



# Parent Advisory Council

## PAC Meeting Minutes

### DETAILS:

<b>PAC MEETING</b>	PAC Meeting
<b>LOCATION</b>	On-line and EMS Library
<b>DATE</b>	Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7pm

### PAC Executive:

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

### COMMITTEES:

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

### Attendees:

Principal, PAC Executive (3), Participants (2: JR, KR)

### **2023/2024 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES**

September_25_23 7:00pm
Oct_30_23, 7:00 pm - <b>AGM, Budget &amp; Elections</b>
Nov_27_23, 7:00 pm
Christmas Break No Meeting
Jan_29_24 7:00pm
Feb_26_24 7:00pm
April_2_24 7:00pm
April_29_24 7:00pm
May_27_24 7:00pm
September 30, 2024



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**7:12 PM** Meeting to order – DJ

**7:12 PM** Move to accept agenda –1<sup>st</sup> by CM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TP. All in favour.

**7:13 PM** Motion to accept minutes from May 29, 2023 meeting 1<sup>st</sup> by CM and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DJ. All in favour.

### **7:15 PM – 7:45 PM - Mr. Graham Magnusson- School Principal's Report**

We've had a successful school start up and am glad to be back at EMS. Admin team includes Shawn Campbell, Mike Haffner and myself.

Student population is approximately 1400 and stable.

There are a variety of new teachers at EMS and all positions have been hired for!

Grade 8 welcome day on Sept 14 was fantastic! Lots of school spirit and well led by the EMS green team and orange team.

Grad Parent Evening on Sept. 19 – great turn out

Terry Fox Run was on Sept. 21 – another great event at EMS

Upcoming important events:

- Professional Development Day, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – presentations/conference on AI/Chat GPT
- Orange Shirt Day – Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
- Interim Reports available Oct 19<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Teacher Conferences Oct 26<sup>th</sup>
- Next PAC Meeting Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Heads Up:

- Fees are due – please pay online or in the office
- Student Communication – via Teams
- Parent Communication – Maritime App, Newsletter, Parent Emails

Student Advisory Body will be convened soon to consult on a variety of school problems and issues.

Q and A:

Q: Rumor is that some classes are larger than allowed, is this true?

A: No, there is a student cap of 33, with the exception of band and PE. Band and PE classes can be larger than 33 students.

Q: How many French Immersion students are at EMS?

A: 350—400 FI students at EMS



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Q: Is there learning support this year for French Immersion students?

A: This year there are 4 blocks of FRIM LST support; 2 blocks in each semester.

Q: is it still a challenge to find FRIM teachers?

A: Yes, it can be a challenge.

Q: Have any portables been removed or added to EMS this year?

A: Three portables were removed from EMS this year. Three portables remain.

## **7:45 PM-7:50PM – Chair Report – DJ Craig**

- Reminder of the striking of the budget committee after this meeting and the PAC executive elections in the October 2023 meeting.

## **7:50 PM – 8:15 PM - EMS Treasurer's Report- Colette Mende**

- EMS PAC Bank Accounts consist of 3 separate accounts, to ensure full transparency and ease of management
  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 @ September 25th, 2023 (Not including transactions not yet processed through bank):***

- **Admin Account \$15,923.26**
  - No activity this period
- **Dry Grad Account - Bank balance – \$13,487.50**
  1. Note previous \$5K donation deposit was completed in error, refunded the money.
  2. A few more Grad 2023 invoices received to be paid. Will clear out the 2023 funds asap.
  3. Opening funds for Grad Class 2024:
    1. Seed funds of \$2000
    2. Contribution from Class of 2022: \$1878.39
- **Gaming Account - Bank balance – \$17,128.83**
  1. Activity - BCCPAC Membership Renewal paid \$75
  2. One outstanding cheque #160 \$199

**Closing Balance = \$16,854.83**

## **Gaming Grant 2023-2024:**

Gaming Fund Grant confirmation is still pending (Gaming department backlog) hope to receive confirmation in the coming week.



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## **PAC Budget 2023-2024:**

Submission cut-off was Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – a few late submissions received. Will coordinate this years budget committee to review all submissions. Target mid/late October.

## **8:15 - 8:15 PM DPAC – report deferred to next meeting**

- More information about DPAC is available at [www.surreydpac.ca](http://www.surreydpac.ca), or by contacting [info@surreydpac.ca](mailto:info@surreydpac.ca).
- All general meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly (except December and March), 7-9 pm. Registration/login begins at 6:45 pm.
- Meetings will be conducted in person at Surrey District Education Centre 14033 92 Ave. Surrey B.C. V3V 0B7 and streamed via zoom. The next meeting will be November 14, 2023.

## **8:15 -8:30 PM CPF – Joy R**

- Surrey CPF chapter has been on an improve list. Surrey is largest school district, however has the lowest FI registration.
- Action plan has been drafted, something each month to increase enrollment.
- AGM will be Oct 20 and 21st
- Concours will be held in May 2024.
- A few government funded summer camps and more at the following links:

<https://englishfrench.ca/sessions/explore-sessions/>

<https://swse.ymcagta.org/>

<https://www.french-future.org/>

- Note that the DELF exam is scheduled for Nov 13, however schools are closed on this date. Alternate date is in April or June. Students are preparing to write on the Nov 13 date, however the issue of a location and invigilators is not resolved.

## **8:30 PM- 8:31 PM - Dry Grad Report**

- Dry Grad meeting next week
- Please contact Mr Haffner at [haffner\\_m@surreyschools.ca](mailto:haffner_m@surreyschools.ca) if you have any questions.

**8:31 PM – 8:32 PM- PAC BBQ** - Was a success in the past and would like to hold it again in June 2024.

## **8:32 PM New Business**

- No new business

**8:33 PM Move to Adjourn** – 1st by CM and 2nd by TP.

**\*\*Next Meeting: October 30, 2023**