



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday November 30 th 2020

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
 Dry Grad Committee: Pam Wilson Sydor and Faye Karvat

Attendees:

Online MS Teams Call – 6 Participants: DJ Craig, Claudine Davies, Lakhbir Johal, Tanja Phillips, Colette Mende and Sarah Kahn

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) June 21 st 2021, 7pm
	February 22 nd 2021, 7:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)	June 21 st 2021, 7pm September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm
	March 29 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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7:09 PM

Call meeting to order – DJ Craig

7:10 PM

Move to accept agenda- T Phillips All in favour

7:10 PM

Motion to accept minutes from October 26th meeting by DJ, Second by Lakhbir. All in favour.

7:12 PM

Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report

November Update – What's Happening at EMS:

Course Selection 2020/2021

- Beginning in January
- Course book to be published online soon
- New courses: Jazz studies – Jazz appreciation, English 11 New Media (Graphic novel) – aimed to appeal to those focusing on literature through media and graphics
- Students to choose courses online through EMS My ED BC

Grandview

- Letters to future families will be sent prior to December – explaining catchments and options.
- French Immersion and Hockey program will stay at EMS
- Siblings going into grade 11 will have option to remain at EMS (No Grade 12 at Grandview in 1st year)
- Students will complete course selection alongside EMS students

COVID

- 4 exposure letters to date (Fraser Health)
- 2 classes self-monitoring
- Encouraging masks to be worn throughout including the perimeter of the school
- New guidelines given to staff today based on FH visits to other schools
- Remaining vigilant with hand sanitizing and mask wear
- Good culture, supportive of all preventative measures

Photo Viewing Inside EMS

- Claudine provided a few slide photos showing how the school is setup including classroom placement
- Fraser Health recommends that all desks face one direction (this has been incorporated in all classes with exception of foods).
- New class room for Hockey academy setup outside Cafeteria to accommodate more space for kids



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Quarter 2

- 2 classes being offered online for Grades 8 and 9
- Interims to be sent out on Dec. 18th
- Point of progress, indication of achievement and work habits
- Continuing with Cohort intramurals at lunch
- Finding necessary to take breaks and get up during long classes

December

- Peace Portal Senior Village community service - letter distribution and support of 12 days of Christmas program – wrapping gifts
- Food Drive and Christmas hampers underway
- Grad Legacy money 2020: Stage skirting
- COVID adjusted options to carry out traditional Grade 8 Hot Chocolate Day were discussed. Suggested IHOP delivery of Hot Chocolate and Pancake. Other suggestion - Potters pre-packaged hot chocolate kits. Both options will be further evaluated if possible.

Lunchtime Intramurals - By cohort is underway and proving to be a success

Summary: Overall very pleased with how the school (both staff and students) have supported and managed the COVID regulations focusing on health and safety.

Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: A participant mentioned that there were rumours that schools could be potentially closing early for Winter break and/or coming back later – is there any specifics on this?

Answer: The school is only hearing this on the news nothing has been stated from the district. School has advised teachers to be prepared to teach on line at a moment's notice. Claudine has recommended that all teachers have kids on Teams and ready to go. The hope is that schools would not close early or come back late rather, they would move to online learning if required to close schools

Question: PAC Board asked for clarity in terms of privacy for families where volunteers may assist youth care worker in grocery delivery to families in need. Is volunteering permitted?

Answer: Youth Care worker has asked all families if they are ok with it. Several PAC members have volunteered to deliver.

Question: Participant asked if we will lose any portables as a result of Grandview Heights transition.

Answer: Claudine expects yes, not all but several should be removed.

Question: Participant asked if their child is to move to Grandview and will require completion of district out of catchment form, who is it sent to (EMS Principal or new Principal)?



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Answer: Claudine explained that, by early January all out of catchment requests should be sent to herself to sign and then taken to Grandview Principal.

The following links are provided to assist in this process:

Grandview Heights Principal (Darren Bedard) Email:

bedard_d@surreyschools.ca

Out of catchment request form:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/tweeds/Parents/Forms/Documents/Out%20of%20catchment%20Application.pdf>

7:26PM Chair Report

DJ Craig – Chair report

- No specific updates
- Expressed thanks to be part of EMS PAC for the current and coming year
- Emphasized for school to please reach out for PAC support where required

7:28 PM EMS Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir Johal

AMS Pac Account Balances as @ Monday, November 30th, 2020:

- **Dry Grad Account \$4,671.42**
Pending Transactions \$2,020
Still waiting to make payment to administration for legacy gift and scholarships
Total Available: \$151.42

Admin Account \$3,956.41

- Still waiting to make payments for additional request still in the office.

Parent Donations (PAC On line) - This month received a total of \$2,285 – great success!

Gaming Account \$54,709.04

3 chqs written:

- 1) \$ 50.00 - Ms. Canino - English Contests
- 2) \$ 2,000.00 - Mackay Dunn for Football Helmet Visors (estimate = 20)
- 3) \$ 365.00 - Mr. Vanstone - Math Contests No other chq outstanding at this time

No other cheques outstanding



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7:38 PM Grandview Transition Report - presented by Lakhbir Johal

Website: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/grandview Newsletter email: grandview@surreyschools.ca

Phone: 604-542-3320

Current Office located at Semiahmoo

Continue to work with Principals from secondary schools and feeder schools to come up with mascot ideas, school colours, logo, etc.

School Size & Estimates:

- School will have 160,000 square feet
 - Approx. 1500 students - 50,000 outdoor space (rugby/soccer pitch/outdoor basketball court/all weather field)
 - Building is very architecturally appealing
- Compared to EMS – EMS smaller foot print outside, EMS was built for 1500 students, assume a similar space in terms of square feet.

November meeting update/progress:

- 80% construction completion
- EMS approx. 400 students
- Elgin approx. 144 students
- Semiahmoo approx. 243 students
- + new catchment feeder schools
- Total projection as of November 26th was 1166 students

Other Key Points:

- Others expect 1200-1300 with potential portable in short term as the area continues to grow at a fast pace
Overall impact will greatly relieve the current tension at the existing high schools
- EMS Hockey Academy will not be moving to Grandview Heights
 - EMS French Immersion Program will not be moving to Grandview Heights
 - Band will be offered in Grandview Heights
 - Teachers not yet hired - approx. Feb 2021
 - Course creation will take place January 2021
 - Watch for letters from Surrey School District regarding your move to Grandview Heights based on your address and if you fall within the Grandview Heights catchment



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DPAC Report – Debora Zilber was absent from meeting.

Lakhbir Johal provided the following update(s):

PAC 101 and Finance 101 discussion was a successful event with 2 key speakers:

1. Andrea Sinclair BCCPAC President, presented: Understanding Parent Stakeholders in Public Education, explaining topics such as: Key Players in BC Public Education; Who BDDPAC is and Why it Matters; The respect and credibility of the BCCPAC among parents, partners and with the Government and how BCCPAC Affects Change; The Importance and Advantages of your PAC become a member of the BCCPAC (Tangibles and Intangibles benefits); \$75.00 dollars annual Membership fee – Why is that needed?
2. Psychologist, Dr. Vanessa Lapointe presented on: Children’s Mental Health and how COVID-19 can impact our children
 - Anxiety, effects of staying home, adapting to learning on line, extended class time and school work and general coping mechanisms
 - Presentation was very well received
 - Presentation is available for viewing on the DPAC Facebook Page until Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 10pm. Please, click on the link below and take some time to watch it. It is really instructive and will provide you with strategies to better support your kid to navigate through this uncertain time. <https://www.facebook.com/surreydpac/videos/448215303249857>

A discussion was also held on **Inclusion of diverse learners**. Two videos are available to get familiar and raise awareness about some struggles these kids and their families are living with.

<http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Inclusion-Complex-Learners-part-1-1-1.mp4>

<http://surreydpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Inclusion-Complex-Learners-part-2-1-1.mp4>

DPAC also carried a motion to create an internal committee focused on inclusion of diverse in Surrey Schools. Due to the importance of the subject, a motion to discuss this subject as the main topic of the next DPAC meeting was carried.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact info@surreydpac.ca.

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CPF Report –Tamsin Lehn – Regrets unable to attend, update by email:

- 1) No current events
- 2) No current activities
- 3) No current meetings

DELFL exams are happening as per usual.

The Transitions committee (looking at attrition rates) will release the survey in March ahead of spring



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break/course selection.

7:57 PM

Dry Grad-Tanja Phillips provided the following update:

New Dry Grad Committee appointed:

- Pamela Sydor Wilson as Chair
- Faye Karvat - Treasurer

Current Focus:

- Given current environment, decide what potential events and what kind of fundraising initiatives/activities to do

8:00 PM

PAC BBQ - On Standby

8:02 PM

Guest Speakers /Presentations-

- **Q3** - Movie - "Selfless" a documentary about Social Media, and in particular the world of selfies. The movie follows the mental health impact on teenagers of living with this constant comparison. It also follows a family who live off the grid and how their teens view themselves.
- Other guest speaker/virtual options are being reviewed

8:03 PM

New Business

- No comments

8:10PM

Move to Adjourn by DJ. All in favour

****Next Meeting: January 25, 2021****

Teams meeting Link:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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