

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

Minutes from
Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm
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:

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| Florence | Simerjit | Farzaneh | Laura | Lisa | Shelley |
| Gayle | Christy | Emma | Sushma | Malkit | Balwinder |
| Susan | | | | | |
| Online | Sandra | Margaret | Monica | | |

1. Introductions & Review Agenda (Shelley)

2. Update from our Principal (Christy Redmond)

- Black History Month – Focus on learning kindness, antibullying, relationships, identity, conflicts, cultures, etc.
- Pink Shirt Day Assembly on the 28th to celebrate what we learnt.
- District Pro-D on Friday: Will be going to the Education Assistant workshop for the first time.
- The school will send out an online form with multi-language selection, regarding Socio-emotional support.
- In School cellphone use:
 - Documents were given to intermediate students in September with links to excellent resources. Any parents who would like a couple please reach out to the office.
 - There is no universal policy for the district.
 - Provincial: restricting the use of cellphones in school.
 - Cellphone must be turned off and in backpack between 8:45am – 2:48pm, including recess and lunch.
 - There are times when students use their cellphones to learn/demonstrate the proper/safe use of technology. They may not access social media at any time during school hours.
 - If something happens during school hours, students should go to the office and call their parents with one of the staff. Also okay to use their cellphone with the teacher's or school's knowledge.
 - There were 2 sessions for screen time/ cellphone use but the attendance was poor. We need to do our research to educate our kids to use them safely and responsibly.
 - Questions/Comments from Community:
 - 1) The risk of leaving cellphones in backpacks during lunch and potential missing items. Please leave them at home unless needed. Possibility of asking the teacher for safekeeping.
 - 2) Educational games that happened in the class and were encouraged to continue outside of school. Allowing others to communicate with the child without the parent's/guardian's knowledge. Parents need to communicate to children regarding the appropriate use of in-game chat groups. Explain the idea of Digital permanence.

- 3) Indoor recess cellphone/laptop use in a particular use? Technology use needs to be with teachers' supervision. Screens need to be visible to teachers. Personal laptops and tablets should not be in school, except for those with technology aspect in their IED plans.
- 4) Cyber security: Signing into Wi-Fi networks which are not secured opens your device to online predators.

- Feel free to connect with the school for further questions.

3. Update from our Community Coordinator (Gayle Beavil)

- Lunar New Year celebration with every class for 15min. Students participated at different stations for calligraphy, zodiac signs, etc. Lion dance through the hallway at 9am this morning with students lining the hallway.
 - Thank you to all the hard-working parents volunteers for a fun-filled celebration.
- Cultural celebration dinner: tentatively April 11. Pot-luck with traditional dresses of participants' culture and entertainments.
 - **ACTION**: Gayle will reach out for volunteers.
- Next Wednesday CommuniTea time: How do we parent when we are exhausted? (Non-violent communication..)
- Feb 24 at Burnaby Mountain: Building Meaningful Connections with our Children: \$15/ticket, please contact Gayle if you need help with funding the ticket. (Listening and communicating with care and empathy)

4. Update from our Fundraising Committee (Stefanie)

- Last Popcorn Day:\$317 profit
- Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlor fundraising night: should be after Spring Break
- Potentially arrange for a collection station for bottle drive at the Cultural celebration dinner.

5. Update from our Treasurer (Simerjit)

- No update, things are going as planned.

6. Update from our Chair (read by Simerjit)

- Will do another sports gear drive in April, as the last one had poor turnout due to 2 consecutive snow days.
- Paid: Outdoor equipment for recess and lunch.
- AGM coming up in May. Anyone interested in joining the executive roles, please contact us.
 - Vice Chair
 - Co-Treasurer

7. Approve Previous meeting minutes & review outstanding actions (Shelley)

- Motioned by Shelley and seconded by Simerjit.
- All approved, none opposed.

8. Update from our District Parent Advisory Council Representative (Laura/Lisa)

- Treasurer 101 at the last meeting. Anyone interested in the information, please reach out to Christy.

9. BCCPAC update (Laura): info session on parent advocacy training. Feb (website)
- Parent Education Conference on May 3, 2024 in Richmond during their AGM
 - Focus is on Parent Advocacy Training, especially for those with Children with an IEP.
 - <https://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events>

10. Discussions & Questions

- Celebration of indigenous culture: Feb 21st 5:00 to 8:00pm at Edmonds Community school.
 - **ACTION**: Gayle to send out the info to the community.

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

Daytime (9:30 am): April 15

Evening (6:30 pm): May 13 (AGM)

Community & Parent Advisory Council Executive (2022/2023)

Chair: Anne

Communications Coordinator: Florence

Past Chair: Lisa

Fundraising Coordinators: Stefanie & Malkit

Vice Chair: Vacant

Social Conveners: Sushma

Treasurer: Simerjit

Member at Large: Margaret

Secretary: Shelley & Florence

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

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



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