



Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes

DETAILS:

PAC MEETING	Virtual PAC Meeting
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting
DATE	Monday, September 27, 2021

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.
 District Parent Advisory Council (“DPAC “): To be filled
 Dry Grad Committee: TBC

Attendees:

In Person – (7) Participants: PAC Executives, Principal and Vice Principals
 Online MS Teams Call – (4) Participants - CPF Rep, and parents
 Absent:

2021/2022 PROPOSED PAC MEETING DATES

2021	September 27 th , 2021, 7:00pm - optional virtual meeting	November 30 th 2020, 7:00 pm
	October 25 th 2021, 7:00 pm - AGM, Budget & Elections optional virtual meeting	Christmas Break No Meeting
	Jan_31_22 7:00pm	April_25_22 7:00pm
	Feb_28_22 7:00pm	May_30_22 7:00pm
	Mar_28_22 7:00pm	June 27th, 7:00pm



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Minutes

7:15 PM

Call meeting to order – DJ Craig including Semiahmoo 1st nations acknowledgement

7:16 PM

Move to accept agenda –1st Colette Mende 2nd by Tanja Phillips, all in favour

7:17 PM

Motion to accept minutes from June 21st meeting 1st by Lakhbir Johal and 2nd by Tanja Phillips, all in favour.

7:18 PM – 7:32

Ms. Claudine Davies- School Principal's Report - September Activity – What Happened at EMS:

2 Vice Principal Guest attendance:

Ms. Julie Occlshaw (A-K)

Mr. Mike Haffner (L-Z)

1. School Opening

- 1420 students
- Largest group is Grade 12 with over 350 students
- Were able to hold a full tour, Block rotation and Scavenger hunt on the first day for the Grade 8's. Unable to hold a BBQ, as there are still COVID restrictions with food
- Grade 8/9 Sept. Boot Camp – Planning, Organization and Studying

2. School Planning and District focus

- Three District inquiry focus: Transitions, Numeracy/Literacy, Mental well-being
- Sept 27th Pro D Day was spent planning our school focus and Dept. focus for the year
- School connectedness and engagement
- Looked at how we can re-establish some of our old traditions in the school, and enhance our school attributes of inclusion, compassion

3. Events this month:

- Grad parent Info night with over 100 participants on line
- Terry Fox Run and Yearbook distribution
- Aboriginal Family Dinner - approx. 20 families
- Volleyball, Swim team, Football, Cross Country
- Volleyball Tournaments



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Principals Report Continued....

4. Truth and Reconciliation Day

- Week of curriculum support
- Grade 8/9 – Cen'Alien and Land Acknowledgments
- Grade 10/11 – Residential schools and Indian Act
- Grade 12 – Murdered and missing women
- Daily announcements with knowledge and fact sharing
- Orange Shirt day – buttons, aboriginal music, tributes to residential school victims

7:32 - 7:42 – Q&A

Questions for Claudine Davies after Principal's Report

Question: Are some classes operating over capacity and why is there a shortage of desks in some classes?

Answer: Classes have a maximum capacity of 30 students, many are at capacity but none are over. With respect to any missing desk Vice Principal Haffner will look into this immediately there should be no shortage of desks.

Question: What actions are being done to address the Tik Tok Challenge on stealing from school property?

Answer: EMS has had some vandalism – removal of soap dispensers in some washrooms and the Girls wash room being decorated, leaving a large mess.

Action taken: Announcements have been made at how damaging this is and expensive. All costs are taken from the school budget which means less activity budget for the year.

Anyone caught will face consequences both monetary impact and disciplinary action.

This has been a very unfortunate act however with over 1400 students and 3 events most students are seen as responsible. Safe Schools reviews TikTok videos to look for damage to Surrey Schools.

Question: Clarification was asked on the difference between Discovery Rotation versus ADST.

Answer: Discovery program includes; Arts, Drama, Info-Tech & Careers 8;

ADST – Applied Design, Skills and Technology includes: Home Economics – Food & Sewing and Metal & Woodwork. Students that are in the band program do not participate in Discovery.

Question: What is the current monitoring of the drop off zone loop and is there any crosswalk supervision this year?



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Answer: AM supervision is carried out by one person and the PM supervision is handled by 2 people. There currently has been no crosswalk monitor due to COVID, the hiring back of such positions has posed to be challenging as well as the hiring of cafeteria staff.

Question: With fewer kids in the school why are students not allowed to sit in hallways during lunch?

Answer: Classes have been opened up to accommodate kids during lunch as hallways are meant to be kept clear for safety reasons.

7:45 PM -7:58PM

EMS Treasurer's Report- Lakhbir Johal

EMS Pac Account Balances as @ Sept 27th, 2021:

- **Admin Account \$ 4,394.41**
 - No change from February 2021st report, no items outstanding

- **Dry Grad Account \$ 1,150.72**

5 transactions were carried out from last report:

 - June 4th – \$1,500 deposit from gaming account to help fund Dry Grad – Grad Blanket gifts.
 - June 9th - \$1,000 payment to S. Scott Kealy for the 2020-2021 Ulysses Scholarship Award.
 - June 10th - \$6,971.98 payment for Grad Blankets to Big Coast Brands
 - June 10th - \$2,703.94 payment for Grad Plant Fundraiser to Pamela Wilson
 - August 5th \$570 received from Surrey School District for donations from parents for grad gifts

Items to note for the Dry Grad Account:

1. \$1,000 currently in Dry Grad Account must be used for 2021-2022 Ulysses Scholarship Award – which must be replaced by current Dry Grad Class.
2. \$5,269.22 deposit is being held by Vancouver Partyworks Interactive for use by current Dry Grad Class – but funds must be left in Dry Grad Account in lieu
3. \$300.00 deposit is being held by Rick Mearns – Magician for use by current Dry Grad Class – but funds must be left in Dry Grad Account in lieu
4. \$283.34 deposit is being held by DJ Services – DJ for use by current Dry Grad Class – but funds must be left in Dry Grad Account in lieu

Therefore, remaining balance in Dry Grad Account as of June 30, 2022 must be at least \$7,003.24 for the following years Dry Grad Class.



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Treasurer Report Continued....

Traditionally, Dry Grad Classes leave behind the following funds:

1. \$2,000 for Scholarships (Ulysses Scholarship Award & Dry Grad Scholarship)
2. \$5,000 starting balance for following years Dry Grad Committee

Currently no outstanding transactions.

- **Gaming Account \$27,681.61**

2 pending cheques:

1. Cassie McPherson \$2,000
2. Dad's Printing \$300

Available balance: \$26,573.91

- **Other Treasurer activities:**

- Grant Summary was completed and filed with BC Gaming Grant Office to ensure funds are received for this current school year.
- BC Gaming Funds are expected towards the end of October 2021 based on previous years student enrolment numbers (approx. \$20.00 per student enrolled) – expecting approx. \$37,760.00.
- Things to consider :
 1. For the students who moved over to Grandview Heights will gaming funds be approved to move over with them
 2. Last year approx. 50% gaming funds were preserved to help with future gaming fund requests – must be used 36 months from the date they were received.
 3. We can continue to save gaming funds based on request on an ongoing rolling basis (say approx.. \$15,000)
 4. This will still give us approx. 40,000 in gaming funds for requests received this year from EMS clubs/teachers/programs/etc.

2021/2022 Budget Planning

- General budget requests are being received by departments and/or groups – summarizing requests in preparation of Budget Committee review.

Q&A – 7:58 – 8:01PM:

Question: Re Admin account has no transactions. Where do the parent donations come in (Cash on Line)?

Answer: These funds are deposited into the Admin account but have to request from District. Typically, Treasurer requests 2 x a year.



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8:02PM

DPAC– There is currently an opening for an EMS parent DPAC representative as Deborah is now at Grandview.

Lakhibir Johal provided the following update:

- **1st DPAC Meeting held –**
 - Executive Committee was formed
 - Reviewed vaccine and mask mandate

8:03-8:04 PM

CPF Report –Tamsin L.

- 1st meeting of school year was held.
- Tamsin L. is still looking to transition out to a new candidate. Anyone interested in the role may contact Tamsin through the PAC email address. Ideally anyone interested would participate in the next meeting on Wednesday, October 13th.

8:05 – 8:16 Other Items

Budget Committee – DJ Craig update

- Explained the importance of participating in Budget Committee
- Requested those on the call who would like to participate
- Lakibir will present only (no votes)
- President will not be part of the committee.
- Date – for Budget Committee review, Wednesday Sept 29th 6-8pm
- Lakibir to send meeting invite (online web ex link)
- Current Budget Committee participants rest at 4 individuals

Dry Grad Committee Status – Ms. Davies update

- Ms. Davies advised that one parent will be coordinating Dry Grad Communications
- All traditional venues booked
- December typical activities:
Pasta Dinner – possible to do a modified pasta dinner (catered or individual meals)



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School Activities:

- Pancake Breakfast normally the week prior to Xmas Break
 - o It could be allowed if catered
 - o Or individual boxed servings with seating shifts
 - o May have to look at other ideas i.e. hot chocolate and muffin

8:17 PM

- **Guest Speaker/Events - Planning**
 - School is permitted to have 50% capacity; theater capacity is 260, therefore 50% = 130 people
 - Any ideas for guest speakers are welcome to be brought forward
- **New Business/Other:**
 - Grandview Gaming funds, new school is not able to apply and receive for 1st year therefore, should we consider putting forward an amount for Grandview? Suggest deciding at budget committee meeting.

8: 22 PM Move to Adjourn – Tanja Phillips, 1st by DJ Craig and 2nd by Colette Mende

****Next Meeting: October 25, 2021**

Teams meeting

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