Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2026
Time: 8:45AM
Location: Room 103

ATTENDEES PRESENT
Nav Jagpal - President
Hailey Loncaric – Vice President
Nadine Arksey – Secretary
Russ Kozub – DPAC Rep
Christine Lam – Member at Large
Darien Russell – Principal
Courtenay Lot – Vice Principal
Joyce Buchanan
Anita Kooner
Jade Porter
Ryan Slater
Adina Rojubally

Call to order – 8:50AM

Additions to the agenda
None

Motion to adopt the agenda
CARRIED

Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting
CARRIED

PAC President Welcome – Nav Jagpal
Now that we're in full swing with the school year, things are starting to get busy, and we have lots of exciting things happening at Morgan Elementary.

First, hot lunch has started. It was great to see lots of new parent volunteers. Remember, in order to volunteer, parents now must have a criminal background check done.

Our Halloween Dance is coming up on October 22nd. We're also looking forward to our Book Fair on November 18th, 19th, and 20th. Then, in December, we'll have our Mingle Jingle event, along with the 12 days of giving. We'll be working hard behind the scenes to make these events enjoyable for our students and families.

We're also starting two fundraisers. The first is the Big Box of Cards, along with gift wrapping paper, and the second is FundScrip, gift cards for all stores and restaurants that you would normally purchase. A percentage of sales will come to our school. These are great opportunities for families to participate and help support the PAC. The money we raise helps us provide activities, resources, and opportunities that benefit our students.

As mentioned at the last meeting, I also want to encourage everyone to share their ideas. The PAC isn't just about the executive team making decisions. It's about all of us working together, sharing suggestions, and figuring out what we can do to make our children's school experience even better.

Also mentioned in the last meeting, you don't have to commit to helping with everything. Even volunteering for one event, helping with a fundraiser, or reaching out to a local business for sponsorship can make a real difference.

Our goal is to build a positive and welcoming school community where our children can enjoy memorable experiences and feel supported.

Principal Report – Darien Russell

We currently have 5 student teachers with us.

There are new requirements for parent volunteers at the school. Last year, it was required for parent drivers to have a criminal record check, this year it is required for all parent volunteers to have one. Start the process early if you think that you might volunteer in your child's classroom or anywhere else in the school. It takes 4 - 5 weeks at this time. Another email will be sent out with the links. The criminal record check is good for 5 years, the other forms need to be filled out yearly.

Thursday is an early dismissal day at 1:30PM. It is also photo retake day and the Spookfest in the evening.

Friday is a Pro D Day.

On October 30, there will be Halloween activities around the school. Costumes are encouraged or orange and black. No weapons, no masks please. There will be a costume parade, a pumpkin carving contest and a 'Guess the Weight" of pumpkins.

November 6 is a Pro D day.
There will be an assembly on November 10 for Remembrance Day, which is a stat on November 11.
November 12 we will celebrate Diwali. There will be activity stations around the school.
November 20 is Spirit Day, sports jerseys.
November 26 is an early dismissal day.

Outside vendors need to be vetted by the district.

A Student Voice Committee will be starting. It will interact and work with other schools. It will be grade 7s this year. It will bring up issues and represent the student body, as well as partnering up with other schools. There will be a meeting this Friday for sign-up.

Building updates:
The painting has been completed.
The lost and found is now by the gym instead of in the foyer. There is now a rack, instead of a box.

Volleyball season has started with a boys team and a girls team.
Cross country's last day is today.

Morgan will be an Election site on Saturday October 24.

Pokémon cards have to stay at home from now on.

Financial Update – Hailey Loncaric
The gaming grant has been received and the checks have been given for the funds.

Updates:
Hot Lunch
We have some new vendors this year, Fuel Catering for hot dogs and Wok Box is back again.

There will be 2 hot lunches on Tuesdays this term, November 10 because of the stat on November 11, and on November 17 because of the Book Fair happening the rest of the week.

The updated website for ordering is much more user friendly.

There have been over 400 orders for hot lunch.

DPAC
Minutes from the September 23, 2026 meeting can be found here:
DPAC Meetings - Surrey District Parents' Advisory Council

New Business
We have great news to share with everyone. Morgan Elementary will be holding a Neighborhood Block Party on May 27th. This event will need plenty of support from parents and volunteers to make it a success. We have a sponsorship form that we will be mailing out to all parents.

We want let everyone know the benefits of a neighborhood block party:

It transforms a street of strangers into a connected, resilient community. Gathering with the people who live around you offers profound social, safety, and health advantages.

Hosting or attending a block party provides several key benefits:
Enhanced Safety and Awareness
• Knowing your neighbors makes it easier to recognize when something or someone is out of place, naturally boosting neighborhood security.
• It encourages residents to look out for one another, creating a protective network for children, pets, and property.
• It establishes a foundation of mutual aid, ensuring you know exactly who to turn to during local emergencies, power outages, or severe weather.

Stronger Social Capital & Connection
• It bridges gaps between long-time residents and newcomers, seamlessly integrating new families into the local history and culture.
• It promotes intergenerational interaction, allowing children, teens, young adults, and seniors to socialize, play, and share skills in a relaxed setting.
• It helps combat urban isolation by increasing an individual's sense of belonging and making local streets feel warmer and more welcoming.

Set the date for the next meeting
Set for Tuesday November 24 at 6:30PM in the library. There will be childminding for children 5+.

Motion to adjourn – 9:32AM