

Second Street Community and Parent Advisory Council (CPAC) General Member Meeting

Minutes from
Monday, September 25, 2023 @ 9:30am
Community Room & Zoom

We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish on whose traditional territories we gather, learn and live.

In Attendance:

Anne	Florence	Simerjit	Christy	Gayle	Rashpal
Jim	Lindy	Laura	Lisa	Margaret	Jaha Ara
Larry	Princess	Jenny	Salome	Susan	Elana
Sahar	Steffi	Peggy	Charisse	Etsuko	Naina
Farzaneh	Online	Sandra	Stefanie	Balwinder	Harmit

1. Introductions & Review Agenda (Anne)
2. Connecting Activity (Gayle)
 - Talk about childhood and hidden talents.
3. Update from our Principal (Christy Redmond)
 - Thank you to all who were involved in the Welcome BBQ and Terry Fox Run.
 - Clarification on the Bell Schedule: Welcoming Bell and End of Lunch Bell are introduced again into the daily schedule. See email from Ms. Redmond with the details.
 - Multi-age classes: To learn more about the topic, please join the CommuniTea time in October.
 - Parents as partners: early dismissal on September 27th. This is an opportunity for teachers to gather information from parents on how best to support and help each student in their education. Grade1-7 only. September 26 / September 27th.
 - Orange Shirt Day & Assembly: Friday September 29th. Teaching Indigenous knowledge throughout the entire week and year.
 - Kindergarten: Gradual entry ends this week. We are happy to see the kindergarteners settling well into the daily routines.
 - Ms. Chan's class: hiring is still in progress. Ms. Chan has expressed interest to stay for the school year in some capacity.
 - Hot lunch program: still looking for more volunteers to help between 11:45am to 12:30pm on school days. **ACTION**: Reach out to Gayle if you are interested in helping any day of the week.
 - Cellphone expectation: No phone use during school hours. Emergency communication should be through the school administration. See email from Ms. Redmond with the details.
 - Concerns regarding equal opportunity: Teacher needs to be able to monitor students' usage and to educate on digital responsibility, if using student's cellphone as class resources. Teachers are encouraged to use school resources for research and class projects.
 - Possibility of going to the district to have better access to digital devices. (DPAC: The District is working hard to ensure equality throughout the 48 schools in the district).
 - Wish list for CPAC funds from the school staff is in development.
 - Feeding future fund: Provincial funding to expend local food programs.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0020-000424>
4. Update from our Community Coordinator (Gayle Beavil)
 - Thank you to all the Welcome Back BBQ & Terry Fox Run volunteers.

- Communita time: **Wednesday** 9:00 – 10:30am. Jen Tan(School Counsellor) & Kevin (Connect Worker) will be there to talk about Social media & cellphone use.
 - October Topic: combine classes with Christy.
 - Please email Gayle if you have a specific topic you would like to know more about.
 - Coats & boots for kids: 2 different rotary clubs are gifting new coats and boots to students who are in need. Students will be invited into a truck to pick out a new coat of their sizes. We also have an allotment of 20 pairs of boots for our students. **ACTION**: If you know anyone who is financially in need, please contact Gayle.
 - Adult yoga subsidized by the school \$25 for 8 sessions. Please see the newsletter.
 - Adult Zumba subsidized by the school in the gym at night for \$25 (8 sessions). Please see the newsletter.
 - If there are classes you would like to see the school offering, please email Gayle.
 - Pizza day Oct 19: volunteers needed to sort pizzas @ 11:30. **ACTION**: Let Gayle know if you can help.
5. Kevin (Connect worker): He is in charge of the After School Program and connecting with our students: (only 6 in the district)
- We have more space available since before COVID and more interest from students.
 - 184 student requests with 85 spaces. Spaces are funding, instructor/space (gym) availability dependent. Funding is mostly from BASES and private grants. We, like most other schools, are not eligible for the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program this year, but we received grants from other sources.
 - The 62 students who didn't get into the program and new students are on top of the list for the next round of programs.
 - Unfortunately, there are limited space for students who need support. Parks and Recreation department has limited resources for support personnel.
6. Update from our District Parent Advisory Council Representative (Laura/Lisa)
- PAC 101 is on Oct 3rd, may have a vendors fair on the same day. This explains who is and what happens at PAC, and also introduces the structure of community schools.
 - Treasurers 101 is for treasurers to help with understanding the rules and how-to (Oct 17 or Nov 7)
7. Update from our Fundraising Committee (Stefanie)
- Freezies Day: September 15th Sales of \$418. Great success. Thank you to all teachers and parents for your support.
 - Popcorn sales: We are always looking for help with scooping popcorn and delivering them to classrooms. We are excited to use the new popcorn machine this year! Next sale = Oct 13
 - Bottle Drive from Sept 20: Great success with 40 bags deposited. This is an ongoing fundraiser with Return-It Exress. Simply enter the school phone number and place the sticker on your bag of containers, their staff will count and sort the bottles and deposit the refunds into the CPAC account.
 - Spirit wear sales: Deadline is on September 29th. Please make sure you submit the order form either with payment or confirmation of online payment to the Community Office. Kindergarten students will have a free t-shirt. We are hopeful to receive the order by end of October.
 - Purdy's chocolate bars fundraiser: after thanksgiving, parents may choose to sell a box of chocolate bars or to donate in lieu of the sales. More details to come.

- Thank you to all the volunteers who have started the year strong by coming out to events.
 - **ACTION:** Please check our virtual [Job Jar](#) for all opportunities for participation.
8. Update from our Treasurer (Simerjit)
- CPAC has 2 fund accounts: Gaming Grants Account & General Account:
 - PAC Gaming Grants: Provided by the Provincial government at \$20 per student. Funds from this account can only go towards certain expenses and events.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/pac-dpac-grants>
 - General Account: All funds raised, from chocolate sales, bottle drives, popcorn sales, etc., by CPAC goes into this account. These funds can be spent with more flexibility.
 - Each October, the CPAC Chair, Treasurer, School Principal, and Community Coordinator come up with the year's *draft* budget. We are fortunate to have Eastside Opportunities Society to contribute to most of our projects.
 - Events and items supported by CPAC: Grade 7 graduation, Outdoor learning structures, music program, extracurricular activities, boardgames for rainy days, Hip-hop, drumming, and Halloween Fireworks. Classroom funds for stickers, field trips and experiential learning. We also subsidize one school-wide sport (usually swimming) sexual health education (by Saleema Noon).
 - Draft Budget to be voted on and finalized in November General Membership meeting. Please email us for a copy of last year's budget if you are interested.
9. Update from our Chair (Anne)
- The next PAC meeting is at 6:30pm. **ACTION:** If you need childcare, please let Gayle know. She will ask Gr 7 or high school students to do childminding in the library.
10. Discussions & Questions
- Community funds (through the community office, authorized by Gayle): things that support school and families such as gift cards for community emergency cupboards, Christmas hampers (80 families), and supplies.
 - If you have any questions, please email CPAC or Gayle.

Upcoming General Membership Meeting Dates (in person and on Zoom)

Daytime (9:30 am): Nov 20, Jan 15, April 15

Evening (6:30 pm): Oct 16, Dec 11, Feb 12, May 13 (AGM)

Community & Parent Advisory Council Executive (2022/2023)

Chair: Anne

Past Chair: Lisa

Vice Chair: Narinder Kaur

Treasurer: Simerjit

Secretary: Shelley & Florence

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Representative: Laura & Lisa

District Community Schools Advisory (DAC) Representatives: Stefanie & Malkit

Communications Coordinator: Florence

Fundraising Coordinators: Stefanie & Malkit

Social Conveners: Sushma

Member at Large: Margaret



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