

12th Sept. 2019 PAC General Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, 12th September 2019

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:20 am

Location: G T Elementary School

Open Discussion/Question – 8:30 am to 8:45 am

1. **Call to Order:** 8:45 am

- a. Welcome – by President
- b. Roll Call – by Secretary

2. **Action Items**

- a. **Motion(s):** Approval of Minutes of PAC AGM held on 25 June 2019 (See attached Page 2 – 5)
- b. **Hot Lunch – Friday 27th September 2019, 25th October 2019, 20th December 2019
Tuesday, 12rd November 2019**
- c. **Other Fundraising Events:**
 - Bhangra Classes – Oct, Nov. Then again Jan, Feb, March
 - Halloween Night – Oct
 - Parent Free Night - Dec

3. **Information & Proposals**

- a. **Treasurer's Report**
- b. **President's Report** – Discuss 2019 - 2020 Proposed Budget
- c. **Principal's Report**

4. **Future Business**

a. **Items for Future Discussion**

- Funky Monkey Fun Evening – TBD
- Bowling Evening - TBD

b. **Future Meeting Date**

- Thursday 10th October 2019 (8:30 am)

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting will be adjourned at 9:20 am

25th June 2019 PAC AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 25th June 2019

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Location: G T Elementary School - Library

Present:

Executive:

President:	Mrs. Aman Sekhon
Vice - President:	Mrs. Mandeep Mundi
Secretary:	Mrs. Ritika Babuta
Treasurer:	Mrs. Tuneja Singla
Director:	Mrs Hardip Virk

School Representative:

Principal: Ms. Lise Schrag

Members / Guests:

Present in meeting were a total of 31 community members

6. **Call to Order:** 8:45 am by Mrs. Sekhon

- c. Welcome – by President A. Sekhon
- d. Roll Call – by Secretary R. Babuta

7. Action Items

- d. Approval of Minutes of Regular PAC Meeting on 6th June 2019.

Moved by: Mrs. Virk

Seconded by: Mrs. Mundi

That the Minutes of Regular PAC Meeting held on 6th June 2019 be approved as circulated with agenda.

Result: Carried

- e. Year End Report:

President's Report:

I want to start by thanking you all for joining us today. Your support and presence here indicates the positive steps we have taken in the right direction.

As in previous years, through the various fundraisers we had we were able to provide funding for Field Trips, Classroom incentives, Art Start program, Textbooks, Sports Equipment, Technology e-devices etc.

This year we utilized the volunteer parents to organize & order the hot lunches. I want to thank specially Prabhjot Kaur, Avneet Kaur, Sukhi & others who volunteered their time in sorting, counting the hot lunch orders.

Our school population is growing. Trying to represent our parent population and provide fun to our students is becoming more challenging every year. It's not easy to find opportunities that can encompass all of our students at once and it's harder to find volunteers for some events. More parent volunteer participation will be appreciated. In a school that has 567 students, we end up with the same base 5-10 volunteers, if we are lucky. In order for events and fundraisers to continue, we need to think of more ways to recruit more parents. Though this is not isolated to our school, it becomes an issue when it's always the same people being expected to sacrifice their time – everyone is busy. If volunteer apathy continues, the few volunteers who continuously give their time and energy will burn out.

We have been trying to alert our neighbors to keeping an eye on the school building after hours to keep **vandalism** to a minimum.

The parents continue to promote **traffic safety** on the way to and from school. PAC & Parents had meetings with local MLA, City of Surrey Engineering Department about this issue. We have also asked the school district via principal to make improvements in the parking area.

Now I want to talk about after school programs:

Our After School Program Coordinators I, myself and our school principal Ms Lise Schrag have again done a great job to organize and make available two rounds of after school dance and athletic opportunities this year. The program continues to be very popular. The after school programs are intended to be an additional educational and inspirational chance for all students, and we run them at no cost; making a 100% profit where instructors donate their time to the PAC. The instructor was our school's past student & currently enrolled in high school. We want to encourage more high school students to be role models & give back to their past elementary schools. The money raised this way is made available for the benefits of all students. Looking forward to a new fall program, we will keep parents informed.

We would love to start more programs if any parent has the time & skill to run educational or athletic program, please let us know. Specially The Health and Safety Coordinator who can bring in experts from the outside to hold **workshops for pre-teen girls and boys**, promoting a healthy self-image and resistance to gangs, bullying and abuse.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contributions this year. The students couldn't have enjoyed all the extras without the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

An extra special thanks to my executive. It makes my job that much easier knowing that I have a team like you guys. As it has been my allotted 2 years, I am stepping down as President. It's been my pleasure to work with you all.

Aman Sekhon
President – Green Timbers Elementary School PAC 2018-2019

Vice- Report's Report:

- Appreciated the efforts of the team of PAC and the Parent Community
- It was my first time serving on the executive and it is a great way to be part of the school and be seen in the community by students.
- I look forward to running again this year and I hope for your support.

Secretary Report:

– Thank you to all the community who has supported us this year and I look forward to running again next year in the position of Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

– Thank you to all the community for their support. I found it difficult to attend meetings due to school commitments but with the support of the team we were able to ensure all our commitments were made. Thank you to Mrs. Sekhon who assisted me in keeping the organization of PAC finances.

Director's Report:

– Thank you to everyone for your support. We had many hot lunches and Funky Monkey was a great success. Thank you to the community who came in and helped as I could not have made the year work without everyone's help. I look forward to running again in the next election.

- f. Dissolve the current PAC Executive

Moved by: Mrs. Sekhon
Seconded by: Mrs. Babuta

That the Current PAC Executive be dissolved effective 31st August 2019 so that new PAC executive elected today will take charge effective 1 Sept 2019.

Result: Carried

- g. Election of new PAC Executive members

Vice President: Nomination –	Mrs. Mandeep Mundi	Elected by acclimation
Treasurer: Nomination –	Mrs. Tuneja Singla	Elected by acclimation
Secretary: Nominations –	Mrs. Ritika Babuta	Elected by acclimation
President: Nominations -	Mrs. Hardip Virk	Elected by acclimation
Director: Nominations –	Mrs. Amandeep Sekhon	Elected by acclimation

8. Information & Proposals

- a. New President's Speech – Mrs. Virk thanked the community pledging to do her best to serve the community and is looking forward to working with volunteers to support the best programming for children in the school. A request for as many parents as possible to attend the first meeting in Sept for the fundraising and hot lunch committees.
- b. Principal's Report:

Thank you to PAC – our staff would like to thank the PAC for the delicious lunch provided June 19th. Your generosity lifted the spirits of everyone. It was very delicious and much appreciated.

Updating Learning Resources- The infusion of funds from PAC into the Library program will be a great benefit to all our students and the collaborative purchase of new Socials Studies texts for grades 3/ 4/6/7 will provide many hours of positive learning for students.

Outdoor Education Day – The school's focus of experiential learning continues to drive many of the learning experiences and field studies

Extra-Curricular Events: - including Friends of Simon, Math Buddies, Yo Bro/Girl, Kids Play, volleyball, track, soccer, Jump Rope for Heart as well as Leadership activities - such as *Walk for Water, Run for the Cure, We Day* have provided opportunities for students outside of the classroom.

Track Meet – Our students' incredible positive attitude and sportsmanship resulted in the school receiving the long sought-after Sportsmanship Trophy

Our Punjabi Program will reflect the District standard distributed model – We will be welcoming two new teachers to the school to provide the instruction and build culture in the school

Enrollment - we have a strong group of Kindergarten children entering in September and we are experiencing a larger than usual registration of new students in grades 2-7 for the Fall. Our numbers for our September start look strong and I expect to have 25 divisions.

Staffing – we have several teachers leaving which include:

Mrs. Thiara Mrs Baxter Mrs. Tiwana Mr. Maurer Mrs. McPhillips
Mrs. Chung Mrs. Kohli Mr. Wong and 9 additional staff

We also look forward to Mrs. Sekhon's return after her maternity leave in 2020

We are welcoming Mrs. Dosanjh, Mrs. Grewal and Mrs Pattar next year and will be posting 2 additional positions in the summer rounds.

Road Construction on 144th - is getting ready to begin and we expect some construction about the school as well.

The school is in good shape and we are looking forward to a great year in September 2019. We will look forward to welcoming back everyone on September 3rd at 10:00 am.

9. Future Business

10. Parent Welcome Back – Tea will be provided on the first day (September 3rd) in the gym. Please come and welcome our members.

11. **Future Meeting Dates** will be posted on school website by the new PAC executive in early September.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Mrs. Sekhon

Seconded by: Mrs. Virk

That the Meeting be adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Result: Carried