



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Library
DATE	Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7pm

PAC Executive:

PAC Chair: DJ Craig
 Vice Chair: Tanja Phillips
 PAC Treasurer: Colette Mende
 PAC Secretary: open
 District PAC Representative: open

COMMITTEES:

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Joy Rong
 Dry Grad Committee: Christine Dalzell
 PAC BBQ Committee: TBD

Attendees:

Principal, PAC Executive (2), 14 parents

2024/2025 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

September_23_24 7:00pm
Oct_28_24, 7:00 pm AGM, Budget & Elections
Nov_25_24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_27_25 7:00pm
Feb_24_25 7:00pm
April_28_25 7:00pm
May_26_25 7:00pm
September_29_25 7:00pm



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Minutes

7:02 PM Meeting to order – Tanja P

7:05 PM Move to accept agenda – all in favour

7:05 PM Motion to accept minutes from May 27, 2024 and Sept. 23, 2024 meetings - all in favour

7:08 PM – 7:50 PM - Mr. Graham Magnusson - Principals Report

Successful season in many sports. Good things for EMS!

Fine arts dept is ramping up with the school play in the Spring – end of April “Matlida”. One Act Plays going on now (over three nights this Fall).

Academics – writing numeracy and literacy assessments this week for those classes this term (November session). A make-up session will run in January. April Session for next semester students, with the make-up session in June (typically for Grade 12 students).

Met with the Student Advisory group this morning, spoke about the use of personal devices in the school. Students have noticed a difference, though it's different in different classrooms, many pocket charts are being used. SAG reports that more teachers are doing social stuff in down time rather than allowing phone use. Still heavy phone use in the halls.

Parent learning evening #1- Oct 29 from 6-7pm in the theatre: please use the link to sign up, however drop-ins also welcome. Admission by donation, all proceeds to Alex House.

Parent learning evening #2 - Nov 29 from 6-7pm in the theatre: Jesse Miller speaking on social media. He is speaking to the Grade 8s during the day (of Nov 29).

Halloween this Thursday: Mr. Magnusson put a note on Teams about costume choices. It is important that students exercise good judgement. Fireworks and firecrackers are not allowed on SD36 property.

Parent Teacher conferences: parents who wanted to see their students teachers came last week on Wednesday and/or Thursday. No formal conferences scheduled. Email your teacher if you would like to see your teacher.

Questions & Answers:

Q: Why is the Jesse Miller presentation only for Grade 8s?

A: Limited to due his availability and the cost.

7:50 PM-7:51 PM – Chair Report – Tanja Phillips for DJ Craig

Thank you to DJ for the five years on PAC!

7:51 PM – 8:20 PM - EMS Treasurer's Report- Colette Mende

- EMS PAC Bank Accounts consist of 3 separate accounts, to ensure full transparency and ease of management



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1. Gaming Account – Gaming has specific rules and restrictions
2. Admin Account- General inflows through donations and/or district payments
3. Dry Grad Account – PAC manages to help manage and control the funds for transparency

EMS PAC Account Balances as @ October 27th, 2024:

- **Admin Account \$ 16,597.62**
 - No activity in last month
- **Dry Grad Account \$ 15,960.10**
Seed and carryovers to remain in account = \$3546.15
Outstanding costs still to be processed from Grad 2024.
Current amount gifted to Grad 2025 from previous grads \$3,546.15.
- **Gaming Account \$41,853.28**
 - Received gaming grant deposit \$27,960
 - Cheque to BCCPAC membership \$75
- **EMS General Account – School Fundraising \$1.95**
 - Balance is a donated amount to test the Square
- Additional notes:
 - Gaming annual summary report will be submitted next week.
 - 2024/2025 Budget presentation.
 - Motion by Colette M. to accept budget as presented seconded by CM – all in favour.

8:20 PM – 8:30PM PAC Elections

- **Chair** – Tanja Phillips
- **Vice-Chair** – Carolyn Smyth
- **Treasurer** – Colette Mende
- **Secretary** – Marina Heidt
- **DPAC** – Jin Thindal and Chun Ge
- **CPF** – Joy Rong
- All positions filled by acclimation

8:30- 8:35 PM - Dry Grad Report – Julie Johnson for Christine Dalzell.

A Dry Grad Update:

- Pasta Night is in planning, silent auction looking good. Tickets on sale. Nov 21 is the date, two seatings 5:45pm and 7:15pm \$25 per person.



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- Purdy's fundraiser is running as well.
- Contracts for entertainers being vetted now.
- Need parent volunteers for the events! Any grade parent can help out.
- Our Dry Grad event is taking place to offer the students one last night all together in a safe and fun environment. It takes countless hours to put this event together - Our email address: emsdrygrad2025@gmail.com email me and I will happily put them on this list.

8:35 PM DPAC - no reports this morning

- There is currently an opening for an EMS parent DPAC representative.
- More information about DPAC is available at www.surreydpac.ca, or by contacting info@surreydpac.ca.

8:35 PM CPF – Joy R. – no report this month

8:35 PM - PAC BBQ - Was a success in the past and we're doing it again in June 2025. Would love any volunteers!

8:35 PM New Business

ICBC drunk driving seminar.

Reminder that parents need to participate in PAC in order for it to be running next year.

8:45 PM Move to Adjourn – 1st by TP and 2nd by CM.

****Next Meeting: November 25, 2024**