

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

Minutes from
Monday, Feb 24, 2025 @ 6:00pm
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	Stefanie	Natasha	Lisa	Florence	Margaret
Gala	Elissa				
Online	Syeda	Byran	Patricia	Kyla	Heather
Jenny	Emma	Carolina			

- Review Agenda (Anne)
- Review previous Meeting minutes (Anne)
- Update from our Community Coordinator (Patricia)
 - CommuniTea: March 12 at 1pm: Trying to see if there is more attendance in the afternoon.
 - Senior's Tea meeting on Feb 26th for a planning meeting 1:30 – 2:30. A link has been sent out. All are welcome.
 - We have set the date for the Tea on May 9th (Friday)
 - Parents would like a list of who is performing for the event.
 - Diversity Map: Children put up flags of where they were from / have significant memories on the bulletin board across from the Community Office.
 - Night Hoops – open to Gr. 7s but lots of interest from the Gr 6 as well. The program is almost full.
 - Patricia will be connecting with the students in their classrooms on several afternoons and not available at her office. Please see Community Office update email on Feb 20 for the dates.
 - Food Security update: Edmonds Food hub is now closed.
 - Please connect with the local food bank or apply for a Quest card at the Community office.
 - Our food cupboard is for emergency food needs, not recurring need.
 - New Settlement Worker: He works on Thursday & speaks Farsi
 - Lunar New Year celebration: a number of students did the Lion dance and all had a great times.
 - Oranges & red envelopes were given out (donated by local MLA: Raj Chouhan)
- Update from our Principal (Bryan)
 - Liz Merkle (literacy info night) – A wonderful event and a follow up at the communithea. There was issue with the link to the uploaded video. School office will send out the link to the video again and post it online.

- School play at the end of April: Costume drive for animal costumes & fabric. Feb 18 – March 14.
 - Kyla volunteered to create costumes for cats for the kindergartens.
 - **ACTION**: Gala/Bryan to send out the specific type of animals requested - some parents might be able to create the costumes.
- Grade 7 parent meeting was held Feb 4: planning underway for the leaving ceremony & party.
 - Confirmed (but TOP SECRET): June field trip to Big Splash Waterpark entirely funded by generous donation by a community business owned by a Second Street family.
 - A choice board is being developed to narrow down options for the grade 7 students to choose activities for the Grad party.
 - Annual tradition to have the Gr 6 parents help at the event – we will reach out closer to May.
- District learning resource library: due to space needs, the library has been converted into a classroom, therefor the lending library has been dissolved, and resources are being distributed amongst the schools. We usually lean on the library for topic specific units as well as getting book sets for literacy circles and “battle of the books”.
 - Celebration of learning assembly: Everyone is welcome. Mrs de Keruzec, Mr Bhargava, and band will be presenting
 - Basketball wrapping up the seasons: gr 4 – 7 for practice; only grade 6&7 in the actual games.
- Track & field right after spring break: Gala Vlasic will be co-coaching with Ms. Trotto, sign up will be available after spring break for Gr 4 – 7. There will be 2 track meets at Cariboo and the final all-day meet at SFU. (transport funded by the district)
- Feedback on the new school access system
 - Reminder to all to check in at the office if you’ll be spending any length of time at the school
 - Will post on the CPAC meeting reminder that Door 3 is open on meeting nights.
 - Consider having a portable doorbell and have a longer window of entrance for the meeting.
- Update from our Fundraising Committee (Stefanie)
 - Past successes: Halfway to our goal of \$10,000
 - Popcorn Sale: \$270 in February
 - Samosa Sale: \$692 raised
 - Spirit Wear: 81 orders to-date. Being ordered from Second Street family connection.
 - Krystle Brown Images: mini sessions on Feb 22 & 23. \$200 raised.
 - Upcoming Fundraising
 - Peddleheads: **2NDST25** for \$25 discount on program registration & they will donate \$25 to us.
 - April 24 – Me N Eds pizza night. Eat in out takeout
 - March 14 – Popcorn sale

- April 2 – Samosa Sale
- May 16 – Sports Day Concession

Volunteers needed for the fundraising events:

- Sign up for WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K20hagdSSIm6qCE15GDNQb>
- Check out the Job Jar: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iUWOuxxBr5sK7LFDmpWI6fm2g_NACA6C4FktJtWbzDE/edit?usp=sharing
- Grant Applications update:
 - Received 2 X \$500 grants for buses for park field trips
 - Canadian Tire is donating 30-disc golf discs (approx. \$300)
 - Variety Club Grant: \$400 matching grant for sensory hallway decals.
 - GO Grant funding snowshoe trip for Division 2 (\$800)
 - Purchase of iPads for Learning Support Services or Video Conference technology: Not awarded.
 - Canada Post (portable studio cart for podcast) – Due Feb 28
 - Canada Post (prepared grant submission for Novel Sets for Battle of the Books) – for school to apply by Feb 28
 - Indigo Grant (Novel sets & non-fiction resources) – deferred to next year as the application is quite detailed and we don't have enough time to prepare.
 - Sport Chek - \$100 Gift Card pending March 31. Quarterly opportunity for support.
 - Costco – awaiting response – Stefanie to follow up.
 - Gaming Grant – applications open on April 1. (Done by Treasurer)
 - Upcoming: Neighbourhood Small Grant (Open March 7 – April 15): Will be applying for Senior's Tea & Welcome BBQ – writers for these:
 - Stefanie - Senior's Tea
 - Florence – Welcome BBQ
- If would like to be the Fundraising Chair please contact us, as Stefanie will be leaving next year. We would love to have multiple people collaborating on the job.
- Update from our Treasurer (Sahar)
 - To take advantage of Variety Club 'matching' Grant, \$500 contribution is needed for our part:
 - Anne motioned to approve; seconded by Stefanie
 - For ease of transportation and proper caring and handling, a carry bag is needed for the donation of disc golf discs. Price range between \$60 to \$70.
 - Anne motioned to allocate up to \$70.00 to purchase a carry bag, seconded by Florence
- Update from our Chair (Anne)
 - Token of Appreciation: All support Staff received lifesavers & teachers received whiteboard markers in early February. Thank you Etsuko for your help pulling these together.

- \$200 remaining in the budget.
 - We would love to hear your ideas on how to show appreciation to the staff in April, May & potentially June.
 - Anyone keen to help coordinate thank you cards for staff, let us know. All supplies are available.
- No general membership meeting in March.
- Update from our District Parent Advisory Council Representatives (Anne)
 - DPAC (<https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/>) looking for rep from our area to sit on executive. New Budget committee is being formed to get in front of advocacy for education funds.
 - Next meeting: March 10, 7-9pm at Burnaby Central – All are welcome.
 - This month, presentation by Beth Applewhite (Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) about “Supporting Diversity in Burnaby Schools”.
 - January presentation: RE-THINKING our Children’s Relationships with Smartphones & Social Media. (<https://dpac.burnabypac.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/02/2025-01-27-Document-BNSS-Parent-Presentation-Smartphones.pdf>)
 - BCCPAC Parent Conference Virtual summit May 23 in Prince George (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/events/conference-agm>)
 - Please let us know if you are interested in attending.
- Discussion & Questions
 - Door prize winners: Patricia, Carolina & Elissa!
 - We would like more parents/community members to join our Executive and General membership meetings. Several of our long-standing executive will be leaving after this year.
 - Please bring a friend or community member to the next meeting! All are welcome.
 - Gala to bring this forward at the next staff meeting – personal invitations to participate go a long way.
 - Outdoor Classroom will be setup on Friday, Feb 28. This project was partially funded by CPAC.

Next General Membership meeting is on April 14, 2025 at 9:00am. Light refreshments. Children are welcome to the join you at the meeting.

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

Daytime (9:00 am): April 14

Evening (6:00 pm): May 26 (AGM)

Community & Parent Advisory Council Executive (2024/2025)

Chair: Anne / Charisse

Past Chair: Lisa

Vice Chair: Natasha

Treasurer: Sahar

Secretary: Florence

Communications Coordinator: Carolina

Fundraising Coordinators: Stefanie

Social Conveners: Sushma & Carolina

Member at Large: Margaret

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Representative: Anne & Simerjit

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

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