



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

Date: November 24, 2025, 2025

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

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,

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 6:30pm
April_20_26 6:30 pm
May_25_26 6:30 pm
September_28_25 6:30 pm



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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

Four Parents

3. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Tanja welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the land acknowledgment.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:

Adoption of Agenda: Motioned by Colette M., seconded by Jin T.

Approval of October 27, 2025 Minutes: Motioned by Jin T., seconded by Colette M.

5. Principal's Report:

- **Sport nearing the end of the Fall season:**
 - South Frasers and Provincials starting up soon, Fall season ending at the end of November.
 - Basketball tryout schedule is posted.
- **Informal reporting week:**
 - Parent teacher conferences are on demand, parents please reach out to teachers for a meeting. Alternatively, some teachers have reached out to parents.
 - Nov 20 – formal report card.
- **Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (Grade 10 and 12):**
 - Cancelled for November due to BCGEU strike.
 - Assessments are scheduled in Nov, Jan, April and June – therefore November students will write in Jan.
 - FRIM students have a Francais Assessment in Grade 12, scheduled twice a year (January and June)
 - Must be written to graduate, don't have to pass/fail, they just must write it.
- **Scooter Policy:**
 - Information sent two weeks ago.



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- Electric kick scooters are not allowed on school grounds.
- **Reach out to your teacher:**
 - As a first point of contact if you have any concerns, please reach out to your students teacher, prior to reaching out to the school office.
 - Staff email addresses are on the school website.
- **Q&A:**

6. Chair's Update – presented by Tanja P.

Presented four emails received:

- 1) Foundry South Surrey/White Rock – new name for the youth centre of South Surrey/White Rock, located at 15451 Russell Ave. They are forming a Family Advisory Committee. Contact foundry@sourcesbc.ca for more information.
- 2) Mission AI – new company wanting to host a community parent event “AI and your child's future”
- 3) SFU Community engagement - outreach for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). Information and sign up here: [SFU community engagement](#)
- 4) Option for a neuroaffirming parent presentation by a local parent and autistic advocate – “Toward a more neuroaffirming approach to parenting”

7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette M.

As of November 24, 2025

EMS PAC Account Balances:

Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$ 21,207.87

Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$17,959.88
- Reserves:
 - Seed Funds: \$2,000
 - Carryover for 2026: \$4,806.65
- 2025 Dry Grad close out: Closing balance of \$2,721.86 – Dry Grad Chair approved balance of funds to be given as legacy gift to EMS towards replacement of stage.

Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$39,460.29
- No Outstanding Transactions



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EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 2,549.23
- \$1,151.39 is for a fundraising event and will be transferred to the appropriate account at EMS. The remainder (\$7.78 is donated test money for the square).

9. DPAC Report by Jin T.

- E-Scooters and safety for riders and bystanders (helmet safety, legality, safe usage, aggressive behaviour). DPAC focus will be on getting stats on the types of injuries that are happening.
- Fire risk with charging at school with incorrect chargers.
- E-Bikes, there are two types- one that a 14 year old can ride, one that a 16 year old can ride.
- Training day scheduled for Oct 18, 2025 is rescheduled for **Feb 28, 2026**
- 871 enrollments down in SD36. Therefore, \$11 to \$14 million less in the SD36 budget due to the decreased enrollment. SD36 has lost 55 divisions.
- Change in requirements for Police Information Check for volunteers and need a drivers abstract.
- EMS DPAC registration is outstanding, Colette will follow up.
- DPAC online course for new member starting Oct 29 and Nov 19, for those interested in being a DPAC rep.

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

- AGM in October
- Grade 12 awards may not be done this year due to a lack of a volunteer to take it on. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.
- Jan 22 will be the ice-skating event. Student volunteers are welcome.
- FI registration is down across BC and Yukon. SD36 has the lowest registration.
- FI teacher shortage

11. Dry Grad Report

- **Dry-Grad:** Substance-free after-party will take place at the South Surrey Recreation Centre from the evening of June 13 to the early morning of June 14, 2026.
- **Next meetings:** Oct 30 at 6:30 in the library
- **Questions?** Please email emsdrygrad2026@gmail.com

12. New Business - No new business

13. Adjournment - Call end of meeting by Tanja P. Seconded by MH at 9:02 pm.

Next Meeting Date: January 26, 2026!