



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Earl Marriott Parent Advisory Council - Minutes

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Location: Library

PAC Executive:

Chair: Tanja Phillips

Vice Chair and DPAC Rep: Jin Thindal

Treasurer: Colette Mende

Secretary: Marina Heidt

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, four parents.

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 Tanja Phillips.

2. Attendance

Tanja Phillips (Chair)
Jin Thindal (Vice Chair and DPAC representative)
Colette Mende (Treasurer)
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 September 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.
 - Electric kick scooters are not allowed on school grounds.



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- **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:**

Q: School Cash Online, does the PAC donation button still exist?

A: SD36 Finance required EMS to remove that donation button. They wanted PAC funds separate from SD36 funds.

6. Chair's Update – 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 foundation@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"

The PAC helps with two events at the school, serving hot chocolate at the waffle breakfast (last Friday before the winter break) and the PAC BBQ in June, where we serve up hot dogs for the school community.

7. EMS Treasurer's Report – Colette M.

As of October 27, 2025

EMS PAC Account Balances:

Admin Account:

- Current Balance: \$17,835.77

Dry Grad Account:

- Current Balance: \$12,915.60
- Reserves:
 - Seed Funds: \$2,000
 - Carryover for 2026: \$4,806.65
- Four transactions not cleared from 2025 Dry Grad (Peace Arch News Ad (\$476.02), School Security (\$520.20), Ulysses (\$1000), school buses, Legacy Gift (\$2721.86))



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Gaming Account:

- Current Balance: \$39,849.94
- No Outstanding Transactions

EMS General Account – School Fundraising:

- Balance: \$ 1,159.17
- \$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).

Other:

- Will look into setting up an email for etransfer donations.
- Gaming Funds 2025-2026: \$29,060 deposited into PAC gaming account.
- Year end summary will be sent within the next 90 days
- Budget 2025-2026: budget committee met on October 14th
- Total requests of PAC Budget Committee \$99,025

2025/2026 Budget Presentation:

Motion to accept 2025/2026 EMS PAC budget as presented by Colette M.

1st: Joy R, 2nd: Jin T. All in favour, motion passed.

8. Elections:

Chair: Jin Thindal

Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips

Secretary: Jocelyn Burnett

Treasurer: Colette Mende

DPAC: Jin Thindal

Member at Large: Michelle Appasani., Joy Rong

All in favour. Positions by acclamation.

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.



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- 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
- Next meeting

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 meeting:** 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: November 24, 2025!