

Martha Currie PAC General Meeting – Minutes

September 29, 2021 - ZOOM

**Chairs:** Theresa, Jasmin

**Absent:** Lauren

**Attendees:** Executive: Theresa, Jasmin, Jasmine, Alysha, Amar, Kara, Susanne Christmas, Dan Bergerman, 18 PAC members, 2 Administration (Bobby Samra – Principal; Suzanne Christmas – Acting Vice Principal); total 20

**Minutes:** Start at 7PM

**Time:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm

ITEM	PRESENTER	KEY POINTS
<b>Welcome/Call to order</b>	Theresa/ Jasmin	Introduced PAC Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theresa &amp; Jasmin – Co presidents</li><li>• Jasmine – Vice President</li><li>• Alysha – Volunteer Coordinator</li><li>• Lauren – Secretary</li><li>• Amar – Treasurer</li><li>• VACANT – Fundraising Coordinator</li></ul> Declared the quorum – Quorum has been reached
<b>Approval of agenda</b>	Theresa/Jasmin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes from May 2021 approved</li><li>• Approved – Brenna</li><li>• Seconded - Jasmin</li></ul>
<b>Principal’s report</b>	Bobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of school and where we are at:</li><li>• Acknowledgement that there were feelings of anxiety coming into September with back to school, but administrators and teachers are excited for what is coming up. Noted that we will all still need to be flexible as with COVID, things can change very quickly.</li><li>• Acknowledged the flexibility and adaptability of staff at school – good things are happening, and staff are ready to face whatever challenges may arise.</li></ul>

- Starting October 4, Monday, all students K-12 are expected to wear masks (barring medical exemptions)
- School District talking about allowing vaccine clinics at schools. Details still to be discussed.
- Changes to exposure letter approach:
  - Last year, if there was an exposure, then the whole school received them. This year, it will be sent to the only sent to those impacted. This may also change.
  - Acknowledged that this is very frustrating as it is a week/bit after exposure has taken place. It does take some time for Fraser Health to provide information. There has been a big lag, but Bobby acknowledges that it is frustrating. As soon as the school gets the information, it is sent right away. This is the process for now.
  - What can parents do? Bobby acknowledges the parent community in trying to follow protocol and process. Reminding parents that if there are any symptoms that the student should be kept at home and that the school is still trying to minimize the number of people coming into the building.
- Sports are going to start up again, and the administration is asking the parents to follow the same protocols (stay only until your child is no longer playing, no wandering, sanitize)
- School statistics:
  - 29 divisions total (decrease of 1 division from SY2020/21)
  - 641 students (average is approximately 650)
- Outdoor learning:
  - PAC wants to support outdoor learning; staff have been talking about it for a while. The Surrey School District is exploring a program like this, and Martha Currie has been put on the waitlist once the District develops more information.
- Parking lot safety rules:
  - On 184th in the alcove area is a drop and go only from 8:20-8:30AM – please do not leave your cars then and do not drive into the parking lot even during the school day.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Thursday is Truth and Reconciliation
  - Friday is the Terry Fox Run (K will get their own time indoors, primary gets their own time and intermediate will get their own time)
  - Oct 7 – Individual photo day
  - Oct 13 – Canucks Day
- Reminder:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign up for weekly updates from the school. The WAG (Week At A Glance) is sent every Thursday.</li> <li>○ Sign up through the Martha Currie website (<a href="http://surreyschools.ca/schools/marthacurrie/pages/default.aspx">surreyschools.ca/schools/marthacurrie/pages/default.aspx</a>)</li> <li>● Parent Questions/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teachers have been great about checking in with students who have been doing virtual learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kids who have not been in school might not have realized that some of their friends have changed as well. Comment: would be good to be part of the SEL committee conversations. Most kids do not know how to identify feeling lonely or disconnected or feel silly talking about it. Bobby to bring it up with staff in weekly staff meetings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Cohorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fraser health in conjunction with the school district has decided that cohorts are no longer required. Not in school's hands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Letters from Fraser Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the letters that come from Fraser Health, are they relying on the student's memory? Bobby: FH would talk to parents and teachers as well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Classroom Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In terms of classroom supplies, (e.g., dictionaries); who is responsible for purchasing? In the past, it might have been part of the school list. In terms of it being per student, it would be put on the parents. Schools are finding that it is not used as much because of technology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ COVID Classroom Communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is the school's stance on parents being more transparent if someone is COVID positive in their household? If a parent chooses, that is their right to do so. Admin does not see it as an issue as this would be a personal choice. Issue is privacy, so need to be mindful.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Vice Principal's Report</b>	Susanne Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GOAL 1: SOCIAL INTERACTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No cohorts currently; hoping to have more activities between classes (outdoor games, gym games)</li> <li>▪ Social Interaction Committee has been working to find more opportunities to provide social interactions between streams (French/English) and grades</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Reports</b>	PAC Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraising – Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still looking for a fundraising coordinator – currently various executives taking on the position.</li> <li>○ Upcoming fundraiser will be October (apple cases) – fresh Okanagan apples coming in 35lb boxes</li> <li>○ Neufelds may happen before Christmas but will be dependent on what the Grade 7s decide to do their fundraising. Susanne's comment: can nut-free chocolate bars be included as well? Jasmin mentioned that will be brought up with Gr 7 fundraising coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Coordinator – Alysha</li> <li>• Volunteers will be for things like cultural days, getting the word out. Hope that Alysha will get the support she needs from all the parents for school events.</li> <li>• Volunteer for hot lunch – will look different this year as some teachers prefer no parent helpers. If Alysha can, volunteers can be rotated</li> <li>• Treasurer – Amar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have some funds that are allotted to specific types of funding (gaming) and then general (no restrictions)</li> <li>○ Budget: approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hot Lunch – Kara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New System - MunchALunch</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DPAC – Neetu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DPAC meeting is not until tomorrow and will forward notes if anything is new.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CPF – Dan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 20 schools in Surrey that are French Immersion whose main role is advocacy for parents, students, and teachers.</li> <li>○ Memberships are \$20 year, \$60/3 years. Get monthly newsletters. CFP national site and BC/Yukon that have local events (<a href="https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/annual-general-meeting/">https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/annual-general-meeting/</a>; <a href="https://cpf.ca/en/">https://cpf.ca/en/</a> )</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Wear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still working on quotes; looking for best quality and price. Looking to get the order through the MunchaLunch website.</li> <li>○ Question: is the spirit wear supposed to have school name? Is there an option to not? Action: Executive to review options for spirit wear without school name.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Open Discussion for Topics not listed above</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recording for the PAC online meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>New Items for Next PAC Meeting Agenda</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dates for the rest of the year but will be communicated to the parents as soon as possible. Aiming for every 2 months.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Theresa/Jasmin	<b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:03PM</b>

**Date of next General PAC meeting:**

Date not set