

FROST ROAD PAC – Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

via Zoom

Attendees: Lyndsey Locke, Boris Deuma, Amen Sangha, Sunam Gill, Vicky Deol, Elsie Bertholm, Ranjita Dutta, Lesley Clements, Elisa Joe, Anuja Pandey, Cherry Li, Sandie Wilson, Nikhath Tahasildar, Jess Kyle.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Review / Approval of PAC Meeting Minutes: Amen motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2021 meeting; Boris seconded, all in favour. Minutes will be added to the school website.

Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report:

- We respectfully acknowledge that Frost Road Elementary is located on the shared, unceded, traditional territory of the Katzie, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations.
- 590 students enrolled at Frost Road this year (down from 635 last year).
- No field trips planned at this time, due to the ongoing covid pandemic.
- Terry Fox run will take place in grade groups, on the grass fields this Friday.
- The school will set up a pumpkin patch on the grass field this year.

President's Report:

- All parents and caregivers are welcome at our monthly meetings. Our voices are valuable. Please continue to provide feedback and raise your questions and concerns to the group
- Better advocating and understanding is needed for adequate funding at schools, whether it be for certain programs, building upgrades or other activities. Parents are encouraged to connect with school board trustees and our local MLA to ensure funding and make informed choices when these positions are up for re-election. Re-election will occur next year, in October 2022.
- PAC encourages parents to attend Surrey District PAC (DPAC) meetings. They are held monthly and cover an array of topics. For more information and/or to register, please visit the Surrey DPAC website: www.surreydpac.ca

Treasurer's Report:

- Fewer grade 7 students this year vs. previous years, so the proposed budget for Grade 7-related activities is decreased accordingly.

- “Emergency Preparedness” expenses are now covered by the school district, so that has been removed from our PAC budget.
- Per Principal, we don’t foresee any “Schoolwide Activities” taking place at Frost Road this year, due to the ongoing covid pandemic. No large gatherings planned at this time.
- Reminder that we usually vote at PAC meetings RE how to spend the money granted to our PAC.
- The budget for “Gaming” is usually for item such as: sporting equipment, field trips, activities such as a Fun Fair. It is not spent for Educational purposes.
- PAC will partially (possibly entirely) fund the pumpkins for the pumpkin patch, as we have monies available in our budget. The total cost is approximately \$1770.
- 2021-2022 Budget proposal was reviewed in detail and approved by the PAC. The budget can fluctuate based on our needs, and the PAC community usually votes on the changes.

Request from the Music Teacher

- Can the PAC partially or entirely fund a class set of Tone Chimes?
They provide students (especially Grade 4 & 5 students) with lots of important musical knowledge including note reading and rhythm reading.
- Total cost is \$3727.36
- PAC is investigating what portion of our budget we can allocate toward this.

Fundraising

- Lyndsey to organize a Purdy’s fundraiser.
- Please put forth any fundraising ideas to the PAC.

Other

Safety at the school

- Request that school staff consistently remind the kids (especially the young ones) about what to do and who is safe to approach at school if there is a problem, if they get separated from their group, etc.

Safety RE Covid

- Surrey School District recently voted to enforce a mask policy for all grades K – 12. This information has not trickled down to the individual schools yet. We will wait for our school to review and see if changes required at Frost Road.
- The ventilation systems at schools are given a “MERV” rating. MERV 13 is the strongest level of protection against viruses. Frost Road’s MERV rating is 11. Is Frost Road able to investigate an upgrade to our ventilation?

Meeting adjourned at: 7:32pm

* Please note information is subject to changes prior to the adoption of meeting minutes, at the next PAC meeting scheduled on October 21, 2021 @ 6pm.