

PAC General Meeting - October 23, 2025

In attendance: Melissa, Tania, Morgan, Wendy, Erin, Aksh, Justyna, Jen, Jimmy & Mr. Russell.

Meeting started: 6:10 pm

Welcome (Melissa, president)

Principal's Report

Upcoming events

Oct 31 - Halloween will feature classroom activities and a costume gathering

Reminder : no weapons, no masks - school district regulations

The event aims to balance fun with safety for the wide age range of students from 4 to 13 years old, parents are reminded that replica weapons and masks are not allowed for safety and visibility reasons.

Nov 7 - Remembrance Day ceremony starting at 10:45 AM in the gym, including student performances and a moment of silence to educate students on the day's significance. Families are invited to attend.

Nov 10 - Pro-D Day

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day Holiday

Nov 21 - Early dismissal day, school ends at 1.25PM. There are four early dismissal days throughout the year but the dates vary across Surrey schools, so families should mark them carefully.

Dec 1 - Festive Sweater Day - Ugly Christmas sweaters, festive shirts, etc are all invited, but not compulsory. Staff will "Deck the Halls" decorating hallways & bulletin boards with student artwork around this time.

Dec 2 - Young Entrepreneurs Fair will engage older students in making and selling products for mostly under \$2 or so, and promoting financial literacy and pride in one's work. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase items. A time slot at the end of the day will be made available. More details to come closer to the event.

Dec 5 - Term report cards - three different formats in use, including the ongoing digital portfolio "Spaces," the older Communicating Student Learning (CSL) template, and a new CSL format being phased in. Parents can expect varied formats depending on their child's teacher and grade - unless your child has an online digital portfolio, they'll come home with a report card.

Volleyball season is underway, with the boys' team recently playing at Maddaugh and earning praise for both skill and sportsmanship. The girls' team also played at Maddaugh with positive morale reported. Coaches include Ms. Nasmith and Ms. Wankowicz for girls, and Mr. Penner and Ms. Nielsen for boys, with support from Mr Russel. We will have some home games here and fans are always welcome.

Student Leadership program has participants from grades 6 and 7, helping out with technology, event promotion, and sports equipment management, and support intramural games for younger students. The program has had a high participation rate and the kids have done a great job giving back to the school and have a sense of purpose.

Chess Club led by Ms. Thornton and Ms. Nielsen meets Fridays, focusing currently on intermediate students with plans to include younger students later. Good attendance has been noted, helped by rainy weather encouraging indoor activities.

The school continues to build strong student engagement through sports, leadership and clubs, providing development opportunities outside the classroom

Spirit Wear online store offers flexible ordering with a quick approximately two-week turnaround providing families a chance to buy school apparel year-round, and a great gift idea. Feedback we've heard is that sizing tends to be a little larger than in the past, so families are encouraged to bear that in mind when ordering - <https://tcsapparel.ca/regent-road-elementary>

Diwali celebration was highly interactive, featuring rangoli, clay diya painting, bhangra dancing led by student leaders full of smiles and lots of energy. There was also a story time station set up downstairs with books from the library. These were all in addition to teachers' activities, it was great to see staff and students getting involved.

New District Parent Volunteer Requirements will be sent out via email in the coming days with all the details and instructions. All volunteers that have the possibility to work with children in an unsupervised manner must complete a criminal record check that will be valid for five years. Volunteers who drive on field trips must also provide a current ICBC Driver's Abstract and proof of insurance with a minimum of \$1 million third-party liability. Early completion of

these checks is encouraged if there's a possibility of volunteering and/or driving. It will be difficult to do this last minute as it is a bit of a process.

E-scooters aren't allowed by the district in schools due to safety concerns. Bikes or scooters can't be stored inside the school. Bike racks are available for storage, please bring a lock and store them in the bike racks.

Q&A with Mr. Russell

There have been some programs like Zumba, hip hop dancing, pickleball, floor hockey in the past. Mr Russell will source pricing, dates and details for the next PAC meeting. The school is also still looking to source jerseys for sports teams, seeking better value than the initial \$500 quote for six jerseys.

PAC Nominations for vacant positions

Since the last general meeting, two members of the PAC had submitted their resignation. Two vacant PAC positions were announced prior to the general meeting. The PAC voted unanimously to allow virtual nominations as there was interest shown by parents who were unable to attend this meeting in person. Two nominations were received virtually and were unanimously confirmed by the attendees in person :

Justyna self-nominated and was confirmed for the Fundraising lead role.

Jen self-nominated and was confirmed for the DPAC representative role.

Update on the Outdoor Learning Spaces Proposal (Tania)

Plans for outdoor learning spaces are progressing cautiously with a focus on cost-effectiveness and inclusion. The Outdoor Learning application for district funding is postponed this year to allow better preparation and explore simpler alternatives, for example simple outdoor benches. The committee is investigating purchasing district-approved benches and colorful "buddy benches" designed to signal students looking for playmates near the playground, to support social inclusion and reduce isolation. Pricing and details will be gathered and presented for a future vote following a slow and steady approach.

Events and fundraising (Melissa)

Spook in the Dark on Oct 29th - 126 kids coming so far

Tickets will be available at the door. We have gift bags for about 150 kids

Friendly reminder that no masks, no weapons at the event

Winter mingle event on Dec 3rd. Mini-donuts food truck confirmed

Family Picture Night - has had a great response, only about 4-5 spots left

Purdy's fundraiser will be set up, and follow up on Big Box cards fundraiser info

Treasurer's Report (Morgan)

PAC has provided \$2,200 in discretionary funding for enrolling and non-enrolling teachers and a \$1,910 gaming grant to cover transportation costs for field trips

October Hot lunch profits: Panago : \$372, Domino's : \$423, A&W : \$371

Gaming grant was received

Hot Lunch Report (Erin)

The first three hot lunches for the quarter have had a great response.

November hot lunch dates will be sent out soon.

Reminder: Cut off is always 7 days prior at 9am. Confirmed orders will receive a reminder email the day prior. We do post reminders on the Facebook page as well.

Next General PAC Meeting will be on November 27th at 6pm.

Meeting ended: 7:00pm.