

PAC General Meeting - September 25, 2025

In attendance: Melissa, Tania, Morgan, Gurpreet, Wendy, Erin, Sharon, Aksh, Justyna, Kyla, Shana, Jen, & Mr. Russell.

Meeting started: 6:05 pm

1. **Welcome** (Melissa, president) – Introductions

2. Principal's Report

- Student enrollment is at 330, down from the anticipated 380 students, decrease is similar to neighbouring schools
- This shortfall meant the school maintained 16 divisions instead of 18, the same as last year. But it led to staff adjustments and losing of two teachers Ms. Riley and Mr. Weber due to district seniority rules

New Staff :

Head Secretary - Bruna Grigoletto

Grade 1 teacher - Ms Sandra Head

Substitute teacher - Ms Brown

Grade 2/3 teacher - Ms Sheila Maracle

Grade 3/4 teacher - Ms Diana Robertson

Additional Counsellor - Melanie Miki

Integration Support Teacher - Ashley Yoon

IESW - Shilpika Bhanot, Rebecca Petrie, Nerjes Qannadian, Sylvia Makkar, Chantelle

School Meal Program - Ms Ghousia Waris (Feeding Futures)

The school has a pilot school meals program offering free breakfast and lunch, including hot meals three days a week and cold meals two days, to support student nutrition. This initiative aims to normalize meal access for students without stigma. The program is being run from the PAC kitchen and is made possible by the district's Feeding Futures department, with potential for expansion depending on demand. Hot lunch program dates will be coordinated with this initiative to ensure no student misses meals.

Upcoming events

Sept 26 - Orange shirt day

Sept 29 - Pro-D Non instructional Day (Workshop on Mental Health Aid)

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School

Oct 2 - Individual Photo Day (Starting with Kindergarteners)

Please note : If your child is sick, please keep them home as there will be a backup Photo Retake Day on Oct 23rd

Oct 3 - Terry Fox Run

1.15pm short assembly in the gym

Then run outside, parents welcome to come volunteer

Raising money for cancer research, approx \$850 already raised

Welcome to donate toonies as well as online donation option

Oct 13 - Thanksgiving - No School

Oct 20 - Diwali

Oct 20 to Oct 23 - Scholastic Book Fair

Ms Myles is looking for parent volunteers

Can sign up at the PAC Bulletin Board or email Ms. Myles

Proceeds from book sales goes back to the library - more books for the students. Book fair will be open from 8am - until 3pm

Parent volunteers supervising students, helping with cash and card payments, line up, stamping and sticking items after purchase, etc

Email if interested myles_m@surreyschools.ca

Oct 23 - Photo Retake Day

Oct 24 - Pro-D Day - Non instructional day

CROSS COUNTRY: open to students in grade 3 to 7 run by parent coach and staff sponsor Ms Sundset. Can reach out to Ms Sundset or Mr Russell if your child would like to participate

NEW: PARENT DRIVER AUTHORIZATION FORMS - the district is updating parent driver requirements soon. New updates include a criminal record check and an ICBC driver abstract which can be completed online and submitted to the Principal. The school admin will communicate the changes once finalized by the district. In the meantime, the same process as last year is being followed

NEW: Spirit Wear is coming up with a new local community supplier, and ongoing ordering will be available. More info to come.

Q&A with Mr. Russell

Road Construction: expected to end in late November, however, we know there is construction for the foreseeable future. Access currently limited to 192nd Ave with plans to temporarily shift to 184th Ave. Heavy vehicles have been observed speeding around student drop-off/pickup times, raising safety concerns for

children. The school is actively communicating with city contacts to mitigate risks and enforce safer traffic practices. Parents are encouraged to report safety incidents promptly for swift response.

Crossing Guard Request: Mr. Russell will reach out to the District to follow up on a request as we are on a waiting list, as well if parent volunteers could be approved however we note the liability concerns. Crossing guards are a separate organization from the district.

3. Outdoor Space and Learning Area Proposal (Tania)

PAC is exploring options to enhance outdoor learning spaces with new seating, and sensory paths to improve outdoor learning opportunities. District policies require committee formation, educational use plans, and adherence to approved suppliers for safety and liability reasons. Mr. Russell to conduct a staff meeting to evaluate teachers participation/interest. The application is due early November. Fundraising options include using gaming funds to partially support the initiative, with a strategic multi-year fundraising plan required.

4. DPAC role

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) representative position is open. There will be announcement of a formal nomination and vote prior to the next general PAC meeting.

5. Spook and Winter event updates (Melissa)

Spooktacular on Oct 29th

Event will be ticketed again - \$5 tickets per child includes welcome kit
Tickets must be purchased through Munchalunch
Google form to be sent out to gather Parent volunteers and prize donations

Winter event on Dec 3rd

New for this year - Mini-donuts food truck
Event will be ticketed again - \$5 tickets per child includes welcome kit
Tickets must be purchased through Munchalunch
Google form to be sent out to gather Parent volunteers and prize donations

4. Treasurer's Report (Morgan)

Septembers expenses attached
One fundraiser - freezie sale of \$241.30
We hope to find out about gaming grant by end of Sept

5. Hot Lunch Report (Erin and Wendy)

For new and returning families - please ensure your child(ren) are set up with their divisions/teachers name

Vendors have been secured through December

Coming up: Dominos, Panago, A&W, Quesada, Streats and more

REMINDERS: 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.

6. Fundraising Report (Gurpreet and Sharon)

Halloween event: beginning to solicit prizes for toonie toss

NEW: Greeting Cards to be launched Nov 1- cost is \$35/box for 35 hand crafted cards; PAC to earn \$11 profit per box

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT - November 17th between approx 4pm-8pm

- \$25 for a 8x10 photo - 15 minute sessions & PAC to earn 10% off additional packages purchased
- More details to come

7. Other discussions

NEW: Parents suggestion about bake sale or morning coffee fundraisers during drop off and pick up times

Fins Friends Program - visit from Canucks Fin mascot, learning packages for Kindergarten to Grade 3. Teachers have to register their classes themselves, PAC will try to facilitate.

Electric scooters and safety concerns - Scooters need to be locked/stored outside, can't be inside the building or hallways. Please ensure children are wearing helmets and riding safely.

Meeting ended: 7:30pm