

Elgin Park Secondary

PAC Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019



Present: Susie Lang-Gould, Sara Bass

Absent: Jodi Soheli, Simon

Guests: Jeff Johnstone (Principal), EPS Activists

Parents in Attendance: see sign-in sheet

1. Welcome

- PAC Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m.
- Motion: Minutes of the meeting held on October , 2019 be approved and Agenda for today's meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion to Approve: Natasha Davies; Second: Lisa Castle; Motion Carried.

New Business: Gaming Grant and Budget (Susie Lang-Gould)

- Elgin has \$24,060 in gaming grant money
- the money is split evenly amongst the school departments, clubs and athletics, the Christmas dinner, grad events and scholarships
- all funds are spent each year
- The gaming grant is not for items funded by the Ministry of Education.
- Motion to approve the budget: Natasha Davies, seconded by Rose Pritchard. Approved.

2. EPS Activists Presentation - Athena and Katherine (EPS Students)

- The EPS Activists fundraise for charities and community events
- They meet Tuesdays at lunch in Mr. Ellett's room
- Previous fundraising efforts have included the Terry fox foundation, a coat and purse drive
- This Christmas they are organizing an Angel Tree from November 22 - December 13 where students adopt a person on the tree and spend \$20-\$30 toward a gift for a person/family in need at Atira House. The goal is to help around 140 families
- Do not wrap the gifts

3. Principal's Report - Jeff Johnstone

- On November 14, EPS held a "Hold and Secure" for around 2 hours
- A threat to the school was phoned in, 911 was called immediately and police arrived promptly
- Nearby elementary schools were also put on "hold and 'secure"
- While there was no validity to the threat, emergence protocol was followed
- There is an active ongoing investigation into the matter and there are currently 2 suspects being investigated
- There are no safety concerns moving forward from this event
- The RCMP will put out a media release when ready, hopefully within a week
- Staff and students handled it well
- Parents are reminded to have the Orca App on their phones
- Parents at the PAC meeting would like to know what the security protocol terms mean, for example "hold and secure, shelter in place, lockdown", etc. and have that information readily

available

- Traffic Update: a student was hit in the crosswalk 3 weeks ago but is ok\Safe Schools has attended, observed the crosswalk area and made preliminary suggestions
- The City of Surrey has also observed the impact site and observed and collected data
- RCMP Volunteers have and will hold speed patrol monitoring events in the area
- parent volunteers have been helping at the 134 St. and 136 St. crosswalks by providing visible patrollers with stopsigns and guiding students across the street. Thank you!
- Please plan your drive in the morning ahead and arrive early before 8:15 to avoid the chaos of traffic in front of the school
- School Athletics for fall are in full swing and many teams are posting excellent results including in Cross-Country Running, Volleyball and Soccer
- Many EPS students earned provincial scholarships and EPS scored very well for overall scholarships
- EPS was nominated for the Philanthropy Award for the Cycle for ER event in the spring. To date, EPS has raised over \$275,000 in the last 10 years toward charity
- Report Cards are posted to the portal at 4pm on November 22.
- December 4 is the Community Christmas Charity Dinner
- December 5 is the Snowball Dance
- December 10 is the EPs Craft Market
- December 12/17 are the Senior and Junior Band concerts

4. **Upcoming RCMP Presentation - Louise**

- Constable Karen Baker from the RCMP Diversity Team is putting on a Safety for post-secondary girls presentation on Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30 at Elgin Park Secondary for grade 11/12 girls
- They will discuss safety on campus, in the workplace, and in the dating/social scene
- PAC is looking at hosting further presentations that may include boys as well

5. **Dry Grad Update - Sian O'Leary**

- The dry grad committee is selling a coupon book as a fundraiser called "Dine Out on the Peninsula" which will offer coupons from many very popular restaurants in White Rock, the Semiahmoo Peninsula, ocean Park and Crescent Beach.
- \$25/coupon book and they are available December 5. The coupon books can be purchased online and through EPs students
- Feb. 8 is the parent social at the Crescent Park Legion where there will be a live band and dancing. All parents, friends, family are welcome
- Support dry-grad by donating your returned bottle deposits at the 140th St (at 32nd Ave) to the dry-grad committee.

6. **DPAC – Jane Dong (absent)**

- November 26 is a Vaping presentation from 7-9pm at DEC
- 11/27 is the DPAC meeting.
- See surreydpac.ca for more information

Susie Lang-Gould adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Next PAC Meeting: January 22, 2020 at 9:00am in the EPS Learning Commons

Please contact your PAC with any ideas, comments or concerns; we would love to hear from you.

E-mail your PAC Co-Chairs - Susie Lang-Gould and Jodi Soheli at elginpac@gmail.com.