be reviewed at the September PAC meeting to incorporate it into the annual school year PAC budget program.





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**New Business/Other:**

- **First Nations Inclusion initiative**
  - Looking to ways to encourage a first nations PAC representative
  - Suggestion that a PAC member join the aboriginal education group to encourage a starting point
  - A motion was presented to agree that by October we request a DPAC member to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> nations education group; motion approved - 1<sup>st</sup> by Lakhbir and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tasmin L.
- **Guest Speaker/Events** – no current activities or updates

**8: 24 PM Move to Adjourn**

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**\*\*Next Meeting: June 21st, 2021\*\***

**Teams meeting**

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